Invitation

We cordially invite you to
Participate in the research publication launch and learning event on environmental-friendly rice farming
from 9.00 am to 3.15 pm on 31st March 2015
at the Auditorium of Faculty of Agriculture, Rajarata University of Sri Lanka, Anuradhapura.

Date: 31st March 2015
Venue: Auditorium, Faculty of Agriculture, Rajarata University of Sri Lanka, Anuradhapura

9.15 am - 10.00 am Registration of the participants
9.30 am - 10.00 am Morning tea
10.00 am - 10.10 am Welcome speech - Dean, Faculty of Agriculture, Rajarata University of Sri Lanka
10.10 am - 10.30 am Present status and future trends of Environmental-friendly rice farming in Sri Lanka (Dr. P.B. Dharmasena - National Consultant, FAO)
10.30 am - 10.45 am Location specific SRI research in Anuradhapura District - By Dr. (Mrs.) G.A.S. Ginigaddara, Senior Lecturer, Faculty of Agriculture
10.45 am - 11.00 am Launching of the research publication on “Location specific SRI research in Anuradhapura District
11.00 pm - 12.00 noon Presentations by panel members
1. Key criteria of sustainable rice farming and role of sustainable rice platform to face the present and future challenges in Sri Lanka (Dr. Amitha Bentota, Director, Rice Research Institute
2. Lessons learnt from participatory learning experiment on sustainable rice farming systems in Ampara District (Mr. M.S. Abukaleel, Deputy Director of Agriculture, Ampara)
3. Lessons learnt from re-cultivating abandoned lands with traditional rice according to SRI (Mr. Amal Arunapriya, Deputy Director of Agriculture, Kegalle)
4. Organic rice farming experiences from private sector (Mr. Preethi Priyadharsihana De Silva, Director, Ran Sahal (Pvt) Limited)
12.00 noon - 12.30 pm Panel discussion on environmental-friendly rice farming
12.30 pm - 1.15 pm Lunch
1.15 pm - 3.15 pm Opportunities for collaboration (Discussion on establishing sustainable rice platform)
1. SRI as a science, approach and movement to build up sustainable rice platform based on agro-ecological principles (Oxfam experience)
2. Experience of the farmers who practice SRI benefits and challenges
3. Establishment of the sustainable rice platform framework
3.15 pm Vote of thanks and end of the programme

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