

First annual project review meeting successfully organized

Key results were shared with stakeholders at the meeting.



The first annual project meeting was held at the Vietnamese Academy of Agricultural Sciences, Hanoi, 19th August, 2014. The two main project partners Bioforsk and VAAS, representatives from the Royal Norwegian Embassy, MARD, DOST, scientists from various institutes in Vietnam, University of Queensland, farmers and provincial officials were present at the workshop.

Addressing the meeting, *Ms. Ragnhild Dybdahl* (Deputy Head of Mission of the Royal Norwegian Embassy in Hanoi) congratuled VAAS and Bioforsk teams and the other partners for the good organisation of the first annual workshop and the outstanding achievements and timely deliverables during the first year.

Dr. Udaya Sekhar Nagothu (Director, International Projects, Bioforsk) thanked the embassy for the positive feedback. He presented the overall project progress, briefed the achievements made in each work package so far, highlighted the cross cutting issues including Gender, science-policy linkage and stakeholders) in the project and the risks.

Dr. Nguyen Van Bo (Project Director at VAAS) thanked the team members for their active role and contribution during the first year that has led to a success. He requested the project team to continue their work in the second year with the same commitments, and emphasized on the importance of engaging stakeholders both at the national and provincial level in various project activities.