

16th Pan Asia Farmers Exchange program holds F2F event after two years



After two years of holding virtual events, the 16th edition of the Pan Asia Farmers Exchange Program was held from October 10 to 14 and brought together farmer leaders, scientists, and members of the academic, media, government, and policymakers in a single venue to share and exchange knowledge and developments in the field of agricultural plant biotechnology.

Among the speakers of the event was Ma. Lorelie Agbagala, head of the Secretariat of the National Committee on Biosafety of the Philippines who discussed Philippine Biosafety Regulations on Plants derived from Modern Biotechnology.

Dr. Lilia Portales, the supervising agriculturist at the Philippine Department of Agriculture-Bureau of Plant Industry, delivered a lecture on Insect Resistance Management for Biotech Corn.

Jerome Barradas, the project coordinator of the Research and Thought Leadership Department at SEARCA, led the topic on Communicating Biotechnology. Meanwhile, Jenny

Panopio, chair of the CropLife Philippines Seeds Team, shared Philippine experiences in communicating biotechnology.

David Cristobal, who chairs CropLife Philippines (CLP) Stewardship and Responsible Care Committee, also opened up about CLP's stewardship programs focusing on Sustainable Corn Production in Sloping Areas and the Use of Authorized Seeds.

The event was hosted by MC Dominic Founder and Editor Krishi Jagran, who also joined the tour of the Corteva Seed Processing Plant in Tarlac City, where participants were able to interact freely with biotech corn farmers.