



# Action in the Field

Brief Activity Report



**Pump Priming.** PCA Deputy Administrator Arturo Liqueete (right, top photo) opens the five-day capacity-building training on a note of streamlining the Philippine Coconut Authority and its stakeholders to food safety and control system to help make the coconut trade competitive. TRTA Key SPS Expert Chris Oates (left, top photo) conducts the training consisting of modules on quality system standards, good manufacturing practice system, and control programmes and its associated procedures.

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| Component           | Standard Harmonisation and Sanitary and Phytosanitary Conformity   |
| Implementing Agency | Department of Agriculture  |
| Activity            | Training of PCA Inspectors on the Registration System and Inspection Process   |
| Date/Site           | 24-28 October 2011, Hotel Del Rio, Iloilo  |
| Participants        | Government: 36<br>Private sector: 5  |
| Resource-person     | SPS Key Expert Dr. Chris Oates   |
| Expected Outcome    | <p>Participants are empowered to implement, support or inspect the quality system.</p> <p>Participants possess greater understanding of the quality system components.</p> <p>Participants apply the quality system requirements in their day-to-day activities.</p> <p>Participants have a common understanding on the interpretation of the quality system standard.</p> |
| Objectives          | <p>To support the development, adoption and inspection of the quality system for coconut products producers.</p> <p>To develop a common understanding between coconut product producers (MSMEs), technical support personnel (mentors) and potential inspectors, with respect to the interpretation of the system components and scheme standard.</p>                      |
| Methodology         | Lecture<br>Group workshop exercise with group presentation   |