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# ASEAN-JICA FOOD VALUE CHAIN DEVELOPMENT PROJECT

## OUTPUT 3: GAQP TRAINING COURSE FOR EXTENSION WORKERS & AUDITORS

The ASEAN-JICA Food Value Chain Development Project (AJFVC) and SEAFDEC/AQD have concluded the Regional Training Courses on Good Aquaculture Practices (GAQp) at the Tigbauan Main Station in Iloilo, Philippines. These programs aimed to teach GAQp concepts and encourage application in each country, covering both marine and freshwater operations among ASEAN Member States (AMS). On-site training will also take place in selected regional locations to ensure progress and regional

collaboration. Both station-based and on-site sessions provide a comprehensive understanding and practical application of GAQp principles in aquaculture. Key Highlights of the Training for Extension Workers and Auditors:

- **Extension Workers (February 23 – March 4, 2026):** This session focused on exploring technical modules covering the effects of climate change, good aquaculture practices for hatchery and nursery, and feed formulation. Participants went on field trips to the Negros Prawn Producers Cooperative in Bacolod City and the Igang Marine Station to observe farm operations. By the end of the session, participants were equipped with the skills to promote and apply for safe, sustainable, and environmentally friendly practices, and implement GAQp guidelines within their communities.
- **Auditors (March 23 – April 1, 2026):** Designed for professionals managing national certification systems, this course covered inspection mechanisms, aquaculture value chain audits, HACCP principles, aquatic animal welfare, and international trade regulations standards. Through expert lectures and field trips to aquaculture facilities, participants enhanced their ability to conduct assessments and certifications, ensuring that regional aquaculture products meet the safety and traceability requirements of global markets.



## OUTPUT 4: INCEPTION MEETING ON PPP UNDER AJFVC



On March 11, 2026, the Inception Meeting for AJFVC Output 4: Public-Private Partnership (PPP) was held via video conference. Chaired by the ASEAN Secretariat, the meeting included delegates from the ASEAN Sectoral Working Group on Agricultural Cooperatives (ASWGAC), JICA Headquarters, JICA Overseas Offices across the ASEAN region, and the AJFVC Expert Team. Shingo Kikuchi, a JICA consultant, presented the planned activities and backcasting approach to develop more region-specific, actionable, and resilient policy linkages for AMSs. The final policy recommendations are expected to be finalized at the regional workshop in November 2026.