

# Preak Leap

## Agricultural school project in Cambodia

### 1996 - 2004



Practical experience is indispensable



Work experience in the vegetable field



New technology is a part of the education

This project, which started in 1996, was ADDA's first, and it ended in 2004 after eight very exciting project years.

ADDA's first project was to strengthen the Preak Leap agricultural college with regard to management, organisation, supplementary training of teachers, development of new courses and to spread knowledge about practical agriculture.

The college was quite under-developed at the start even though it was the only agricultural college in Cambodia. After 8 years of running the project, the college is today a modern and reputable establishment that offers Bachelor education in agriculture, and it has grown from 300 students to more than 1000 on an annual basis.

Agriculture is still the most important industry in Cambodia, which means that well-educated agricultural experts with a practical knowledge of agriculture are a key to increase production, and thereby the chances of further development of the country.

ADDA has established a widespread network in Cambodia throughout the project period, and still has an excellent co-operation with the school and with regard to ADDA's project with women farmers in Siem Reap (IWEF project).



Building up authority at all levels such as administration and management, developing new courses, new textbooks, exercises, etc.

The teachers organise work practice for the students and the school farm is active in teaching. Students have computer training and the school has access to the Internet. A training centre has been established which offers agricultural courses for external and internal students, and the school has a widespread network over the whole of Cambodia.

Nearly all teachers have been taught English, which is offered at 4 levels.

Teachers translate scientific literature from English to Khmer so it can be used in the daily teaching for technicians. The school offers today education at technician and Bachelor levels with a range of specialities.

Through support from ADDA, the school has achieved the status of being a partially self-governing school, and it has financial viability with income from the students as well as external course participants.

The school is in a period with rapid development and is regarded now as the leading agricultural educational institution in Cambodia.