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GLOBALG.A.P. took part in a workshop in Manila, Philippines on the benefits of Good Agricultural Practices (G.A.P.) for increasing farm productivity and enhancing environmental sustainability.

Representatives from 17 Asian countries shared and discussed strategies on how to best implement G.A.P. in their countries' policies.

During a two-day workshop, GLOBALG.A.P. shared its experiences in other regions and showcased successful localg.a.p. projects to help farmers in emerging

countries access local markets. GLOBALG.A.P. also presented its capacity building measures as part of the GLOBALG.A.P. Farm Assurer Program, which also works together with the public and academic sector to train and license food safety consultants.

The workshop was organized by the Asian Productivity Organization and forms part of a series of e-learning and on-site training sessions that began in 2012. In 2015 all ASEAN countries will be required to align their policies to the commonly agreed ASEAN GAP standard.

ASEAN GAP is a standard for Good Agricultural Practices during the production, harvesting and post-harvest handling of fresh fruit and vegetables in the Association of Southeast Asian Nations, or ASEAN, region. The practices in ASEAN GAP are aimed at preventing or minimizing the risk of hazards occurring. The hazards covered by ASEAN GAP include food safety, environmental impacts, worker health, safety and welfare, and produce quality.

The GLOBALG.A.P. Control Points and Compliance Criteria for Fruit and Vegetables protocol was among the certified G.A.P. systems and guidelines from around the world used as references to prepare ASEAN GAP.

The 10 ASEAN member states are: Brunei Darussalam, Cambodia, Indonesia, Lao PDR, Malaysia, Myanmar, Philippines, Singapore, Thailand, and Vietnam.

Learn more about the ASEAN GAP Standard [here](#).