

St. Francis Small Coconut Farmers MPCl welcomes another JOCV

Last January 25, saw the arrival and welcoming of the recent addition of JOCV, Ms. Chie Tamaru from Japan to St. Francis Small Coconut Farmers Multi-Purpose Cooperative . She replaces, former JOCV Naoshige who just ended his term last December 2007.

Ms. Tamaru was accompanied by Ms. Chiho Tanaka and Mr. Kenjie Sekine, Volunteer Coordinators to the said primary cooperative. Another Volunteer, Ms. Nao Sakagawa, a public health nurse was with the group. She will be deployed in Sariaya , Quezon.

Ms. Tamaru will be doing her "home stay" with the Mejino Family in Sto. Tomas, Batangas. Under the care of Ms. Sonia Mejino , one of the dairy cooperators in Sto. Tomas, Batangas.

Chie as she is called comes from Miyasaki, Japan. She brings with her expertise on Animal Husbandry. She had 4-year study on Animal Husbandry and Processing, Faculty of Agricultural management, Koibuchi College of Agriculture and Nutrition after graduating from high school.

To augment her learnings, she studied husbandry management as well as Artificial Insemination in cows and other domestic animals and processing of stock farm products.

As a member of livestock hygiene laboratory, she also studied infectious diseases transmitted by mosquitoes.

From July to August 2001, she worked with at a Japanese cattle breeding farm in Wakanaga Prefecture . She likewise had a 10-days training in a cattle and pig farm in Thailand. For two years and 6 months, she worked in the calf department of Ozaki Chikusan Mikama Farm in Mie prefecture and was engaged mainly in feeding management of some 140 calves ages 2-3 weeks old.

A very hands – on lady I with a Certificate for livestock Artificial Inseminator Advisor and Licensed driver for Ordinary motor vehicle and 2-wheeled vehicle.

On her first day in St. Francis Cooperative, she immediately established rapport with the members and welcomed by NDA as a very outgoing person with a knack for humor and desire for knowledge.

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