

## **TRDs and Support Divisions Prepare Framework to Enhance FITS Centers**

After two workshops for strategic and operational planning, TRDs and Support Divisions conducted a two-day planning workshop for Techno Gabay Program's "Enhancing FITS for Rural Development". It was held at Lima City Hotel in Malvar Batangas last July 3-4, 2006.

The planning workshop was directed to prepare the logical framework for the implementation of the project. It came up with an overall workplan along with goals, purposes, expected outputs and projected activities for the project. Indicators and means of monitoring and evaluating the project's outputs were also discussed during the workshop. Technology packaging procedures for S and T based farms were finalized as well as identification of commodities for POT development.

The first day of the workshop was focused on the grounding of procedures for the program implementation such as TGP Planning, Programming, Monitoring and Evaluation Procedures, POT Development and Demonstration/Technology Services and ICT Systems Development, Hardware/Software Acquisition and Maintenance.

The second day comprise mostly of plenary sessions on other matters such as consortia status, Techno Gabay mandates rewording and problems to be addressed in the implementation of the project.

The divisions' collaborative effort works for the smooth management of activities under the program.