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The farm practice was conducted at the Institute of Plant Breeding from November 18, 2008 to February 26, 2009. The objective of the farm practice aimed to help the student gain experience and practical skills in crop production in plant propagation and nursery management was practiced in two main departments of the Institute of Plant Breeding, namely: The National Seed Foundation and The Plant Cell and Tissue Culture Laboratory.

At the National Seed Foundation, the student performed grafting, marcotting, inarching, seed sowing, and other propagation techniques in fruit crops.

At the Plant Cell and Tissue Culture Laboratory, he learned the procedures involved in the micro-propagation of banana and orchids. He was also trained to do other practices necessary to make the crops better and more productive such as weeding, application of fertilizers, application of pesticides, watering, transplanting and others.

As a whole, the student was able to acquire practical knowledge and further developed his skills in the different propagation techniques of different crops. He also learned the importance of such activities like crop improvement, seed multiplication and crop biotechnology through tissue culture as done in the institute.

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INTRODUCTION

National Seed Foundation (NSF) and Plant Cell and Tissue Culture Laboratory (PCTC-L) are both under the supervision of the Institute of Plant Breeding. These are the departments where the student spent most of his farm practice activities. Both departments go with the objectives of the institute. IPB has a goal to develop new and improved varieties of crops. They conduct studies in plant breeding and allied disciplines related to crop improvement. They also assist other agencies in multiplying quality seeds and vegetative materials of recommended crop varieties.

The National Seed Foundation is known to produce seeds of the latest hybrids. Aside from that, NSF also produces planting materials for fruit crops.

The Plant Cell and Tissue Culture Laboratory of IPB has tissue and cell culture technologies and applications as one of its major thrusts. These two departments are