

ATP Conducts Ornamental Fish Packing Technology Training in India

AgriFood Technologies Pte Ltd (ATP), in partnership with trainers from the Singapore ornamental fish industry, successfully conducted a training course on ornamental fish packing technology, from 18 to 23 June 2007 in India for 28 participants comprising Indian ornamental fish exporters/breeders, academics and government officials. Marine Products Export Development Authority (MPEDA), India, appointed ATP as the consultants for this course.

The initiative to extend the training to India came from the Agri-Food and Veterinary Authority's (AVA's) Ornamental Fish Business Cluster, chaired by Dr Kenny Yap, and was endorsed by the Singapore Aquarium Fish Exporters' Association (SAFEA); and the Singapore Tropical Aquarium Fish Breeders' Association (STAFBA). The Cluster and the Associations felt that the course would allow the Singapore ornamental fish industry valuable insight into the status and capabilities of the Indian ornamental fish industry as India is currently a major exporter of Indian indigenous species of ornamental fish to Singapore.

Through a series of lectures and practical lessons, basic know-how in ornamental fish packing technology was taught to the participants. MPEDA's feedback indicated that participants have found the course beneficial. The provision of this training by ATP to India is one of the first steps towards fulfilling AVA's Ornamental Fish Business Cluster's vision to develop Singapore into a knowledge hub for ornamental fish culture in the region. This is essential in creating a vibrant ornamental fish industry, which will serve to strengthen Singapore's position as the top ornamental fish export centre in a highly competitive international arena.



Trainer and participants having a splashing good time during a practical session