

# Singapore's Ornamental Fish Industry stays ahead of competition with continuous training



Supported by the Agri-Food and Veterinary Authority (AVA) and organised in close collaboration with the Ornamental Fish Business Cluster, Agrifood Technologies Pte Ltd (ATP) rolled out its 2nd Ornamental Fish Culture & Export Training Course on 5 April 2007.

Aimed at upgrading the skills and competencies of Singapore's ornamental fish industry workers, this 15-week long course covered the various aspects of fish culture and equipped trainees with knowledge on essential trade issues.

Following the success of its first course held in early 2006, ATP decided to hold a second course in response to the strong demand from the industry.

Dr Kenny Yap, Chairman of the Ornamental Fish Business Cluster, commented in his speech during the opening of the course that in the face of keen competition from emerging countries like Malaysia, Czech Republic, Spain, Indonesia and Japan, upgrading the industry's workforce skills is a critical component to help Singapore maintain its position as the world's leading exporter of ornamental fish.

The continuous demand and good response to such upgrading courses are an indication of the industry's acute awareness of the competition and the proactive stance that they are taking to stay ahead of the game.