

## Training Needs Finding for Agricultural and Rural Development, Tajikistan

(Period of the study: 0.5 month from April, 2003 Our assignments: Agriculture, Vegetable Production)

### Background of the Study

As a part of technical cooperation activities for Ex-CIS countries after the collapse of USSR, the government of Japan accepted 500 trainees/year from 5 countries in Central Asia equivalent to 100 trainees/year from each country. Among those, Tsukuba International Center accepted 500 trainees during 5 years from 1999 from Tajikistan for the country specific training course of vegetable production technology. In relation to such training activities, the follow-up study for this training course has been implemented aiming at the training needs finding for agricultural and rural development in Central Asian Countries.

### Outline of the Study

3 activities have been carried out under this study and they are (i) Survey on future training needs in the field of agriculture in Uzbekistan and Tajikistan, (ii) Information exchange with trained participants in Tajikistan and (iii) Discussion on the follow-up method. Training activities in Tsukuba International Center was highly appreciated by the trained participants and they were actively utilizing the texts, guidelines and materials obtained in the course. Continuous support such as the execution of seminar was also requested. According to the survey of training needs, new cooperation is requested in the fields of water users association, water management, capacity building of extension agents, paddy cultivation in both Uzbekistan and Tajikistan and in the fields of fruit production and livestock in Tajikistan.

### Our Assignments

- Hearing survey on agriculture, water management and extension activity in the target country,
- Investigation on activity and problem of trained participants and survey on future follow-up needs,
- Execution of seminar on vegetable production and the contents of country focused training for Tajikistan, and
- Survey on future training needs and examination of supporting method.

