

Visit Central America to survey the activities of ex-participants

In December 2012, Sawada visited El Salvador and Nicaragua. He visited 8 ex-participants of vegetable related courses of JICA Tsukuba to survey their activities. He found a range of highly-motivated activities revealing their imaginations in utilizing information and knowhow acquired from training programs in JICA Tsukuba.

We, AAI have been conducting vegetable related training programs in JICA Tsukuba since 2001 and this training program in JICA Tsukuba is one of the major business lines in our company. However, it is hard to catch up with ex-participants' activities after they have left Japan. To solve the problem, we sent our staff to Botswana in 2005 and Malawi and Zambia in 2010 to survey their activities. The results of these surveys will contribute to the quality of future training in JICA Tsukuba.

From the survey in Central America, Sawada found that ex-participants are playing an active role, but that some improvement is necessary to ensure that they make full use of the technology gained in JICA Tsukuba, Japan. Details will follow in the next AAI News.



Luis from El Salvador (2011 participant):
Working at grafting tomatoes



Cesar from El Salvador (2011 participant):
Works actively as a JICA counterpart



Roberto from El Salvador (Right; 2012 participant): Starting the survey for his Action plan



3 participants joined from Nicaragua:
Working together on a research program



Leonel from Nicaragua (2006 participant):
Whole family like Japan



Location of El Salvador and Nicaragua in the map