

Study on Agricultural Development Project in the Nejd Region, Oman

(Period of the study: 35 months from March, 1996 Our assignments: Arid Land Agriculture)

Background of the Study

According to the request from the government of Oman, JICA carried out "Development Study on Agricultural Development Project in the Nejd Region (Phase-II Work-III)" from 1995. According to the result of this study, NARS (Nejd Agricultural Research Station) was established as a base of development of arid land agriculture in Oman. The current study on field experiment and water resource survey has also been carried out in this station. However, the staff of the NARS, consists of young engineers, have insufficient experiences to carry out their own experiments and researches. Therefore, the government of Oman requested to continue the research activities in the station and JICA dispatched long-term experts to supervise field experiment and laboratory analysis for young staff of the NARS.

Outline of the Study

The major activities were to follow up the activities carried out during development study, to support facility supply of NARS to be functioned as experiment station, to carry out technical transfer to the counterparts for them to execute new researches and also to support on general operation of NARS.

Our Assignments

- Operation support at NARS (advice to establish the operation plan of the station, cultivation technique transfer, preparing weather observation facilities and introduce analyzing methods, preparing laboratory and technical transfer on analysis technique for soil, water quality and plants,
- Survey on present situation of agriculture in Nejd region and advice to formulate the development policy, and
- Advice to proper agricultural development strategy for the state of Dhofar.

