**Objective/Outcome**

Course Review Report is completed for sharing information and knowledge gained from the course and for further study to find the ways for improvement and capacity building of agricultural cooperatives in the participating countries.

**Outcome**

1. The problems and tasks necessary for the development of agricultural cooperatives in the participating countries are to be identified.
2. The fundamentals for organizing agricultural cooperatives and the system of organizational management are to be understood by the participants.
3. The needs of human resource development including fostering leadership in agricultural cooperative are to be understood.
4. Planning for organizational management and business operation is to be understood.
5. The cooperative business with focus on supply of production materials and consumer goods and on marketing farm products is to be understood.
6. Course Review Report on the training outcomes and for further study to lead to development of agricultural cooperatives is to be prepared.

**Contents**

1. Presentation of Inception report and discussion session will be held.
2. History of agricultural cooperatives, agricultural policies, various regulations in the agricultural cooperative law, various factors for organizing members into agricultural cooperatives, organization and its management including member organization and supportive organizations for agricultural cooperatives at different levels are to be introduced.
3. Introduction of the activities for human resource development of the members, the officials and the employees of agricultural cooperative organizations including education/training, farm guidance, better living guidance, ways of communication between the cooperative and the members.
4. Introduction of the methods for formulation of management plan in agricultural cooperatives such as farm management plan, business plan, personnel plan and facility plan as well as formulation of middle-long term plan.
5. Introduction of various business and service of agricultural cooperatives centering farm management-related business (purchasing for supply of production materials and consumer goods), marketing of farm products (joint marketing) and related facilities (wholesale market and direct sales shop).
6. The roles of the Government to create environment for promotion and stable management of agricultural cooperatives, various measures for promotion of agribusiness involving agricultural cooperatives are to be understood. Also, systems for development of commodities through research institutes and extension works and for securing safety and quality of the products are to be introduced.
7. Personal guidance is given to the participants by instructors to support preparation of Course Review Report. Participants are expected to present and shared the report in their organization after returning to their countries.

**Objective**

Most of developing countries have high ratio of small scale farmers. Low productivity, unefficient supply of inputs and marketing are major problems. Agricultural cooperatives are not functioning well to solve these problems. This course is aiming at contributing to increase of farmers income through cooperative activities by introducing efficient management, supply and marketing activities.

**Target Countries**

Two training courses are planned: One is for Eastern European countries (CIS), and the other is for other countries.

**Secondary Languages**

(A) English / (B) English

**Sector**

- Agricultural / Rural Development
- Other Agricultural / Rural Development Issues

**Sub-sector**

Continuing Rural Development

**Department in Charge**

JICA Tsukuba (Training)

**Cooperation Period**

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**Remarks and Website**

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