### Objective

Course report is completed for establishment and development of Farmers' Association or Agricultural Cooperatives in the participating countries.

### Outcome

1. The problems and tasks necessary for the establishment and development of farmers' association or agricultural cooperatives in the participating countries are to be identified.
2. Benefits of agricultural cooperatives and their roles along with agricultural situation in Japan, and roles of government are understood.
3. The fundamentals for organizing agricultural cooperatives and the system of organizational management are to be understood.
4. The needs of human resource development including fostering leadership in agricultural cooperative are to be understood.
5. The organizational activities of cooperatives in production, sales and marketing are understood.
6. Course report is completed for establishment and development of Farmers' Association or Agricultural Cooperatives.

### Contents

Lectures, practices, discussion and study visits regarding the following items are implemented.

1. Preparation and presentation of Inception Report, identification of problems and tasks for farmers' association and agricultural cooperatives in participants' countries.
2. The history of agricultural cooperatives
3. The system of organizational management
4. Education activities in agricultural cooperatives
5. The system for supply of agricultural production materials and consumer goods, methods of marketing farm products
6. Course report, presentation regarding measures of utilization in participants' organization

### Target Organization / Group

- **Target Organization**
  - Central or Local Government, Farmers' Association and Agricultural Cooperatives

- **Target Group**
  - Government officer in charge of farmers associations, agricultural cooperative development and extension of organization. Managerial post in NPO.
  - More than 3 years experience of the above field.

### Outline

Most of developing countries have high ratio of small scale farmers. Low productivity, inefficient 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 and improvement of rural life through organizational activities by farmers' association or cooperatives by introducing efficient management, production, supply and marketing activities.