The Project for Strengthening the Food Industries Research Institute

Background
Food industry creates new markets for agricultural products, and contributes to the improvement in income of the rural households. Also, it is expected to be useful to improve people’s health and nutrition. Introducing suitable food processing technologies may contribute to the development of food processing industry, by enhancing added values to food, thus improving food preservation and expanding their distribution to a wider area. Food Industries Research Institute (FIRI) plays a core role in the development of the food processing industry in Vietnam. However, it lacks of financial resources, equipment and research capacity. In that context, the Government of Vietnam requested the Government of Japan to implement a project to strengthen FIRI’s activities.

Overall Goal/ Objective
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The technologies for food processing are improved in small and medium scale food processing firms in Vietnam

(Project Purpose)
The function of FIRI is strengthened in developing food processing technologies and certification.

Major Activities
1. Analyze the characteristics of major processed farm products in Vietnam.
2. Transfer basic and applied skills in the field of microbiology and enzyme.
3. Transfer basic and practical skill in analyzing ingredients and quality of foods.
4. Improve methods to teach small and medium scale firms

Counterpart
Improvement of Living and Social Conditions (Rural Development)

Duration
September 2002 ~ September 2007