

# Research Exchanges

## Research Cooperation

### Joint Seminar by agricultural policy research institutes of Japan, China and Korea

The Policy Research Institute MAFF (PRIMAFF) agreed, advancing research interchange with foreign countries, to found the Forum for Agricultural Policy Research in North East Asia, with the Institute of Agricultural Economics, Chinese Academy of Agricultural Sciences (IAE/CAAS) and the Korea Rural Economic Institute (KREI), for research cooperation.

On the basis of this agreement, the 1st Seminar was held in Seoul, Korea on Oct. 28, 2003.

1. Topic: Agricultural Cooperation in the Northeast Asian Countries: Opportunities and Prospects

2. Description of Seminar

After the foundation ceremony, researchers from the Japanese, Chinese and Korean institutes reported, commented and debated in 3 sessions.

Session 1: Current Situations and Prospects of Agricultural and Agricultural Trade Structure in Northeast Asia

Session 2: Northeast Asia's Agricultural Prospects under WTO, Doha Development Agenda

Session 3: Lessons for Strengthening Agricultural Policy Research Cooperation in Northeast Asia

3. Participants

Japan Takano Toshiyuki: Japanese ambassador to Korea (only in ceremony)

Nishio Takeshi: President of PRIMAFF and 5 persons

China Qian Keming: President of IAE/CAAS and 10 persons

Korea Kim Joo-su: Deputy Minister of Ministry of Agriculture & Forestry of Korea (only in ceremony)

Lee Jung-Hwan: President of KREI

Ryo Kyeong-sang: Executive Vice-President of National Agricultural Cooperative Federation

Lee Young-Suk: Professor of Korea National Agricultural College

and 110 persons

Total: about 130 persons

Note: Plans for future seminars

2004 2nd in China (Beijing)

2005 3rd in Japan (Tokyo)

