

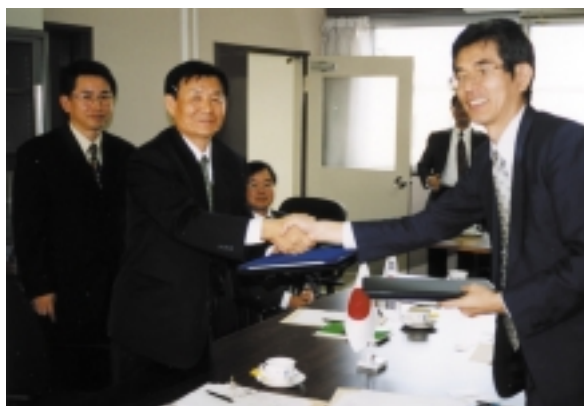
Research Exchange

Research Cooperation

A memorandum of the research cooperation with the Korea Rural Economic Institute

On October 25th 2001, memorandums of the research cooperation were exchanged between our institute and Korea Rural Economic Institute. The objective of which was to develop agriculture and rural areas of both countries as well as to improve the nation's life through the promotion of a mutual advantage for both institutes based on the establishment of a cooperative relationship with regard to Japan and Korea's research into agricultural economics and agricultural policy.

The memorandum declares the mutual exchange of scientific materials, publications, research information and researchers, as well as our collaboration in holding seminars and conferences, etc., and that representatives of both institutes confer with each other when undertaking actual research activities.



Exchange of Researchers

1) Overseas Activities

A report on staff currently overseas on assignment, those on assignment from overseas, and their activities

What is FIVIMS?

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I have been involved in the Asia-FIVIMS Trust Fund Project as GIS officer at FAO, HQ in Rome. The World Food Summit adopted the Rome Declaration on World Food Security and a Plan of Action to halve the number of undernourished (800 million in 1996) by 2015. To achieve this objective, the Summit called for collective actions and, to establish a system to link, store, analyse and share information at the national, regional and global levels entitled "Food Insecurity and Vulnerability Information and Mapping Systems (FIVIMS)."

Since last year, the Asia FIVIMS Project has conducted its activities in support of the development of National FIVIMS in five priority countries in Asia, including Bangladesh, Cambodia, Philippines, Sri Lanka and Thailand. These activities have been carried out in five different thematic domains: (i) FIVIMS Start-up and Institutional Capacity Building, (ii) Indicators, Methodologies and Vulnerability Assessments, (iii) Information and Map Data Development, (iv) Information System Development, and (v) co-ordination and Networking. Although there is still a long way to go to, in order to establish the National FIVIMS in their countries as well as to meet the Summit goal.

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