# **Departments and Activities**

## \* Department of Research Planning and Coordination

This department consists of Research Planning Division, Research Coordination Division, Research Information Design Division, Library Division, Publication and Information Division, and Training Division. Its activities include the planning and coordination of the research activities, the evaluation of the research results, the communication and coordination with other research institutes, the management of the "Resident Rural Researcher" system, the training of the economic planning personnel, and the invitation of participants in its training programs from other organizations (including overseas organizations), the development and improvement of networks for the research collaboration and exchange, the maintenance and provision of library materials, the publication of research results and the public relations.

# \* Department of General Administration

This department consists of General Affairs Division and Accounting Division. Keeping in close contact with the research sections, the department performs duties such as general affairs, personnel management, employees' welfare, budgeting, accounting and procurement.

# \* Policy Research Coordinator and Assistant Policy Research Coordinator

These coordinators are responsible for planning, communication and coordination, investigation and cooperation with related government agencies concerning the promotion of research projects, which include the selection of the subjects of research projects, the implementation of these projects, and the summarizing of the outcome.

# \* Department of Food Policy and Evaluation

This department consists of five research sections, and conducts studies on the following subjects:

- 1. Evaluation of agriculture, forestry and fishery policies
- 2. Evaluation of the environment related to food, agriculture and rural areas
- 3. Analysis and forecast of food supply and demand
- 4. Analysis of food consumption trends and related policies
- 5. Analysis of food supply system and related policies

#### \* Department of Rural Development Policy

This department consists of four research sections, and conducts studies on the following subjects:

- 1. Policies for the management structure of agriculture, forestry and fisheries and management development
- 2. Policies for the structure of rural communities and for the welfare of farmers, forest workers and fishers
- 3. Policies for revitalizing the economy of rural areas and hilly and mountainous areas
- 4. Policies for conserving and improving the use of resources in rural areas

## \* Department of International Policy

This department consists of four research sections, and is engaged in the study of the following subjects:

- 1. Trends of international relations related to food, agriculture and rural development problems, and international coordination policies
- 2. Trends of food, agriculture and rural development as well as policy directions in Europe, America, Oceania, Asia and Africa