# Report comparing circumstances of your country with those of Japan

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- 1. <u>Regarding agricultural instruction targeted at agricultural workers (based on your observations of Agricultural Improvement Centers and Agricultural Cooperatives)</u>
  - (1) What kind of impression did you have when you observed the agricultural training systems for agricultural workers in Japan? (Please write your impressions from the perspective of both superior aspects and areas you thought to be problems.)

#### (Superior aspects)

In my imagination I did not expect Japan to lay emphasis in agricultural sector, I thought Japan people or Japan government cares only about economic issues because Japan economically is considered the first country in the world, but when I saw the sites, which we visited, I was astonishment because when you look everywhere there's agriculture so I want give anew name for Japan (FUTURE COUNTRY).

### (Areas thought to be problems)

## Rainfall, which led to soil erosion. .

(2) Are there organizations or agencies in your country that carry out agricultural training for agricultural workers? If so, please indicate in the space below the name of said organization, its positioning (in other words, whether it is a national or regional government organization, or a public foundation, etc.), comparing the work its carries out with the situation in Japan. If there is no such organization in your country, please indicate your own opinions about whether such on organization is necessary in your country, and whether it is possible for such a system to be introduced, and so on.

There are no organization or agencies in my country that carry out agricultural training in field of farmers. And I hope for cooperation between Japan government and Saudi Arabia government to buildup complete training center to support the trainees to become better farmers.

(3) Are there matters that you would like to know more about in terms of the agricultural training system in Japan? If so, please indicate in the space below.

I hope Japan will support us to learn how we can help our farmers, and how we can make a daily connection with them to solve their problems; especially because we live in the desert, which is continuously changing.

- 2. <u>Regarding the Technology Support Association in the Land Improvement Program (based on observation of the Land Improvement Program Association Federation)</u>
  - (1) What kind of impression did you have when you observed the Land Improvement Program Association Federation, an organization that carries out technological support for the Land Improvement Program in Japan? (Please write your impressions from the perspective of both superior aspects and areas you thought to be problems.)

(Superior aspects)

Before I came, I imagine that farmers pay all costs for any construction, but when I learnt about Federation of land improvement, I found that: **(from 1945-1960)** Japan have done already what we hope to do in this day (Agricultural production infrastructure improvement project).

#### (Areas thought to be problems)

Agricultural mechanization for garlic farming is still not functioning well.

(2) Are there organizations or agencies in your country that carry out technological support for land improvement programs? If so, please indicate in the space below the name of said organization, its positioning (in other words, whether it is a national or regional government organization, or a public foundation, etc.), comparing the work its carries out with the situation in Japan. If there is no such organization in your country, please indicate your own opinions about whether such on organization is necessary in your country, and whether it is possible for such a system to be introduced, and so on.

Ministry of Agriculture and Water in the Kingdom Of Saudia Arabia, which deals with technological support for land improvement programs.

(3) Are there matters that you would like to know more about in terms of the technological support association in the Land Improvement Program? If so, please indicate in the space below.

How they increase funds? How they do designing to comply with farmers needs ?

- **3.** <u>Regarding plans and implementation of the Land Improvement Program (based on observation of the Oide and Hojo Dune District of Land Improvement)</u>
  - (1) What impressions did you have when you observed the Land Improvement Program plans and methods of implementation in Japan? (Please write your impressions from the perspective of both superior aspects and areas you thought to be problems.)

(Superior aspects)

How do they control automatically this large area irrigation system till the end of line .

### (Areas thought to be problems)

I know that farmer should make maintenance for special lines, so if any farmer can't make this how can you solve these problems? And are you having a crop pattern?

(2) What impressions did you have when you observed the organization and management systems of the land improvement zones that carried out the planning and implementation of the Land Improvement Program in Japan? (Please write your impressions from the perspective of both superior aspects and areas you thought to be problems.)

#### (Superior aspects)

When we gone to observe the organization and management systems of the land improvement zones that carried out the planning and implementation of the Land Improvement Program in Japan I dream by the day when we have the same one on my country.

#### (Areas thought to be problems)

Incase you haven't water to give to farmer: How can you compensate the farmers, if they have crop damage?, And how can you estimate the damage??

(2) Are there organizations or agencies in your country that carry out planning and implementation of land improvement programs? If so, please indicate in the space below the name of said organization, its positioning (in other words, whether it is a national or regional government organization, or a public foundation, etc.), comparing the work its carries out with the situation in Japan. If there is no such organization in your country, please indicate your own opinions about whether such on organization is necessary in your country, and whether it is possible for such a system to be introduced, and so on.

Ministry of Agriculture and Water in the Kingdom Of Saudia Arabia. It is related to planning and implementation of land improvement programs.

(3) Are there matters that you would like to know more about in terms of the planning and implementation of the Land Improvement Program? If so, please indicate in the space below.

About in terms of the planning and implementation of the Land Improvement Program I want know how we can make a design for any land without losses in water especially at the end of the irrigation system.

- 4. <u>Regarding UNCC (United Nations Convention to Combat Desertification in Those Countries</u> <u>Experiencing Serious Drought and/or Desertification, Particularly in Africa)</u>
  - (1) Has your country joined the convention? If so, when did your country join?

Yes, **Kingdom Of Saudi Arabia** became a member in United Nations Convention to Combat Desertification in 1997.

(2) Is your present agency working concerning the convention? If so, what work is your present agency doing?

As soon as, **Kingdom Of Saudi Arabia** became a member in United Nations Convention to Combat Desertification in 1997, it established a National Committee. The Committee consists of representatives from all the ministries and agencies pertinent to desertification. One of these members of this committee is General Council for Meteorology and Environmental Protection (GCMEP).

(3) Regarding the prevention of desertification, what do you expect of Japan? The report of Japan can be read with the following URL.

(http://www.unccd.int/cop/reports/developed/2000/japan-eng.pdf)

The action program includes the following:

-Strategies and priorities established within the framework of sustainable development plans to our water policy.

-Institutional measures taken to implement the convention.

- Participatory process in support of preparation and implementation of national action programs.

-Activities relevant to Combating Desertification that have been implemented.

-Financial allocation from national budgets to support the implementation of NAP.

-Review of benchmarks and indicators utilized to measure program and assessment there off. So we hope from Japan to support as because Japan have a big experience in this field of study which we really need.

5. <u>If you have other opinions or impressions based on site observation, please indicate them in the space below.</u>

No, Thank you.