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Japan to share agricultural innovations with Myanmar

TOKYO—Twenty government officers, agribusiness and food industry leaders, and academics involved in agricultural development planning, training, and extension from Myanmar are scheduled to convene in Tokyo from 19 to 26 August 2014. They will be a part of the Observational Study Mission from Myanmar on Agricultural Innovations in Japan to Increase Productivity funded by the Government of Japan and organized by the Asian Productivity Organization.

Experts from the Ministry of Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries; Kyoto University; Tokyo University of Agriculture and Technology; and National Agriculture and Food Research Organization will lead discussions on technologies to improve agricultural productivity, referring to innovations in rice production and agricultural mechanization. The mission will include visits to a variety of research institutes under the National Agriculture and Food Research Organization, farm tractor manufacturer Kubota Corporation, food-processing machinery manufacturer Satake Corporation, and rice mill fertilizer and storage facilities provider Katakura Chikkarin Corporation.

The main objective of the mission is to share Japan's agricultural production practices and innovative technologies to increase productivity; study best management practices in postharvest operations and value addition; and identify possible areas of future cooperation between relevant institutions in Japan and Myanmar to facilitate exchanges of knowledge and best practices.

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About the APO

The APO was established in 1961 as a regional intergovernmental organization with the mission of contributing to the sustainable socioeconomic development of the Asia-Pacific region through productivity promotion. The current membership comprises 20 economies. The APO supports its member countries through capacity-building efforts such as training courses, workshops, seminars, and other activities to enhance productivity.