



PROJECT NOTIFICATION

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Title	Workshop on the Aging Agricultural Labor Population
Timing	10 May 2023–12 May 2023
Hosting Country(ies)	Republic of China
Venue City(ies)	Not Applicable
Modality	Online
Implementing Organization(s)	Council of Agriculture, Executive Yuan, R.O.C., China Productivity Center, and APO Secretariat
Participating Country(ies)	All Member Countries
Overseas Participants	38
Local Participants	12
Closing Date	25 April 2023
Remarks	Not Applicable

Objectives	Discuss government policies, schemes, and measures to deal with the aging of the agricultural labor force and potential solutions; analyze issues and challenges in APO members; and share best practices for benchmarking and references.
Rationale	Labor productivity is one critical factor in agricultural production because it directly affects the efficiency and profitability of farming operations. Addressing aging-related issues in the agricultural workforce is necessary to achieve productive, sustainable agriculture in APO members.
Background	<p>The ADB reported in 2020 that the aging of the farming population was a major concern in both developed and developing APO members including the ROC, India, Indonesia, Japan, the ROK, and the Philippines. The aging of farmers is a significant concern with several serious implications such as labor shortages, lower productivity, rural depopulation, and decreased food security.</p> <p>Governments are adopting various policies and schemes to aid aging farmers in managing farm operations and to attract young people to agriculture. Efforts have been made by local governments, communities, and the private sector to empower the elderly and encourage young people to establish sustainable, inclusive agri-based rural communities. Addressing this issue requires a combination of efforts from both sectors aimed at attracting young people, utilizing technology and innovation, and improving working environments.</p> <p>This workshop will examine aging issues from various viewpoints to identify possible holistic solutions in APO economies.</p>
Topics	Demographic trends in the agriculture sector in Asia; impact of aging and successor issues on agriculture; government policies to support the aging labor force; policies and frameworks to attract young people to agriculture; and successful models of agricultural workforce transformation.
Outcome	Participants will understand policies, regulations, and frameworks to address aging issues in agriculture; learn from case studies; and identify possible solutions applicable to APO member economies.
Qualifications	Policymakers, government officials, academics, and researchers working on resolving issues related to the aging of the agricultural workforce.

Please refer to the implementation procedures circulated with this document for further details.



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