Preparatory Study on the Central Agricultural Experiment Station Rehabilitation, Afghanistan
（Period of the study: 1 month from December, 2004   Our assignments: Rehabilitation of Experiment Station）

Background of the Study

Since 80% of the population is engaged in the agriculture in Afghanistan, the vitalization of agriculture is important for the poverty alleviation and the improvement of living standard.   Although the Central Agricultural Experiment Station in Kabul have been taking an important role in the field of agricultural research and extension, it is now not functioning due to the damage of facilities and the loss of manpower because of the civil war.   Under such circumstances, the government of Afghanistan requested the Japanese government the technical cooperation program aiming at the rehabilitation of research and extension system through facility rehabilitation, capacity building and the establishment of information network.

Outline of the Study

The basic plan of the project was proposed based on the existing information, the discussion with relevant authorities and the field survey.   The project feasibility was examined through the preparatory study from the viewpoint of 5 evaluation items.   In practice, minute of meeting was agreed upon based on R/D, PDM, PO, implementation plan together with the implementation schedule and the preparation items of both sides.   Agreement was finally signed with the implementing agency of the government of Afghanistan and finally project document was formulated by summarizing all such results.

Our Assignments

- Implementation of PCM workshop for local stakeholders and assessment of local problems and needs,
- Formulation of basic plan for the project and examination of project feasibility through 5 evaluation items,
- Field survey of the station and preparation of rehabilitation plan for facilities and equipment, and
- Information collection and the preparation of project document based on the processing and analysis of field survey results.