

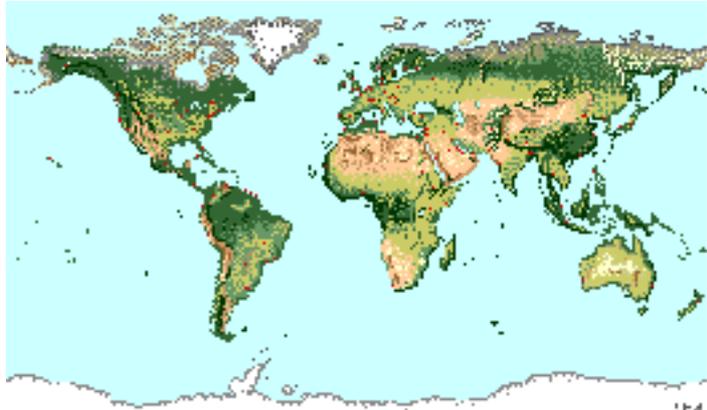
# AAINews

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## Our Newsletter "AAINews" to You

It is our pleasure to present here the first issue of our newsletter "AAINews" to you. AAI (Appropriate Agriculture International Co., Ltd.) was established in 1984, and since then we have devoted ourselves to research and development of appropriate agricultural technology which is applicable to arid and semi-arid lands.



We have long working experience in agricultural technical cooperation in Middle East (UAE, Syria and Oman), Africa (Senegal, Kenya and Zimbabwe) and Asia (Pakistan) through official development aid by the Government of Japan as JICA's short and long term experts on arid land agriculture, prevention of desertification, afforestation and on agricultural extension. One staff has been working in Oman for fodder cultivation as JICA's long term expert as well. Through these activities, we are getting precious information about culture, life style, and other specific knowledge on environmental issues such as desert afforestation, halophyte, xerophyte, appropriate technology, environmental conservation and sustainable agricultural development, in arid lands.

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We believe that those information are not only interesting but also very useful, therefore we would like to share them through our AAINews with those who are interested in. AAINews will be issued bimonthly. Your comments and suggestion on our articles will be highly appreciated.

## **What is AAIN**

AAIN is the combination of first letters of our company name "Appropriate Agriculture International" and "Newsletter", also, there is another meaning in it. That is the name of a city "Al AIN", an oasis city in UAE where we AAI have been deeply related to. AIN means "fountain" or "eyes" in Arabic and it brings up the image of oasis, where people gather to rest and have precious water in arid land.



A view of Al Ain city



Cultivation in Oasis