

Relation between Japanese Government and JA Group in Promoting Agricultural Policy

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Introduction

1st step

- Look back on a relation between Japanese Government and JA Group in implementing important policy for members.

2nd step

- Think about relation between JA Group as co-operatives and Japanese government as co-operative advocates.

Close Relation between JA Group and Government in Rice Policy

In food administration after ww2



In implementing rice production adjustment



Close Relation Developed JA Group

- Those efforts has been contributing to stabilization in farming/living of members, which stabilize JAs in terms of membership and finance.
- In the implementation of those policies Govt. widely takes opinions of JAs into consideration.
- Our close relation with Japanese Govt. enable us to have commitments to agricultural policy making/implementation.

Change in the Relation

- Rice policy reform
 - Since 1980s, a discussion on rice policy reform had started due to heavy financial burden.
 - In 1995, a new rice policy started, in which Govt. has less role and responsibility in rice production adjustment.
- Much to be done by autonomy of farmers
 - Under the new policy we had several occasions to make further amendments, in which more things to be done were left for our autonomy in the practice of rice production adjustment.

Our Relation in the Future

- Much has to be done by our autonomy
 - Now in Japan no more food shortage
 - Variety of requests from Japanese to agriculture
 - More necessary for JAs as co-operatives to promote agriculture in the regions based on needs and aspirations of their members
- Still need cooperative relation between JA Group and Japanese government
 - JA Group still covers most of all the farmers as members

Current status of "Self Reform"

- In Aug. 2015 resolution has made on amendments of "Agricultural Co-operative Society Law" in the Diet, based on proposals against our will and our autonomy
- Further discussion is to be concluded until March 2021 on possible restrictions on the utilization of JA businesses by associate members.
- We are making every effort to realize "Active Membership" in JA Group

THANK YOU FOR YOUR ATTENTION.