Case(17): Food security

1. Basic approach

- COVID-19 pandemic, climate change and natural disasters, and Russia’s aggression against Ukraine have increased the food price, and jeopardized the stable supply of food in the world.
- It is necessary to strengthen ties relating to food production and processing to consumption, and build resilient and sustainable agriculture and food systems.
- For this reason, we will support development and demonstration of advanced technology by private companies, and the framework of providing rice in the event of an emergency.

⇒ By advancing the establishment of resilient and sustainable agriculture and food systems, we will maintain and strengthen the food security in the Indo-Pacific region.

2. Specific initiatives

- In line with Japan’s Strategy for Sustainable Food System, improving productivity while reducing environmental loads through innovations in collaboration with countries in the Asia-monsoon region to achieve resilient and sustainable agriculture and food systems (ASEAN-Japan Midori Cooperation Plan was proposed at the Meeting of the ASEAN Ministers on Agriculture and Forestry Plus Three in October 2022).
- Providing 50 million US dollars in emergency food aid to support vulnerable countries in Asia, the Middle East, and Africa, and corn seeds and other assistance to support vulnerable farmers in Ukraine, including women and youth.
- Providing support for utilizing Joint Crediting Mechanism (JCM) in the agriculture field in collaboration with Asian Development Bank as a countermeasure against climate change.
- Supporting the demonstration of innovation relating to production and distribution of agricultural products by private companies in Asian and African regions through the International Fund for Agricultural Development (IFAD).
- Supporting the framework for providing rice in response to an emergency such as disaster (ASEAN Plus Three Emergency Rice Reserve (APTERR)), and provision of the information on demand and supply of food in the region (ASEAN Plus Three Food Security Information System (AFSIS)) for strengthening the food security in the ASEAN region.
- Providing training and technical guidance on agriculture for farmers in developing countries in Asian and African regions to develop local human resources.