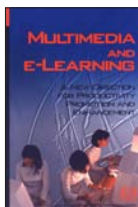




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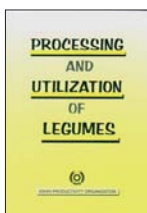
A New Direction for Productivity
Promotion and Enhancement

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In most APO member countries, the dissemination of information on productivity and ways to enhance it is still very much confined to the large cities. This limits the impact of a country's productivity drive. However, advances in information and communications technologies have given us the multimedia and online technologies that are enabling the boundaries of the productivity movement as well as that of skill training and basic literacy and numeracy education within a country to be expanded to involve the participation of people, institutions, and industries even in far-flung places. Despite this, their potential has yet to be fully appreciated by many.

To provide insight into the application of multimedia and online technologies in productivity promotion, information dissemination, and training and learning, the APO organized the seminar on "Multimedia for Productivity Promotion and Enhancement with Special Focus on e-Learning" in the Republic of China, March 2002. This publication is a compendium of the resource papers and selected country reports presented at the meeting. It is a useful reference text for all those who are involved in productivity promotion or e-learning as administrators, providers, or end-users.

Topics in the resource papers included: The business of e-learning; Application of multimedia in e-learning: the Taiwan experience; e-Learning: content, design, and total solution; e-Learning technology and its applications; and Educities.



PROCESSING AND UTILIZATION OF LEGUMES

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The phenomenal economic growth in Asia and the Pacific in recent decades has resulted in significant improvements in living conditions in the region, as reflected in people's expanded choices of the food they eat. It also led to greater health consciousness. These developments have contributed to a major shift in food consumption patterns, with more people opting for healthier foods. In this context, legumes are playing an increasingly important role as people are rediscovering their high nutrition and health-enhancing values.

The potential of legumes for meeting food requirements is great. However, in addition to developing the technologies for manufacturing legume-based products that are acceptable to consumers, there is also a need to undertake innovative marketing efforts and to educate the public about their benefits.

To examine present legume processing practices and legume utilization in member countries and to identify measures for the development of more high value-added legume products, the APO organized a seminar on "Processing and Utilization of Legumes" in Japan, October 2000. This publication is a report of the proceedings of the meeting and a compilation of the resource and country papers presented. Of special interest is the report on recent research and industrial achievements in soybean-based food in Japan.

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