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Research and extension services in agriculture are important in enhancing its productivity. Research generates improved technologies and practices that help to raise crop yields and farmers' income. Extension, on the other hand, provides the mechanism by which those technologies and practices are disseminated for adoption by farmers. For successful technology transfer, these two services need to be interlinked. In view of the importance of this issue to member countries, the APO conducted a study meeting on "Integrated Agricultural Research and Extension" in March 2002 to review recent developments in agricultural research and extension in member countries and devise effective ways of integrating them. This publication contains five resource papers, 13 country papers, and a summary of findings of the study meeting.

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Modern technology and better management have helped to improve agricultural productivity and broaden the value-adding activities of farmers, especially agribusiness, a complex undertaking involving the integration of agricultural production, value-added processing, packaging, distribution, and marketing activities. It requires special skills and experience to manage. To assess the current status of agribusiness in member countries and to discuss measures for its further development, the APO hosted a seminar on "Development of Agribusiness Enterprises" in November 2000. This publication is a report of the seminar proceedings.

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