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Beneficial effect of biological N fixation in soybean cultivation

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Implementation Plan of Radiation Sterilization Carriers of Biofertilizer

- Selection of carrier material.
- Determination of required dose of radiation (25 ~ 30kGY).
- Preparation and arrangement of radiation processing using existing radiation facility in collaboration with nuclear research institutes.
- Production of biofertilizer inoculants by mixing micro-organism and sterilized carrier.
- Field trial for quality assurance tests.
- Comparison with conventional carrier in terms of plant yields and quality.

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Extension Strategy of Biofertilizer-(1)

 Benefits of biofertilizer should be well informed to farmers and relevant government officials:

Low cost in comparison with chemical fertilizer for both Rhizobium and Mycorrhiza.

No environmental contamination caused by chemical fertilizer.

 Field demonstration of bio-fertilizer application for the suitable plants at the suitable location is very important for effective dissemination of the technology.

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Extension Strategy of Biofertilizer-(2)

- The cost-benefit ratio of biofertilizer should be evaluated based on field demonstration and large scale application.
- Government policy of promoting organic agriculture should be established and announced.
- To apply the bio-fertilizer in order to meet government plan of agriculture and forestry for the suitable crops and trees for which bio-fertilizer is significantly effective.

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Extension Strategy of Biofertilizer-(3)

- For extension campaign, bio-fertilizer should be distributed to farmers free of charge, and necessary training should be provided to farmers.
- For application of radiation technology for the sterilization of carriers, collaboration between nuclear research institute and agriculture institute should be arranged.

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