

## **Designation of Dietary Education Institutes in Korea**

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The Ministry of Agriculture, Food and Rural Affairs (MAFRA) announced that it has designated an additional 23 dietary education institutes and 60 excellent dietary experiential places to rear dietary education experts and promote an understanding of agriculture and rural communities by expanding opportunities to experience traditional dietary life. As of the end of December 2012, there were a total of 26 education institutes and 77 excellent dietary experiential places designated in accordance with the Dietary Education Support Act (established in 2009), which provide dietary education and experiential programs to students, teachers and other citizens.

With the designation of additional institutes and places, the number of dietary education institutes will increase from 26 to 50 and the number of excellent dietary experiential places from 77 to 137, and this will enable more practical and useful dietary education and more diversified experiential education. In particular, there will be more dietary education experts to provide dietary education to teachers, nutritionists, school nurses, cooks and farms, and more opportunities for students, teachers and other citizens to experience proper dietary life.

In addition, MAFRA is planning to encourage the dietary education and experiential programs of local governments to preferentially utilize the designated dietary education institutes and experiential places in 2014, and establish post-management and an evaluation system and provide training to reinforce the capabilities of the operators of those designated institutes and places.

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