

4. Survey and research programs

○ Survey and examination program

Other FSC's activities include survey and examination programs, which enable FSC to collect data necessary to conduct risk assessments or other activities. Through this survey program, extensive information search and analytical examinations are available over a variety of food hazards. FSC so far conducted 13 survey and examination programs during fiscal 2009.

○ Research and development program

To support science-based risk assessments, FSC provides grants for research and development studies. Each year, specific categories to be enhanced due to high demand are selected and granted financial support for 3 years based on relevancy judged by FSC. For instance of fiscal 2009, FSC has offered 22 grants for research and development studies.

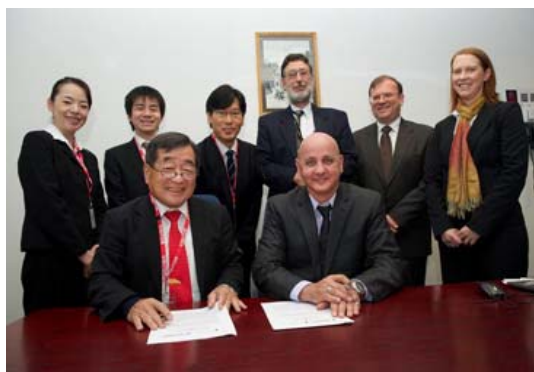
5. Internationalization

FSC signed a Memorandum of Cooperation (MOC) with the European Food Safety Authority (EFSA)*₁ in December 2009 and with the Food Standards Australia New Zealand (FSANZ)*₂ in July 2010. These memorandums contain basic agreement on cooperating in 'collection, analysis and sharing of technical data' as well as sharing 'views and expertise of data collection methodologies.'

FSC has built cooperative relationship with EFSA and FSANZ via exchanging latest knowledge and inviting experts in past years, and these relationships will be further strengthened by signed MOC and corresponding periodical meetings. Other regions/countries are also treated as a partner of food safety as well, and these relationships will be likewise continued.



Signing with EFSA (December 2009 at Parma)



Signing with FSANZ (July 2010 at Canberra)

*₁ The European Food Safety Authority (EFSA) is an assessment body which is independent from the European Commission (EC) and provides scientific recommendations about food safety to the EC. It deals with risk assessment of all kinds of food.

*₂ The Food Standards Australia New Zealand (FSANZ) is a bi-national agency which develops and administers food standards in Australia and New Zealand. It has a department which deals with scientific risk assessment.