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# JIRCAS International Symposium 2020 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary Program

The role of international collaboration  
in agricultural research to address challenges  
in the post-COVID-19 global food system

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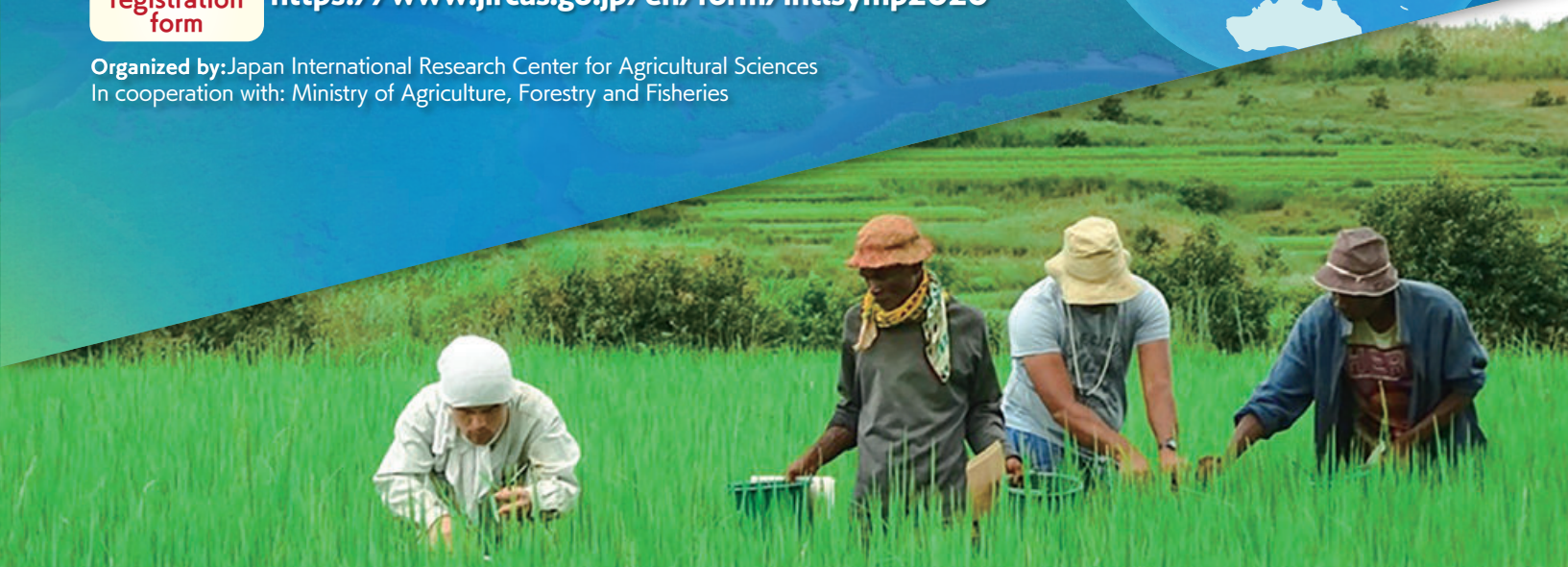


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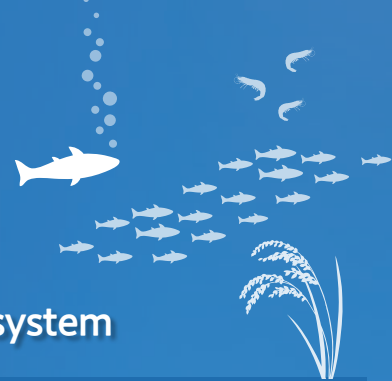
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## Program

15:00 - 15:10

**Opening remarks**

**International collaboration to build a resilient, equitable and sustainable food system**

M. IWANAGA, JIRCAS President

15:10 - 15:20

**Welcome remarks**

Y. HISHINUMA, Director General, Secretariat of AFFRC, MAFF

15:20 - 15:30

K. KADIRESAN, Managing Director, Global Engagement and Innovation, CGIAR System Organization

15:30 - 15:50

**Speech**

**JIRCAS 50th Anniversary**

**– Looking back on experiences in international collaboration in agricultural research**

O. KOYAMA, JIRCAS Vice President

15:50 - 16:20

**Message from counterparts**

A. MATSUDA, Vice-President (International Collaboration, Intellectual Property, International Standardization, Public Relations), National Agriculture and Food Research Organization (NARO)

T. SUN, Vice President, Chinese Academy of Agricultural Sciences

P. WIRIYAPAH, Director General, Department of Agriculture (DOA), Ministry of Agriculture and Cooperatives, Thailand

M. TRAORÉ (on behalf of Director General H. TRAORÉ),

Head of the Natural Resources Management and Production Systems, Institute for the Environment and Agricultural Research (INERA), Burkina Faso

L. RAZAFINJARA, Director General, Madagascar Centre National de la Recherche Appliquée au Développement Rural (FOFIFA)

K. NAKAMURA, Paraguay (CETAPAR), President of Directive Committee, Fundación Nikkei-CETAPAR (CETAPAR)

16:20 - 16:35

**Speech**

**The impacts of COVID – 19 on the resilience of the global food system**

J. SCHMIDHUBER, Deputy Director, Market and Trade Division Economic and Social Department Stream, Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO)

16:35 - 16:50

**Speech**

**The post-COVID – 19 global agendas for agricultural R4D**

M. IYAMA, Director, JIRCAS Research Strategy Office

16:50 - 17:25

**Panel:**

**The modus-operandi of international collaboration**

M. IWANAGA, JIRCAS President

T. SATO, Vice President, Japan International Cooperation Agency (JICA)

M. WOPEREIS, Director General, World Vegetable Center

N. SANGINGA, Director General, International Institute of Tropical Agriculture (IITA)

Chair: M. SAITO, Director, JIRCAS Research Planning and Partnership Division

17:25 - 17:30

**Closing remarks**

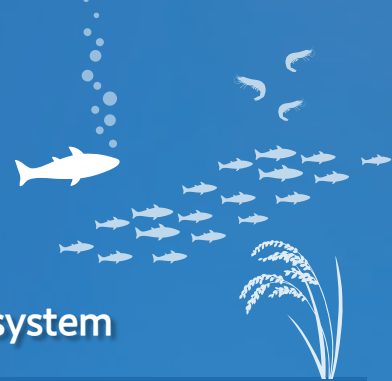
**Toward the next decades**

O. KOYAMA, JIRCAS Vice President



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## Speakers



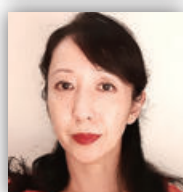
**Masa IWANAGA:** President and CEO of the Japan International Research Center for Agricultural Sciences (JIRCAS). During his 29-year career in CGIAR, Masa served as Director General of the International Maize and Wheat Improvement Center (CIMMYT) from 2002 to 2008 and as Deputy Director General of the International Plant Genetic Resources Institute (IPGRI, now renamed Bioversity International) from 1992 to 2000. He holds a Ph.D. in Plant Breeding and Genetics from the University of Wisconsin, USA.



**Osamu KOYAMA:** Vice President of the Japan International Research Center for Agricultural Sciences (JIRCAS). He started his career at the Ministry of Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries (MAFF) of Japan from 1979, engaged in econometric analyses of global food situation at the UN's Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO) from 1986 to 1993, and joined JIRCAS from 1993. He was in charge of research strategy setting in JIRCAS from 2002 before assuming his current position in 2015.



**Josef SCHMIDHUBER:** Deputy Director in the Trade and Markets Division of the UN's Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO). He worked as senior econometrician and economist with the FAO and Organization for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD), and as head of FAO's Global Perspectives Studies Unit. His areas of interest include commodity market analysis and outlook, trade, nutrition and investment. He holds a Ph.D. in Economics from the Technical University of Munich, Germany.



**Miyuki IYAMA:** With Ph.D. in Economics from the University of Tokyo, she has extensive experience in quantitative and qualitative analyses of integrated farming system evolutions during her almost 20-year research career in East and Southern Africa (10 years at World Agroforestry/ICRAF, Kenya). In April 2019, she assumed her current position as Research Strategy Office Director at the Japan International Research Center for Agricultural Sciences (JIRCAS).



**Tadashi SATO:** Vice President of the Japan International Cooperation Agency (JICA) since January 2020. He is in charge of JICA's strategies of food security, agriculture and nutrition, as well as marine environment and forest, among other fields. Before joining JICA, he worked for thirty years in the government of Japan, including as Directors responsible for policy planning, trade negotiations and international cooperation. He graduated from the University of Tokyo Faculty of Law, and holds a Master of Arts in Law and Diplomacy from the Fletcher School of Tufts University, USA.



**Marco WOPEREIS:** Director General of the World Vegetable Center since April 2016 and is based in Taiwan. An agronomist with global expertise in agricultural science and management, he previously served as Deputy Director General and Director of Research for Development of the Africa Rice Center (AfricaRice) in Benin. Since October 2020, he is chair of the Association of International Research and Development Centers for Agriculture (AIRCA). He holds a Ph.D. in Tropical Agronomy from Wageningen University, The Netherlands.



**Nteranya SANGINGA:** Director General of the International Institute of Tropical Agriculture (IITA) since November 2011. Before joining IITA, he was the Director of the Nairobi-based CIAT-TSBF (2003 - 2011). IITA conducts projects on yam and cowpea with the support of the Ministry of Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries of Japan, and collaborate with various Japanese research institutions such as JIRCAS and Tokyo University of Agriculture. He has Ph.D. in Agronomy/Soil Microbiology.



**Masayoshi SAITO :** Director of Research Planning and Partnership Division at the Japan International Research Center for Agricultural Sciences (JIRCAS). He holds a Ph.D. from the University of Tokyo, and his research area of specialization relates to food chemistry and food technology.

