ANNOUNCEMENT: Call for candidates for the 2017 Japan International Award for Young Agricultural Researchers (Japan Award)

MAFF has begun inviting applications for this year's "Japan International Award for Young Agricultural Researchers (Japan Award)".

I. Summary

Since 2007, the Ministry of Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries (MAFF) has organized the annual "Japan International Award for Young Agricultural Researchers" to further advance research and development in agriculture, forestry, fisheries, and related industries in developing countries and to increase motivation among young researchers in the fields. It is targeted at young foreign researchers who have shown outstanding performance and achievements in research and development that will lead to future technological innovation.

II. Candidates

- (a) The candidates should be developing country nationals who belong to non-Japanese research institutes and universities.
- (b) The candidates should be under 40 years old as of January 01, 2017.
- (c) The research theme should be relevant to agriculture, forestry, fisheries, and related industries in developing countries.
- (d) The candidates must be able to attend the commendation ceremony (travel expenses will be provided).

III. Commendation ceremony

MAFF will offer testimonials and monetary prizes (US\$5,000 per person) for up to 3 winners, and invite them to the commendation ceremony to be held in Japan on November 2, 2017.

IV. How to apply

- (a) Application documents and detailed procedure are provided at the JIRCAS website. (https://www.jircas.go.jp/)
- (b) Recommendation by a research institution (no restriction on its location) is necessary.
- (c) Each research institution, including its branches, may only recommend one researcher.
- (d) Due date for submission of application will be on May 26, 2017.

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