

Opening Remarks

Kenji IYAMA was awarded a Doctorate degree in Agriculture from the University of Tokyo (Japan) and is a Professor Emeritus of the University of Tokyo, Japan. He is also an Adjunct Professor of the Institute of Advanced Studies of the United Nations University. His basic expertise was on forest products, and present interest is in global carbon circulation. He worked at the University of Tokyo, Japan, and at CSIRO and La Trobe University in Australia. Currently, he is the President of the Japan International Research Center for Agricultural Sciences.

Shinichi SHOGENJI is the Dean of the Graduate School of Agricultural and Life Sciences, the University of Tokyo, the President of the Consumer Co-operative Institute of Japan, the President of the Rural Planning Society of Japan and a member of the Science Council of Japan. He has worked mainly in the fields of food economics and agricultural policy analysis. His recent publications include *Reconstruction of Japanese Agriculture*, Iwanami Shoten, Publishers (2008) and *Policy Reform in Japanese Agro-Food Sectors*, University of Tokyo Press (2006).

Keynote Lecture

Osamu KOYAMA graduated from the Faculty of Liberal Arts, University of Tokyo in 1979, and joined the Ministry of Agriculture Forestry and Fisheries. From 1986 to 1993, he served as an Econometrician at the Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO), Rome. His expertise is in the area of food supply and demand analyses. Currently, he is the Director of the Research Strategy Office, JIRCAS. Also, he serves as a Lecturer at the University of Tokyo.

Keynote Lecture 1

Maximo TORERO holds a Doctorate degree in Economics from the University of California at Los Angeles (USA), is Division Director of the Markets, Trade and Institutions Division at the International Food Policy Research Institution (IFPRI) and is a Professor of Economics of Universidad del Pacifico in Peru. His expertise is in analyzing poverty, inequality, importance of geography and assets (private or public) in explaining poverty, and in policies oriented towards poverty alleviation based on the role played by infrastructure, institutions, and on how technological breakthroughs (or discontinuities) can improve the welfare of households. He has won twice the World Award for Outstanding Research on Development given by the Global Development Network (GDN). He worked at the UCLA Institute for Social Science Research (ISSR), University of Bonn and Group of Analysis for Development (GRADE).

Keynote Lecture 2

Takashi KUROSAKI (Ph.D., Stanford University, Food Research Institute, 1995) is currently a Professor of Development Economics at the Institute of Economic Research, Hitotsubashi University, Tokyo. He has been conducting both theoretical and empirical work from a microeconomic perspective on questions of economic development. His recent research includes empirical analysis of vulnerability, education investment, and labor allocation of rural households in India and Pakistan.

General Explanation on the Three Sessions

Masuo ANDO holds a Doctorate degree in Agriculture from the University of Tokyo (Japan) and is the Director of Development Research Division in JIRCAS. His basic expertise is in the area of farm management study and present interest is developing the family farm and vitalization of the rural areas especially in the least developed countries.

Session 1

Jun FURUYA holds a Doctor of Philosophy (Ph.D.) from the University of Missouri-Columbia (U.S.A.). His major is Agricultural Economics. He worked at the National Agriculture Research Center (NARC) of the Ministry of Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries (MAFF). Currently, he is a Project Leader of the Japan International Research Center for Agricultural Sciences (JIRCAS).

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Mikitaro SHOBAYASHI holds a Doctorate degree in Agriculture from the University of Tokyo (Japan) and is a Professor of Gakushuin Women's College in Tokyo. Before he joined Gakushuin, he had been working for the Ministry of Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries, World Bank, OECD and Shiga Prefecture Government, working on a wide variety of policy issues ranging from water resources management and agro-environmental policy to the trade implications of multifunctionality of agriculture.

Session 2

Ryuichi YAMADA holds a Doctorate degree in Agricultural Sciences from Kyoto University (Japan) and is now Senior Researcher in the Development Research Division of Japan International Research Center for Agricultural Sciences (JIRCAS). His expertise is in the area of agricultural economics. Previously, he did research on farming systems in the Mekong Delta of Vietnam. He is now doing research on diversification of farming in rural area of Laos.

Masami MIZUNO worked for the National Research Institute of Agricultural Economics, Ministry of Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries and is now a Professor in Rural Development Studies, Department of International Development Studies, Faculty of Bioresource Sciences, Nihon University, Kanagawa, Japan. He holds a Master's degree in Social Anthropology from the University of Kent at Canterbury, UK, and a Doctorate degree in Agricultural Sciences from Kyoto University. His current academic interest lies in rural future of the developing societies.

John S. CALDWELL holds a Doctoral degree in Horticulture from Louisiana State University, United States. His expertise is the areas of farming systems, participatory methods, and vegetable production. He has worked extensively in Southeast Asia and West Africa over the past 40 years. He previously worked at Virginia Tech, United States. He is a past President of the International Farming Systems Association and 2005 recipient of its award for Exceptional Service and Commitment.

Werner STÜR is a German national who holds a Ph.D. degree in Tropical Agriculture from the University of Queensland, Australia. He is a forage and feeding systems specialist of the International Center for Tropical Agriculture (CIAT) based at the CIAT Regional Office for Asia in Laos. His expertise is in the area of forage systems for smallholder farms in developing countries. He previously worked for the University of New England and the University of Queensland, Australia.

Session 3

Shigeki YOKOYAMA

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1984 MS of Agricultural Economics from the University of Tokyo
1986 National Agriculture Research Center, MAFF, Tsukuba
1989-91 JIRCAS expert assigned at UN ESCAP CGPRT Center, Bogor, Indonesia
1991-97 National Agriculture Research Center, Tsukuba
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Sushil PANDEY is a Senior Scientist, Agricultural Economics, and Program Leader, Rice Policy Support and Impact Assessment for Rice Research. His research interests include risk analysis, resource economics, pest management, farmer decision-making, and agricultural development. He earned his B.S. (1972) and M.A. (1977) degrees from Tribhuvan University, Nepal. He obtained his M.Ec. (1981) and Ph.D. (Agricultural Economics) (1987) from the University of New England, Australia. Sushil Pandey was a postdoctoral fellow at the University of Western Australia (1987-89) and a lecturer at the University of New England (1989-92). Earlier, he was a research fellow and consultant at ICRISAT. He conducted an ex post economic evaluation of irrigation projects for the Agricultural Projects Services Centre, Nepal. Among his awards are two gold medals, Tribhuvan University; fellowship, Agricultural Development Council for MEc studies; research scholarship for PhD work, University of New England; and a research fellowship (postdoctoral), University of Western Australia.

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General Discussion

Masuo ANDO

(See profile under *General Explanation on the Three Sessions*)

Osamu KOYAMA

(See profile under *Keynote Lecture*)

Closing Remarks

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