



## Establishing International Students Forum (ISF)

Agricultural science plays a vital role in solving the fundamental problems of human beings in relation to food, environment, human health, and natural resources and energy. Because food production and consumption systems are closely related to the condition of the natural environment, the stage of economic development and food culture in each country, their patterns and problems reflect regional characteristics, requiring a multiple region-oriented approach.

Tokyo University of Agriculture organized the International Students Summit on Food, Agriculture and Environment in the New Century in 2001 and adopted the “Tokyo Declaration”.

In line with the action plan adopted at the 2nd International Students Summit in 2002, we hereby agree to organize the International Students Forum (ISF), a students’ network for the betterment of food, agriculture, and environment problems.

### 1. Objective

International Students Forum (ISF) promotes information exchange and discussion among the students of agricultural and other related sciences, in order to solve the problems common to human beings, such as environmental conservation, development of harmonious food production and establishment of food safety.

### 2. Organization

- ISF consists of Committees of International Students Forum set up in the participating universities.
- Members of the respective ISF Committees play an active part while in school and resign from ISF automatically at their graduation.
- Each ISF Committee decides the matters on the management respectively in each country.

### 3. Role

- ISF Members constantly make effort toward solutions of the problems common to human beings such as world environmental conservation, promotion of sustainable food production and establishment of food safety.
- ISF Members exchange information and opinions via the Internet. (Internet International Conference)
- Representatives of ISF committees in the respective universities get together on a regular basis and hold an international conference to present the results of research and study. (International Students Summit, ISS)

### 4. Activities

- ISF Members play an active role as students for solutions of food, agriculture and environment problems.
- ISF Members work in accordance with the common theme agreed upon at the International Students Summit for the whole year.
- ISF Members are expected to present the results of the previous year’s activity and decide on the common theme for the following year.

### 5. Participating Universities

- Universidade de São Paulo, Brazil
- China Agricultural University, China
- Tokyo University of Agriculture, Japan
- University Autonoma Chapingo, Mexico
- Wageningen University, Holland
- University of the Philippines Los Baños, Philippines
- Kasetsart University, Thailand
- Hanoi Agricultural University, Vietnam
- The University of British Columbia, Canada
- Bogor Agricultural University, Indonesia
- Kyungpook National University, Korea
- Mongolian State University of Agriculture, Mongolia
- The State Agriculture University of La Molina, Peru
- National Chung-Hsing University, Taiwan
- Michigan State University, USA

### 6. Secretariat

Secretariat of International Students Forum is set up at NODAI Center for International Programs, Tokyo University of Agriculture to take care of related administrative matters.

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