

International Symposium on International Education at Agricultural Universities and Colleges

Time and Date: 13:00-17:25, 29 September 2010
Venue: The Media Hall, Tokyo University of Agriculture,
1-1-1, Sakuragaoka, Setagaya-ku, Tokyo
Languages: English and Japanese (Simultaneous interpretation available)

Statement

Under the rapid globalization in science and culture, there is an increasing need for providing international education opportunities in various academic fields including agriculture and related sciences. International education is far more than obtaining knowledge on advanced science and technology on the international basis. It should contain learning of the traditional wisdom, based on agriculture and environment, in the respective societies through the physical process of communication and cultural understanding. Tokyo University of Agriculture (TUA), under close cooperation with global partner universities, has been vigorously providing many learning opportunities for those interested students to mutually visit the counterpart institutions and gain the first-hand experience on each other's wisdom and tradition. Cross cultural knowledge and experience is the basis for the formation of global community, which in turn is the key to sustainable development of the globe consisting of a wide variety of societies.

Questions are how to promote cross cultural knowledge and experiences, how to combine these experiences with theoretical learning, and how to put the knowledge into the effective use for sustainable development. TUA is organizing a symposium in Tokyo in order to consider and share experiences of global counterpart universities in relation to these issues, particularly in the fields of food, environment, health, and bio-energy. It is expected that the opportunities and quality in international education will further be promoted for all the partner universities under a stronger networking with the firm and universal goals.

The symposium will be conducted in English (with simultaneous interpretation to Japanese) and open to professionals, experts, government officers, and students who are interested in international education in agriculture and related sciences.

Program (Tentative)

12:00	Registration
13:00	Opening by Kanju Ohsawa (Tokyo University of Agriculture, Japan)
Presentations:	
Chairpersons: Keiko Natsuaki (Tokyo University of Agriculture, Japan) Selvador Catelo (University of the Philippines at Los Banos, The Philippines)	
13:15-13:50	“International Education for Advancing Food, Agriculture, and Environment at Michigan State University” Murari Suvedi (Michigan State University, USA)
13:55-14:30	“On the Sustainability of the Use of Natural Resources: An International Education and Research Agenda” Wim Heijman (Wageningen University, The Netherlands)

Break

14:45-15:20 One Decade of International Students Summit on Food, Agriculture and Environment: Lessons Learned
Akimi Fujimoto (Tokyo University of Agriculture, Japan)

15:25-16:05

Comments

Dr. Hiroki Inaizumi (Tokyo University of Agriculture, Japan)
Dr. Siti Jahroh (Bogor Agricultural University, Indonesia)
Dr. Philippe Caron (LaSalle-Beauvais Polytechnical Institute, France)
Dr. Lop Phavaphutanon (Kasetsart University, Thailand)
Dr. Margarita Gisela Pea Ortega (Chapingo Autonomous University, Mexico)

Break

16:20-17:40

Discussion

17:45

Closing by Mariko Uehara (Tokyo University of Agriculture)