

2018 (The 12th) Japan International Award for Young Agricultural Researchers (Japan Award)

1 Outline of the Award

(1) Purpose

The purpose of this annual award is to increase motivation among young researchers contributing to research and development in agriculture, forestry, fisheries and related industries in developing regions. Up to three young researchers who have shown outstanding performance and research achievements that may lead to future innovation are bestowed a testimonial by the Chairman of the Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries Research Council (AFFRC) during the commendation ceremony.

(2) Candidates

Candidates should be researchers who are nationals of developing countries and/or territories, under 40 years of age as of 1 January 2018, belong to a non-Japanese research institute or a non-Japanese university, and are engaged in research and development in agriculture, forestry, fisheries and related industries in developing regions.

(3) Award

The award winners will be invited to Japan and awarded a testimonial by the Chairman of the AFFRC during the commendation ceremony. They will also receive a cash prize of US\$5,000 (MOTAI*-JIRCAS Award).

*Mr. Shigeru MOTAI is a former Chairman of the AFFRC and the donor of this award.

2 Outline of the 2018 (The 12th) Award

(1) Application period

From March 15th to May 18th, 2018

(2) Number of applications received

31

(3) Selection committee

The selection committee held a meeting on Wednesday, August 30th, 2018. The committee consisted of the following 7 members who are experts in international agricultural research.

Dr. Masa IWANAGA	President Japan International Research Center for Agricultural Sciences (JIRCAS)
Dr. Mutsuo IWAMOTO	Director General Kagoshima-Osumi Food Technology Development Center
Mr. Kazuhiko SHIMADA	Deputy Director-General Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries Research Council Secretariat, MAFF

Dr. Keiko NATSUAKI	Vice President Tokyo University of Agriculture
Mr. Nobuhiko HARADA	Deputy Editor Science News Department The Yomiuri Shimbun
Dr. Kiyooki MARUYAMA	Former Vice-President National Agriculture and Food Research Organization (NARO)
Mr. Hidenori MURAKAMI	President Japan Food Industry Center

(4) Commendation ceremony

Date : Tuesday, November 6th, 2018, from 10:00 to 13:00

Place : U Thant International Conference Hall, United Nations University
(5-53-70 Jingumae, Shibuya-ku, Tokyo, Japan)