

2021 (The 15th) Japan International Award for Young Agricultural Researchers (Japan Award)

1 Outline of the Award

(1) Purpose

The purpose of this annual award is to motivate young researchers who engage in research and development in agriculture, forestry, fisheries and related industries in developing regions. The chairman of the Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries Research Council (AFFRC) bestows testimonials on up to three young researchers who have shown outstanding performance and research achievements.

(2) Candidates

Candidates should be researchers who are nationals of developing countries and/or territories, under 40 years of age as of 1 January 2021, 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 awardees will be invited to Japan* to attend the awarding ceremony. The chairman of the AFFRC bestows testimonials on the winners. They also win “MOTAI-JIRCAS Award*” of USD5,000 per capita.

*Considering the current situation under the COVID-19 pandemic, the invitations are postponed. The awarding ceremony will be broadcasted through YouTube.

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

2 Outline of the 2021 (The 15th) Award

(1) Application period

From January 20th to March 22nd, 2021

(2) Number of applications received

35

(3) Selection committee

The selection committee held an online meeting on Thursday, August 26th, 2021. The committee consists of the following 7 members who are experts in international agricultural research.

Dr. Mutsuo IWAMOTO	Former Director-General Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries Research Council's Secretariat, MAFF
Mr. Osamu KOYAMA	President Japan International Research Center for Agricultural Sciences (JIRCAS)
Dr. Keiko NATSUAKI	Professor Emeritus, Tokyo University of Agriculture Principal, Tokyo University of Agriculture Toka Elementary School

Mr. Nobuhiko HARADA	Assistant General Manager Tohoku General Headquarters The Yomiuri Shimbun
Dr. Kiyooki MARUYAMA	Former Vice-President National Agriculture and Food Research Organization (NARO)
Mr. Hidenori MURAKAMI	Chairman Organization of Food-marketing Structure Improvement
Mr. Junichiro YAMAKUCHI	Deputy Director-General Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries Research Council's Secretariat, MAFF

(4) Commendation ceremony

Date: 15:00-17:00 (JST), Tuesday, November 16th, 2021

Program: Opening, remarks, congratulatory remarks, selection process report, lectures
by awardees (includes lectures by last year's awardees)