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UNU to Host First “Japan International Award for Young Agricultural Researchers”

- Event:** Japan International Award 2007 for Young Agricultural Researchers
- Date/Time:** 12 September 2007 (Wed.), 10:30–14:00
- Venue:** U Thant International Conference Hall and 2F Reception Hall, UN House (Shibuya-ku, Tokyo)
- Co-Organizers:** Ministry of Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries of Japan (MAFF), Japan International Research Center for Agricultural Sciences (JIRCAS) and United Nations University (UNU)

Background

- Young researchers who have shown outstanding performance and research achievements that can lead to agricultural innovation will receive the Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries Research Council (AFFRC) Chairman’s Award. (AFFRC is a special organization established by MAFF.)
- Awardees (up to three per year) are researchers under 40 years of age who are working in the field of agriculture, forestry or fisheries in an international agricultural research organization or in a national agricultural research institution in a developing country.
- The award is intended to promote further research development capitalizing on the research power base of Japan as well as to increase the motivation of promising young researchers with outstanding achievements in agricultural research and technological development for the developing world.

Programme

Commendation Ceremony and Lectures 3F U Thant International Conference Hall (10:30–12:15)

- Remarks by the Chairman of the Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries Research Council
- Report on the selection process by the Chairman of the Selection Committee
- Presentation of commendations and prize money
- Congratulatory remarks by Konrad Osterwalder, UNU Rector, and Dr. Taizo Yakushiji, Executive Member of the Council for Science and Technology Policy

Lectures by the three award recipients (11:15–12:15)

Reception 2F Reception Hall (12:30–14:00)

- Remarks by the President of the Japan International Research Center for Agricultural Sciences and the Vice-Minister of Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries, Japan
- Remarks by ambassadors of the awardees’ home countries
- Toast by the Director General of the Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries Research Council

Media representatives are cordially invited to attend the 2007 Japan International Award for Young Agricultural Researchers. Please contact Naoko Yano, UNU Office of Communications (tel: 03-5467-1311; e-mail: media@unu.edu) to confirm your attendance.