

The 1st UGSAS-GU Roundtable & Symposium 2012

The United Graduate School of Agricultural Science, Gifu University (UGSAS-GU) held the 1st UGSAS-GU Roundtable & Symposium 2012 in Gifu from 19th to 21st September, 2012. More than 50 people attended this meeting from different countries in South Asian area, such as Bangladesh (University of Dhaka), China (Guangxi University), India (Assam University and Indian Institute of Technology Guwahati), Indonesia (Bogor Agricultural University, Gadjah Mada University, and Sebelas Maret University), Thailand (Chulalongkorn University), and Vietnam (Hanoi University of Science and Technology) to form the "Consortium of the Doctoral Program in Agricultural Science and Biotechnology in South Asian area".

On 19th, we held the roundtable with the theme of "Towards forming an educational consortium of graduate schools related to Agricultural Science and Biotechnology in South Asian area". It was proposed and organized by the UGSAS-GU, and co-organized by the Academic and International Information Department, International Planning Division, and the Educational Affairs Department. Through discussion there, all attended universities have reached an agreement with the initial proposal and now we are working together on this plan under the slogan of "Higher quality and more benefits of education in South Asian area".

On the next day, we held the symposium on "Recent Topic in Agricultural Science and Biotechnology". Most of guest speakers were alumni of the UGSAS-GU and professors who attended the roundtable also participated. Following the symposium, current students of the UGSAS-GU organized a welcome party with over 60 students and faculty staff in attendance. It seemed to be very productive for current students to interact with those guests who are successful professionals in academia. One of the attendees who completed the course at the UGSAS-GU said "This is like a reunion! I want to see them again in a few years' time."

Given the feedback received from many participants after the event, we feel comfortable concluding that we successfully accomplished the first stage of our mission.



The 1st UGSAS-GU Symposium & Party

A Message from Dean F. Suzuki

Welcome to the first issue of the UGSAS-GU Newsletter. We are launching this publication to keep you updated on our outstanding activities for alumni, current students and faculty staff. We hope this newsletter makes you aware of the various information available to you.

It has been 22 years since the UGSAS-GU was founded. Until now, we have produced 583 graduates of the course doctorates including 286 international students and 137 graduates of the dissertation doctorates.

It would be great if we could share our news with you.

The above UGSAS-GU emblem was newly designed in 2010. The "Tomoe" symbolizes individuality, coordination and cooperation between Gifu Univ. and Shizuoka Univ. The Triangle expresses cooperation and supportiveness among three specialized courses.

Fumiaki Suzuki, Ph.D.



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Concluded MoU with Sebelas Maret Univ.

The UGSAS-GU and Sebelas Maret University, Indonesia have concluded a MoU (Memorandum of Understanding) for academic and research cooperation with attendance of 8 delegates including Prof. Ahmad Yunus, Director of Graduate School, Sebelas Maret Univ., and Prof. Fumiaki Suzuki, Dean of the UGSAS-GU, on 30th March, 2012.



Concluded MoU with IIT Guwahati and Assam Univ.



The UGSAS-GU and Indian Institute of Technology Guwahati, India and the School of Life Sciences, Assam University, India have concluded a MoU (Memorandum of Understanding) respectively for academic and research cooperation with attendance of 6 delegates including Prof.

Debabrata Chakraborty, Dean of the

Department of Biotechnology, Indian Institute of Technology Guwahati, Prof. Sanjib Kumar Panda, Department of Life Science & Bioinformatics, Assam Univ., Prof. Fumiaki Suzuki, Dean of the UGSAS-GU, on 19th July, 2012.

Opinion Exchange Meeting with Previous Deans of UGSAS-GU

On 20th February and 6th March, 2012, Dean Prof. Suzuki invited previous deans of the UGSAS-GU to an Opinion Exchange Meeting. They reviewed how the UGSAS-GU was managed back then and also discussed how it ought to be in the future. After that, Prof. Suzuki explained the future vision and the guests agreed with his views. To contribute to sustainable development for the UGSAS-GU, we will continue to hold this meeting in the future.



Entrance Ceremony 2012 (Spring)

2012 UGSAS-GU Entrance Ceremony was held at Gifu University Hall on 13th April, 2012. There were 22 new students (including 9 international students from Bangladesh, China and Indonesia) admitted to the UGSAS-GU this year.



New Journal "Reviews in Agricultural Science"

We have published a new journal "Reviews in Agricultural Science". It's an open access online journal and authors are restricted for a while to alumni, current students, and academic staff of the UGSAS-GU. There are no subscription/submission fees, and all interested readers will be able to freely access articles on our WEB site immediately upon publication. To enable the journal to make all of its content open access, the article processing fees are covered by Gifu University for all authors. Please visit <http://ras.edmgr.com/> for more information.



We welcome your submissions!!

Board of Representatives

These are the members of this year's Board of Representatives.



Prof. Masayuki Yamashita

(Shizuoka Univ.) has been joined the board as an observer since April this year.

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