

Message from the Director



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The International Cooperation Center for Agricultural Education is a research institute mandated to function as a leading center for international cooperation in agricultural education. Since its founding in 1999, we have strengthened basic research and overseas field surveys in close collaboration with the Graduate School of Bioagricultural Sciences, Bioscience and Biotechnology Center and the other schools and institutes of Nagoya University, as well as other universities, by establishing networks among related institutions, placing special emphasis on the capacity building of human resources alongside those activities, and producing research outputs that are intended to contribute to solutions for real agricultural problems. In addition, as one of the platforms for such research accomplishments, we now publish the *Journal of International Cooperation for Agricultural Development*, and will attempt to establish a new field of science, 'International Cooperation for Agricultural Development'. We would therefore very much appreciate your active support and participation in our activities.

Background of the Establishment

In developing countries, problems relating to downturns in agricultural production, environmental devastation, poverty, etc. have yet to be resolved. To solve these issues, it is important to develop the appropriate agricultural technologies while paying careful attention to their socioeconomic impact, the effective use of natural resources, and a respect for the environment. The development of human resources is also a pressing issue. In June 1996, the Ministry of Education, Science, Sports, and Culture (presently, MEXT) of Japan expressed their strong expectation for the role of universities in the promotion of international cooperation. Universities are expected to take the initiative in integrating their intellectual resources in order to develop multidisciplinary approaches for addressing agricultural issues and facilitating human resource development. Thus, ICCAE was established in April 1999, with the goal of becoming a leading centre for international cooperation with universities in Japan.

Vision, Mission and Objectives

Vision

To be a leading center for international cooperation of capacity building for agricultural and rural development

Mission

<Education and Human Resource Development>

To contribute to human resource development for solving agricultural problems in developing countries

<Research>

To contribute to the solution of agricultural problems in developing countries by integrating interdisciplinary studies

<Coordination Network >

To contribute to the development of the coordination network among agricultural research and educational institutions and its use for the promotion of the international cooperation of education

Objectives

<Division of Project Development>

Investigate project development and evaluation technologies for promoting international cooperation of agricultural education.

<Division of Network Development>

Investigate network development and use technologies for promoting international cooperation of agricultural education.

- Contribute to overcome agricultural problems in developing countries by identifying needs in agricultural and rural development and by developing appropriate technologies adaptable to their situations.
- Investigate, analyze and evaluate the international cooperation projects on agriculture, rural community and agricultural education.
- Develop the database of intellectual and human resources of domestic agricultural universities, research institutions and others and use it in international cooperation of agricultural education responding to the needs of developing countries.
- Build up domestic and foreign human resources for international cooperation in agriculture and related fields.