

# Organizing Committee

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## Profile

- **Born in Kobe city, Hyogo in 1962**
- **Graduated with a PhD in Kyoto University**
- **Personality : Optimistic**
- **My childhood dream : to become painter**
- **Specialty : Rice breeder. Expert on Industry-academia-government collaboration**
- **Hobby : Photography, Dog and cat lover.**
- **People I respect: Norman Ernest Borlaug**

## Work experience

- **2018 Apr. – Director, Department of Planning and General Administration  
Institute of Crop Science, NARO (NICS)**
- **2016 Apr. - Director, Agro-food business innovation center (ABIC)  
National Agriculture and Food Research Organization (NARO)**
- **2015 May. - 2016 March. Collaborative coordinator, Head quarter,  
National Agriculture and Food Research Organization (NARO)**
- **2013 Apr. - 2015 Apr.. Head of public relation and extension section,  
National Agricultural Research Center for Kyushu Okinawa Region (KONARC),  
National Agriculture and Food Research Organization (NARO)**
- **2006 Apr. - 2013 March. Head researcher, Rice breeding group (group leader),  
National Agricultural Research Center for Kyushu Okinawa Region (KONARC),  
National Agriculture and Food Research Organization (NARO)**
- **2004 Apr. - 2006 March. Head of rice breeding lab.,  
National Agricultural Research Center for Kyushu Okinawa Region (KONARC),  
National Agriculture and Food Research Organization (NARO)**
- **2001 Apr. - 2004 March. Head of rice breeding team,  
Aomori prefectural agriculture and forestry research center,  
Fujisaka Laboratory for Rice Research**

- **1986 May. -2001 March. Senior researcher, Lab. of rice breeding, National agriculture research center (MAFF).**
- **1985 Oct. - 1996 Apr. Researcher, Lab. of rice breeding, Chugoku Natl. Agric. Experiment Station  
Ministry of agriculture, forestry and fisheries (MAFF).**

## **Awards**

- **The variety development award of Japanese Society of Breeding**

## **What motivates you in your work ?**

- **I have been hoping to contribute to agriculture in Japan and the world by improving of rice varieties through my breeding activities.**

## **What do you want to achieve through this symposium?**

- **I hope that this symposium enriches the lives of people and contributes to human health through the progress on rice research and development .**