

The 74th Annual Meeting of the Association of Regional Agriculture and Forestry Economics (ARAFE)

June 24th, 2024

1. The Date

October 26th–27th, 2024, Symposium, Individual Presentation
International Symposium etc.
* October 25th, 2024, Business meetings; TBA for eligible participants

2. The Venues and Schedule

2-1. Venues

Kinugasa campus in Ritsumeikan University

★ Map: <https://en.ritsumei.ac.jp/campusmap/>

Executive Committee

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2-2. Schedule

[October 26th, 2024]

Individual Presentation 1;	9:00-12:00
Symposium;	13:00-17:00
Plenary session;	17:00-18:00
Banquet;	18:00-20:00

[October 27th, 2024]

Individual Presentation 2;	9:00-16:00
International Symposium;	10:00-12:30 (in English)
Luncheon Seminar;	12:30-13:30

2-3. Participation fees

On site

General members

(in ARAFE and JSOAS) ¥3,000. – (non-taxed)

Nonmembers ¥4,000. – (non-taxed)

Students regardless of membership ¥1,000. – (non-taxed)

Banquet fee (participants only)

Members ¥6,000. – (after-tax price)

Student members ¥3,000. – (after-tax price)

On-line, joining in only Symposium and International Symposium

All participants Free of charge

2-4. Participant Registration with or without banquet

Please make registration of your participation from the following site till 18th October

URL: <https://business.form-mailer.jp/fms/bd23a4e788440>



2-5. Application for the Individual presentation

ARAFE members can make application for your individual presentation.

Please check the URLs below and make their registration on each form till each form's own deadline.

- **Registration of Individual presentation with its abstract**

URL: <https://business.form-mailer.jp/fms/ebc136a9173043> by 19th, Aug

- **Submission of a pdf file for individual presentation slides**

URL: <https://business.form-mailer.jp/fms/9b6f3b99173045> by 18th, Oct

- **Submission of a final draft**

URL: <https://business.form-mailer.jp/fms/2e5e7cff173044> by 18th, Oct

For further inquiries, regarding individual presentation, please contact:

Planning Affairs of ARAFE E-mail: arafe-plan2023@googlegroups.com

For further inquiries, submission of a final draft, please contact:

Editorial Board of ARAFE E-mail: editors-arfe@nacos.com

2-6. Application for the Special session

ARAFE members can set up Special session, where participants share and discuss specific challenges, at the URL below till the deadline. A representative person must arrange and submit its abstract, that contains the information about the names and belongings of a chairperson (or chairpersons) and all speakers.

- **Registration of Special session with its abstract**

URL: <https://business.form-mailer.jp/fms/584837a6243766> by 19th, Aug

The password <20240819>.

★ Please contact with Planning Affairs of ARAFE about further information.

Planning Affairs of ARAFE E-mail: arafe-plan2023@googlegroups.com

3. Symposium

[October 26th, 13:00-17:00]

3-1. Theme

- Grand challenges in 73rd and 74th Annual meetings
"Strategy MIDORI"; The Capabilities and Competence of Organic Agriculture in Japan.
- The Theme in 74th Annual meetings
The Challenges in Diffusion of Organic Agricultural Production Technologies in Japan with "Strategy MIDORI": Focusing on Frontiers of Technological and Political Difficulties

3-2. Concept

The Ministry of Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries in Japan (MAFF) launched the medium-long term strategies "Strategy MIDORI", the plan for sustainable food system, on 12 May 2021. This aims at both enhancing engagement of stakeholders at each stage of food supply chains and promoting innovation to reduce environmental burdens.

For instance, "Strategy MIDORI" aims to achieve "50% reduction in risk-weighted use of chemical pesticides by dissemination of the Integrated Pest Management and newly-developed alternatives", "30% reduction in chemical fertilizer use", "Increase in organic farming to 1Mha (equivalent to 25% of farmland)" and so on by 2050.

On the other hand, it is likely that "Strategy MIDORI" does not make proposal of specific methods for implementing those objectives but just expect the dissemination of smart/digital agriculture in practical use.

Anyway, we must meet specific challenges for diffusing organic agricultural production systems with working in research and development of appropriate technologies, ensuring adequate political supports and practical assistances. Considering the importance and urgency on these issues, ARAFE will organize the symposium on "The Expectation for Strategy MIDORI as Propulsion Mechanism for Dissemination of Organic Farming Systems".

3-3. Speakers

Chair-person:

YAMADA Hirofumi (Local Independent Administrative Agency
Hokkaido Research Organization, Central Agricultural
Experimental Station)

The President's address:

President of ARAFE, AKITSU Motoki (Kyoto Univ.)

Presentation 1:

The Current Status and Challenges of Research and
Development for Improvement of Organic Agricultural

Technologies in NARO (Working title)

SHIMA Yoshihiro (NARO Development Strategy Center, NARO)

Presentation 2:

Public Support to Achieve the Goal of "Strategy MIDORI",
Political Challenges and Changing Agendas (Working title)

MATSUMOTO Yoshihide (Crop Production Bureau, MAFF)

Presentation 3:

The Adoption and Its Effect on Performance of Organic Farming
Technologies in Large-scale Corporate Rice Farming, Case Study
of Ohshima Nojo, Corp. (Working title)

OHSHIMA Yasuji (Ohshima Nojo, Corp.),

DAIGAKU Hirokazu (Strategic Planning Headquarters, NARO)

Presentation 4:

The Cultivation Techniques and Sales Strategy in Corporate
Organic Vegetable Farming; Case Study of Shinshinotsu
Tsuchikara Nojo, Corp.. (Working title)

FUSAYASU Kotaro (Hokkaido Agricultural Research Center)

NAKAMURA Yoshinobu (Shinshinotsu Tsuchikara Nojo, Corp.)

Commentators:

ARAI Sachiho (Tokyo University of Agriculture and Technology)

SHIBAZAKI Kouhei (University of Hyogo)

4. Individual Oral Presentation

[October 26th, 9:00-12:00 / October 27th, 9:00-16:00]

4-1. The time allocated for each presentation is 30 minutes (20 minutes for presentation and 10 minutes for discussion).

4-2. Only one presentation can be made by one first presenter.

4-3. In the case of a joint presentation, in principle, the first presenter must make an oral presentation.

4-4. The first presenter must be a member of ARAFE and pay the current and any outstanding membership fees by August 19, 2024.

For non-members who wish to present their papers, please request the ARAFE Secretariat to send the membership application forms as soon as possible (the application form can be downloaded from the ARAFE website).

4-5. For the instruction of applications, see Appendix 1. Please be careful about the submission and application methods.

4-6. For the application of Excellent Presentation Prize, Please check Appendix 2. There are any conditions for entry to this prize.

5. International Symposium

[October 27th, 10:00-12:30]

2024 International Symposium of the Association for Regional Agricultural and Forestry Economics sponsored by the Japanese Society of Organic Agriculture Science

5-1. Theme

- Scaling up Agroecology from the Policies to Practices:
Transforming Our Research and Education Systems

5-2. Concept

To transcend the global challenges such as climate change, biodiversity loss, hunger, social inequality and so on, the United Nations initiated the Scaling Up Agroecology Initiative at the Second International Symposium on Agroecology held in Rome in 2018. Echoing to this initiative, the countries in the Global North recently launched their respective new agri-food policies that state to transform their current food systems towards more sustainable ones. The European Green Deal in 2019 and Farm to Fork Strategy in 2020, the United States' Innovation Agenda in 2020, Japan's Strategy for Sustainable Food Systems (MIDORI) in 2021 are the parts of these efforts.

While the transformation of our agri-food research and education systems in public and private research institutions, universities, agricultural colleges and high-schools, extension centers are essential to achieving the goals declared in the above mentioned green agri-food policies or transcend them, the speed of paving the roads is heterogeneous among countries and regions. For example, Japan is one of the countries that need scale up and scale out its transformation of agri-food research and education systems.

Against this backdrop, the ARAFE organizes two consecutive international symposia on "Scaling Up Agroecology from Policies to Practices" in 2023 and 2024. In the international symposium of 2024 focuses on "Transforming Our Research and Education Systems". We invite three speakers who involved in the transformation of agri-food research and education systems in the UN, EU, and the US with interdisciplinary approaches.

5-3. Speakers

Symposium Organizers:

Executive Board Members for Internationalization of the Association
for Regional Agricultural and Forestry Economics

Assoc. Prof. MASUDA Tadayoshi (Kindai University)

Prof. SEKINE Kae (Aichi Gakuin University)

Assoc. Prof. TAKASHINO Nina (Ritsumeikan University)

Welcome Address:

President of ARAFE, Prof. AKITSU Motoki (Kyoto Univ.)

President of JSOAS, KOMATSUZAKI Masakazu (Ibaraki Univ.)

Presentation 1:

Advancing Agroecology through Policy Dialogue and Advocacy
at Different Levels: Focus on Initiatives Supported by FAO

Mr. FERRAND Pierre (FAO)

Presentation 2:

The 'Agroecological Turn' in French Agronomic Research: New
Areas of Knowledge and New Training Practices

Dr. CHIFFOLEAU Yuna (INRAE)

Presentation 3:

Agroecological Research, Extension, and Education in California:
A Case of the University of California, Santa Cruz

Dr. MURAMOTO Joji (University of California, Santa Cruz)

Commentators:

Prof. KANEKO Nobuhiro (Fukushima University)

Assoc. Prof. TANIGUCHI Yoko (Setsunan University)

Closing Remarks:

Vice President of ARAFE, Prof. MAHARJAN Keshav Lall
(Hiroshima University)

6. Note

6-1. Accommodation

The secretariat will not arrange for accommodation. Please make your reservations. We recommend making your reservations as early as possible since it is the tourist season.

6-2. Meal environment

On October 26th (Sat.) and 27th (Sun.), the Co-op Purchasing Department, cafeteria, etc., will all be closed, and participants will not be able to procure meals on campus. There is only one convenience store and a few restaurants nearby. Please bring your lunch on both days. Please note that no boxed lunches will be sold to general participants.

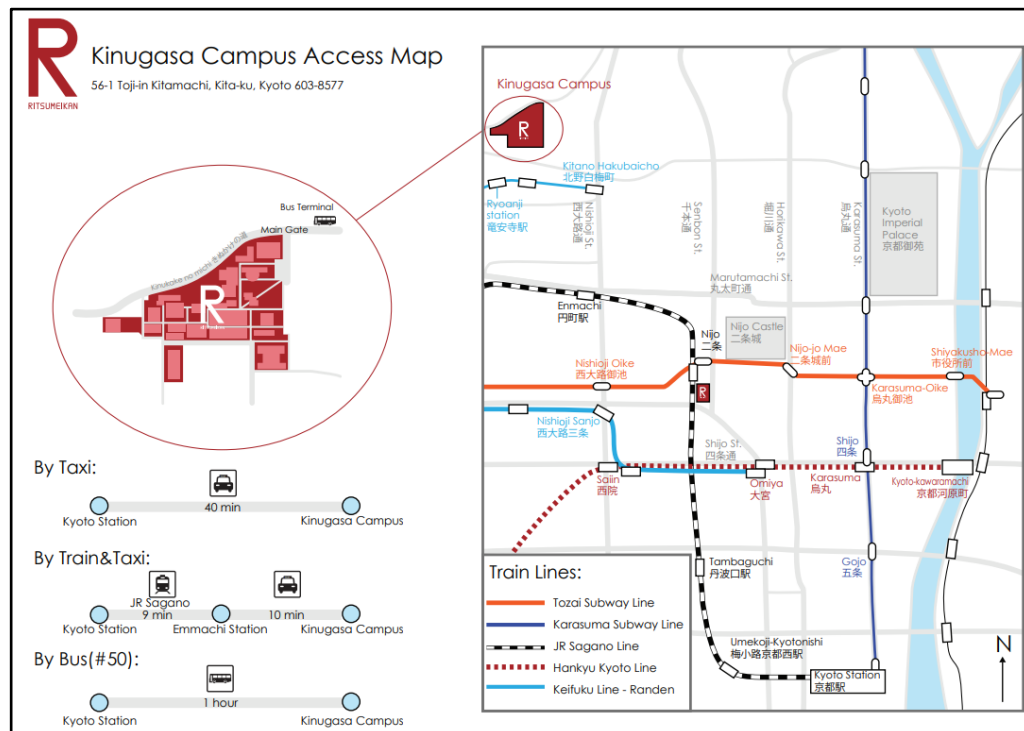
6-3. Child day care service

Child day care service will be available upon your request. 5000 yen will be charged for one-day-one-child use and 3000 yen for half-day use. This service will be arranged depending upon your requests. If you want to use this service, be sure to contact the following e-mail address by August 19th (Mon.) with the information of your children (age and number of your children, when to use the service):

★ Haruyo Kudo (e-mail: k-haruyo@fc.ritsumei.ac.jp)

If there is no request by the deadline, this service will not be available.

6-4. Access map: <https://en.ritsumei.ac.jp/file.jsp?id=246772&f=.pdf>



[Appendix 1] Instruction for Presenters of Oral Presentations

1. Preparing the Abstract

- 1-1 Please refer to the template on the ARAFE website
< <https://a-rafe.org/4/2/550> >
- 1-2 The file of the abstract written with a word processor must be converted into PDF format (A4 size, one page).

2. Applying for the oral presentation

- 2-1 The applications for oral presentations and submissions of abstracts must be sent via internet.
 - Go to the website < <https://business.form-mailer.jp/fms/ebc136a9173043>>.
 - Enter the password <20240819>.
 - You will find the English description.
 - You must upload an abstract of your presentation at the end of this procedure.
 - *Please see the sample format in the ARAFE website
 - The file of abstract written by word processor must be converted into a PDF file
 - You must finish the procedure by 11:59 p.m. on August 19th, 2024.
- 2-2 If you are planning to make slide-show presentation, you must submit the PDF file by 11:59 p.m. on October 18th, 2024. (Please note that PPT file cannot be used)
 - Go to the website < <https://business.form-mailer.jp/fms/9b6f3b99173045> >.
 - Enter the password <20241018>.
- 2-3 If you are planning to submit the manuscript for Short Paper, you must prepare a “pre-submission manuscript” using the template available at < <https://a-rafe.org/4/2/475> > and send it by 11:59 p.m. on October 18th, 2024, to the URL below:
 - Go to the website < <https://business.form-mailer.jp/fms/2e5e7cff173044> >.
 - Enter the password <20241018>.
 - You will find the English description.
 - * Files must be 3MB or smaller. Files greater than 3MB cannot be accepted.
 - * It cannot be accepted after the deadline.

[Appendix 2] Applying for the Excellent Presentation Prize

1. To apply for this prize, a pre-submission manuscript for Short Paper should be sent according to the procedures described in 2-3 above. If you do not send the manuscript for Short Paper, you cannot apply for this prize.
2. The first presenters, who apply for this prize, must be younger than 37 years old on October 26th, 2024.