

Online Seminar

"Rice Research in Ethiopia and Future Japan-Ethiopia Collaboration"

Purpose: Iwate University and the Ethiopian Institute of Agricultural Research (EIAR) signed a joint research agreement in 2022 to develop cold-tolerant and disease-resistant rice varieties through crossbreeding between "Hitomebore," a major cold-tolerant variety in the Tohoku region of Japan, and "X-Jigna," a major variety in the Fogera Plain in Ethiopia. Ethiopian researchers from Fogera National Rice Research and Training Center (FNRRTC) of EIAR participating in the joint research will visit Iwate from July 22 to August 1 to undergo training in rice breeding.

The seminar aims to introduce Ethiopia's rice development, JICA's technical cooperation, and the Iwate University – EIAR joint research, with the goal of promoting further collaboration between Japan and Ethiopia.

People interested in rice development in Ethiopia and Japan



Iwate University



Fogera National Rice Research and Training Center



Date and Time: July 31, 13:30–15:45 (Online: [URL for the seminar will be sent by July 30](#))

Language: English

Seminar Program:

Opening 13:30 - 13:35 Opening Remarks (TBD)

Overview of each institution and arrangements for accepting international students

13:35 - 13:40 EIAR/FNRRTC/EthioRice2 (TBD)

13:40 – 13:45 United Graduate School of Agricultural Science, Iwate University (Prof. Hiroyuki Shimono)

13:45-13:50 Chiba University Institute of Horticulture (Prof. Seiichi Sakurai)

Introduction to international students' research

13:50-13:55 Mr. Wubayehu Gebremedhin (Yamagata University)

13:55-14:00 Mr. Misganaw Anteneh (Chiba University)

Iwate University – Progress of Joint Research with EIAR/FNRRTC

14:00-14:05 Prof. Hiroyuki Shimono (Iwate University)

14:05-14:25 Mr. Zelalem Zewdu (Iwate University)

14:25-14:45 Dr. Mulugeta Atnaf (EIAR)

14:45–15:00 Q&A

Future Collaboration Between Japan and Ethiopia in Rice Research and Development

15:00-15:10 Results of the Iwate Training Program and Future Expectations (Dr. Mulugeta)

15:10-15:20 Expectations from the Japanese Side (Prof. Shimono and Prof. Sakurai)

15:20-15:30 The Role of JICA

15:30-15:40 Q&A

Closing 15:40 - 15:45 Closing Remarks (TBD)

Registration: <https://forms.gle/w9xLrj8FXX7Vvhen9>

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