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PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

2013—Present: as above

2010—2013 : Project Professor, Graduate School of Agricultural and Life Sciences, The University of Tokyo

2008—2010 : Senior Researcher, Research Strategy Office, Japan International Research Center for Agricultural Sciences (JIRCAS)

2006—2008 : Leading Scientist, Biomass Production and Utilization Team, National Agricultural Research Center (NARC), National Agricultural Research Organization (NARO)

2004—2006 : Team Leader, Integrated Research Team 2, NARC, NARO

2001—2004 : Senior Researcher, Crop Production and Environment Division, JIRCAS

1999—2001 : International Research Coordinator, JIRCAS

1997—1999 : Senior Researcher, Research Planning and Coordination Division, JIRCAS

1993—1997 : Senior Researcher, Environmental Resources Division, JIRCAS

1990—1993 : Senior Researcher, Research 1 Division, Tropical Agriculture Research Center (TARC)

1985—1990 : Assistant Microbiologist, Legumes Physiology Division, International Crops Research Institute for the Semi-Arid Tropics (ICRISAT), India

During the above period

1992— 1997 : Visiting Scientist at International Center for Tropical Agriculture (CIAT), Colombia, Rice Physiologist at Rice Program

ACADEMIC QUALIFICATION :

1985 : Ph.D. in Agricultural Biology, University of Tokyo

1984—1985 JSPS Fellow (at University of Tokyo)

1981 : MSc. in Agricultural Biology, University of Tokyo

1979 : BSc. in Agricultural Biology, University of Tokyo

PROFESSIONAL SOCIETIES MEMBERSHIP and ACTIVITIES

1. Crop Science Society of Japan (former Editor of Plant Production Sci.)

2. Japanese Society of Soil Science and Plant Nutrition (Councilor)

3. Japanese Society of Tropical Agriculture (Councilor)

4. American Society of Agronomy / Crop Science of America / Soil Science Society of America

AWARDS

- 7th Excellent Paper Award, Japanese Society of Crop Science, 7th, 2010 (co-author). Shiratsuchi H, Kitagawa H, Okada K, Nakanishi K, Suzuki M, Ogura A, Matsuzaki M and Yasumoto S, 2010.

Development of rice "seed-mats" consisting of hardened seeds with a cover of soil for the rice transplanter Plant Prod. Sci. 11:108–115.

- Excellent Paper Award of 2014, Japanese Society of Crop Science, (co-author). Growth, yield and quality of bird-resistant sunflower cultivars found in genetic resources. Plant Prod. Sci. 15:23-31.

MAJOR RESEARCH AREA

2003-Present	Nitrogen availability by the crops in the semi-arid tropics in Africa The use of crop growth model for the decision support for nitrogen management for wheat and rice producers Establishment of resources efficient rice production systems in Colombia Ecophysiological studies for medicinal plants in the semi-arid tropics in west India and their adoption studies for the cultivation technologies
2004-2008	Establishment of rapeseed and sunflower in rice-based cropping systems for biodiesel fuel and vitalization of rural area in Japan
1992-2004	Acid-soil tolerance upland rice genotypes in sub-humid tropical savanna
1985-1992	Phosphorus uptake by pigeonpea / Intercropping in the semi-arid tropics
1980-1985	Carbon cycling in paddy field in Japan