

**“Support through GIAHS Programme
the International Activities for Sustainable Family Farming”
By the Ministry of Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries (FY2022 Budget)
Summary of the International Symposium
on GIAHS and Family Farming 2023**

- 1. Date:** November 27 – 29 (Mon.- Wed.), 2023, 14:00-17:30
- 2. Venue:** Hotel Grand Nikko, Tokyo Daiba (Hybrid style)
- 3. Participants:** Experts on GIAHS, Experts on rural development, Representatives from GIAHS sites, and officials from the FAO regional office. From MAFF Japan, Mr. Yamaguchi, Deputy Director General for Export and International Affairs Bureau, delivered an opening address.

4. Summary:

Family farmers play an important role as custodians of agricultural resources such as farmland, water, forests, and ecosystems in protecting the characteristics of GIAHS sites, including agricultural production, agrobiodiversity, biodiversity, traditional knowledge, culture, and landscape. The purpose of this symposium was to identify rural development methods which help family farmers and rural communities in GIAHS sites achieve effective conservation.

(1) Session

- Effective methods for comprehensive rural development
- Effective activities in GIAHS sites and the role of family farmers in achieving inclusive rural development in GIAHS sites.

(2) Individual comments and opinions from speakers and participants:

- It is important to take measures that accurately capture social changes (including climate, economy as well as generational differences in values). For instance, people in their 60s or older in rural Japan have a sense of obligation that the eldest son is the heir to the family (farming); younger generations have a less sense of such obligation; much younger generations come to farming rural area to seek new values.
- It will be increasingly important to revitalize the region by attracting urban

residents and engaging them continuously in agricultural and rural activities.

- It is also important to develop networking that links similar cases and initiatives across national borders.
- For family farmers to share the benefits arising from GIAHS, some mechanisms are needed at various stages. First of all, it is necessary to understand the actual situation on who are contributing to the local conservation of the GIAHS site and their scale of contribution.

[Speakers]

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Mr. Richard Wakeford	Former Chair of the OECD Rural Working Party, UK
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