

“Support through GIAHS Programme  
the International Activities for Sustainable Family Farming”  
By the Ministry of Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries  
**Summary of the International Symposium  
on GIAHS and Family Farming 2024**

**1. Date:** 9<sup>th</sup>-10<sup>th</sup> of September 2024

**2. Venue:** FAO HQ, Rome (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. Osamu Kubota, Deputy Assistant Minister, 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.

● **Session and theme of Discussion**

- Traditional Knowledge and Innovation
- How to strengthen family farmers to use traditional knowledge, and how to promote integration of innovative/ modern technologies to traditional knowledge.