

# UGSAS-GU NEWSLETTER

The United Graduate School of Agricultural Science, Gifu University January to December 2023

## International Roundtable Meeting 2023

Nov.8



UGSAS-GU hosted the IC-GU12 Roundtable Meeting 2023 for the member universities of the South Asia Consortium for Doctoral Education in Agricultural Sciences on November 8. There were 16 in-person participants, including

eight liaison faculty members from the partner universities for the first time in four years, and 13 online participants. After the opening speech by Professor Hiramatsu, Dean of UGSAS, King Mongkut's Institute of Technology Ladkrabang was introduced as a new member of IC-GU12. Associate Professor Chairat Techavuthiporn presented the overview of KMITL, and the new membership of KMITL was approved by unanimous applause. The meeting also discussed the future of the double degree program with the member universities. A lively discussion continued between the liaison members even after the meeting, which was a very useful opportunity to further strengthen the consortium in the future.

## International Joint Lecture Series 2023 on Agricultural Science and Biotechnology Nov.8

After the roundtable meeting, the Joint Lecture Series 2023 was held on the theme of post-harvest engineering. We invited Dr. Chairat Techavuthiporn from King Mongkut's Institute of Technology, Ladkrabang, Dr. Pongphen Jitareerat from King Mongkut's University of Technology, Thonburi, Dr. Khandra Fahmy from Andalas University, and Dr. Ma Gang from Shizuoka University and asked them to give lectures on their latest research. The audience mainly from the universities of IC-GU12, 42 in person and 27 online, listened to their lectures carefully



and eagerly, and enthusiastic discussions with students followed each lecture. This lecture series must be a special opportunity for students to get in touch with the latest research and to gain insight into their own research.

## MESSAGE from DEAN

First of all, the term of my Dean-ship was scheduled to end in March 2024, but President Dr. Yoshida has decided to extend it until March 2026. I would like to ask for your cooperation for the time being.

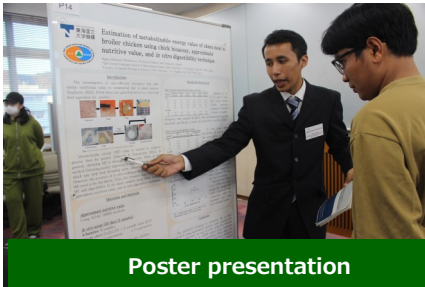
In 2023, we were able to return some of the IC-GU12 roundtables to face-to-face meetings, and for the first time in several years, we welcomed many guests from overseas. We believe that exchanges with excellent researchers nevertheless domestic or international are one of the most useful ways to improve our research capabilities, and we believe that one of the roles of the United Graduate School of Agricultural Science is to promote international exchanges in particular. In this sense, IC-GU12 has played a significant role, and I think it is fair to say that the cooperative and collaborative relationship with IC-GU12 member universities is a proud asset of our graduate school. I would like to express my sincere gratitude to everyone involved. In 2023, we discussed educational collaboration with the University of Lille in France and Vytautas Magnus University in Lithuania, which will strengthen our relationship with Europe in addition to the South and Southeast Asia region we have been involved in. The goal of our graduate school is to enhance research capabilities, and to contribute to education and society based on research capabilities. With international joint research and international joint education as a foothold, we will strive to make our graduate school an international center of agricultural research.



Ken Hiramatsu, Ph. D

## UGSAS-GU & BWEL Joint Poster Presentation

Nov. 8



Poster presentation



Award Winners

"UGSAS-GU & BWEL Joint Poster Presentation on Agricultural and Basin Water Environmental Sciences 2023" was held jointly with the university's Basin Water Environmental Leadership Development Program. This year's session was conducted in person, and 18 students gave enthusiastic presentations to the audience including IC-GU12 liaison faculty members who visited for the Roundtable 2023. Five presentations, including two best presentations, were awarded. The award winners expressed their appreciation for the precious opportunity of in-person presentation, which was difficult to have during the Covid-19 pandemic, and for their colleagues who share their hardships in their daily research.

### ● AWARD WINNERS ●

#### Best Presentation Award

KOUAME KOFFI PACOME: D3

DANG THI KIM LIEN: D3

#### Presentation Award

NATASSIA CLARA SITA: D3

WANG CONGXIAO: D2

SU HAONING: BWEL

### MEXT Scholarship AY2024 to AY2026

The "UGSAS Fostering Leadership Program in Agricultural Science and Biotechnology" has been selected as a special program to give priority for MEXT Scholarship. We will admit a few students from member universities of IC-GU12 in our Master and Doctoral course each year from AY 2024 to 2026. We will wait for your nomination of outstanding students who are pursuing master's or doctoral degree.

## The 9th International Conference on Climate Change

Sep.27

UGSAS-GU cohosted the 9th International Conference on Climate Change 2023 with Universitas Sebelas Maret (Indonesia) and Asian Institute of Technology (Thailand). This year's conference was held at Universitas Sebelas Maret, with the theme of "Linking Climate Change and Environmental Security" as a hybrid of in-person and online sessions. From UGSAS-GU, Prof. Ken Hiramatsu, Dean, gave an opening address, and Assoc. Prof. Takashi Tanaka gave a presentation. 164 participants attended in person and 121 participated online.



## COMPLETION CEREMONY

March 13 & September 15

Numbers of students received diploma this year:

March: 10 (4 international students included)

June: 1 (1) September: 5 (4)



## ENTRANCE CEREMONY

April 8 & October 13

Numbers of new students in 2023:

April: 22 (8 international students included)

October: 8 (7)



## INTERNATIONAL EXCHANGE IN 2023

2023 was the year of restarting vigorous exchanges between UGSAS-GU and our partner universities. We will seek for further educational cooperation with each other.

### Vytautas Magnus University

The delegation with Vice President Prof. Kanbara, Dean Prof. Hiramatsu, Vice Dean Prof. Nakano, Vice Dean Prof. Yabe, Prof. Onishi and Prof. Imaizumi visited Vytautas Magnus University (VMU) in Lithuania to strengthen the cooperation between the two universities. This visit was part of the exchange between Gifu Prefecture and Lithuania, and Gifu University and VMU, which has been deepened because Chiune Sugihara, who is known for issuing visas to Jewish people in Lithuania during World War II, was born in Gifu. Both parties confirmed that VMU and Gifu University will advance the joint degree (Cotutelle) and future cooperation.

March

### King Mongkut's Institute of Technology Ladkrabang

UGSAS-GU welcomed a visit of 6 members from KMITL including Dr. Pattraphorn Patthararangsarith, Dean of the Department of Agricultural Education, and our alumni Assoc. Prof. Chairat Tachavuthiporn. We confirmed to sign the Memorandum of Understanding between the School of Industrial Education and Technology and UGSAS-GU.

June 7



### Mariano Marcos State University

9 members including President Dr. Shirley C. Agrupis, our alumni, and our guest professor Dr. Aquino visited Gifu University. They had discussions with UGSAS and the United Graduate School of Drug Discovery and Medical Information Sciences, and renewed the Memorandum of Understanding between the two universities.

July 20



### Thuyloi University

-Our alumnae Dr. Quan, Dr. Tuan and Dr. Phuong gave special lectures at UGSAS coordinated by the former Dean, Dr. Senge.

August 7

-UGSAS-GU welcomed Vice President Dr. Viet in November, Vice President Dr. Thai and Dr. Nga, who served as our liaison for many years, in December. We had discussions about educational cooperation.

November 16 and December 5



## Special Lecture on Agriculture III

We invited two guest lecturers to give our students a broader perspective.

- Dr. Noor Soffalina Sofian Seng (National University of Malaysia, UKM) May 16
- Dr. Komariah (Sebelas Maret University, UNS) May 24

## [AWARD WINNERS 2023]

- **Ke Tian**, Masato Yayota (2023). Dietary grains and condensed tannin interact on goat rumen and blood OB-CFA: variations in ruminal precursors made the difference. The 131st Annual Meeting of JSAS. English Presentation Award.
- **Reina F. Osuka**, Masamichi Nagae, Yasuhiko Kizuka (2023). Recognition of Glycoprotein Substrates by Glycosyltransferase GnT-V. Glyco26, Glyco26 Poster Awards.