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FOR THE PROTECTION OF
NEW VARIETIES OF PLANTS
(UPOV)

**WORKSHOP ON THE ENFORCEMENT
OF PLANT BREEDERS' RIGHTS
UNDER THE UPOV CONVENTION**

organized by
Ministry of Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries (MAFF) of Japan
in cooperation with
the International Union for the Protection of New Varieties of Plants (UPOV)

Tokyo, November 15 to 17, 2006

PROVISIONAL PROGRAM

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Wednesday, November 15, 2006

Moderator: Mr. Hitoshi Kodaira, Director, Plant Variety Protection Office, Seeds and Seedlings Division, Ministry of Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries of Japan (MAFF)

- 9.30 Opening of the Workshop
Welcome by the Vice-Minister of MAFF
- 9.40 Opening remarks by *Mr. Rolf Jördens, Vice Secretary-General of the International Union for the Protection of New Varieties of Plants (UPOV)*
- 9.50 General Strategy for the enforcement of intellectual property rights in Japan
Mr. Masahiro Fujita, Vice Secretary-General of the Secretariat of Intellectual Property Strategy Headquarters, Cabinet Secretariat of the Government of Japan

Session 1: Activities relevant for the enforcement of Intellectual Property Rights in Japan

- 10.00 Topic 1: Policy for improving the circumstances for enforcement of PBR
Mr. Sotaro Ito, Director, Seeds and Seedlings Division, MAFF
- 10.40 Topic 2: Measures for supporting enforcement of Plant Breeders' Rights by "Plant Variety Protection Strategy Forum"
Dr. Mutsuo Iwamoto, President, Society for Techno-Innovation of Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries
- 11.20 Topic 3: Enforcement of Plant Breeders' Rights by a private Seed Company
Mr. Manabu Matsuo, President, Kirin Green and Flower Co., Ltd.
- 12.00-13.30 Lunch break

Session 2: Measures taken by international breeders' associations relevant for the enforcement of PBR

- 13.30 Topic 4: Activities of the International Community of Breeders of Asexually Reproduced Ornamental and Fruit-Tree Varieties (CIOPORA)
Dr. Edgar Krieger, Executive Secretary, CIOPORA
- 14.00 Topic 5: Activities of the International Seed Federation (ISF)
Mr. Yosuke Sakai, General Manager, Legal Department, Sakata Seed Corporation
- 14.00-14.40 Coffee break

Session 3: Overview of UPOV activities and Situations in Selected Countries/Region

- 14.40 Topic 6: Overview of UPOV activities in relation to the enforcement of PBR
Ms. Yolanda Huerta, Senior Legal Officer, UPOV
- 15.20 Topic 7: Enforcement of PBR in the United States of America
Ms. Karen M. Hauda, Attorney-Advisor, Office of International Relations, U.S. Patent and Trademark Office (USPTO)
- 16.00 Topic 8: Enforcement of PBR in China
A Speaker from China
- 16.40 Topic 9: Enforcement of PBR in the Republic of Korea
Dr. Keun-Jin Choi, Examination Officer/Senior Researcher, Plant Variety Protection Division, National Seed Management Office, Ministry of Agriculture and Forestry of the Republic of Korea
- 17.20 Closing of Session
Mr. Sotaro Ito, Director, Seeds and Seedlings Division, MAFF
- 17.30 End of the Session
- 18.00-20.00 Reception

Thursday, November 16, 2006: Technical Visits

- 7.30 Departure from the Hotel
- 9.30 Narita Branch of Tokyo Customs
- Border measure to prevent IPR infringement at Narita Airport
- 11.00 Departure from Narita to Tsukuba (including lunch break)
- 13.00 National Center for Seeds and Seedlings, Tsukuba
- Activities of Plant Variety Protection Advisers (PVP G-men)
- Use of molecular tools for variety identification
- 15.30 Plant Genome Center Co. Ltd.
- Rice variety identification service using DNA analysis
- 16.30 Departure from Tsukuba
- 18.30 Arrival in Tokyo (Hotel)

Friday, November 17, 2006

Session 4: Measures to support the enforcement of PBR

- 10.00 Topic 10: Enforcement of PBR in the European Community
Mr. Bart Kiewiet, President, Community Plant Variety Office (CPVO)
- 10.40 Topic 11: Practical experiences to enforce PBR
A Speaker from National Center for Seeds and Seedlings
- 11.20 Coffee break
- 11.30 Reports on the present enforcement system based on the questionnaire to UPOV members - legal, institutional and technical aspects
Mr. Hitoshi Kodaira, Director, Plant Variety Protection Office, Seeds and Seedlings Division, MAFF
- 12.00 Lunch break

Session 5: Future Activities

- 13.30 Future activities (general discussion)
- Activities of breeders
- Activities of governments
- Activities of UPOV
- Plan of next workshop (in Tokyo again in 2007)
- 15.00 Closing remarks by *Mr. Rolf Jördens, Vice Secretary-General of UPOV*
- 15.20 Closing remarks by *Mr. Sotaro Ito, Director, Seeds and Seedlings Division, MAFF*
- 15.30 Closing of the Workshop

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