

Dear Members and Partners of the Global Research Alliance Council,

Japan is delighted to host the seventh annual Global Research Alliance on Agricultural Greenhouse Gases (GRA) Council Meeting that will take place 29 August - 1 September 2017 in Tsukuba, Japan.

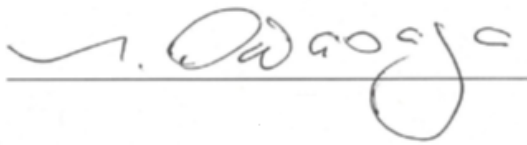
As the incoming Chair of the GRA, we view the partnerships that the GRA has formed as of great importance to achieving the objectives outlined in the GRA Strategic Plan. Partner organisations contribute to our research activities and will enable the GRA to implement results on-farm; therefore, we plan to explore how we work with our partners and other organisations during the Council Meeting. The agenda proposed for the upcoming Council Meeting will also facilitate discussions on GRA Flagship activities and joint programming mechanisms to support these.

Following the Council Meeting, an International Science Symposium on Agricultural Greenhouse Gas Emissions, jointly organized by the National Agriculture and Food Research Organization (NARO) and Japan International Research Center for Agricultural Sciences (JIRCAS), will be held on 31 August. A flyer is attached with more information on this symposium. A field visit will take place on 1 September to nearby research facilities.

Enclosed you will find information regarding registration and hotel accommodation, a draft meeting agenda will be provided shortly.

We look forward to welcoming you in Tsukuba.

Sincerely,



GRA Vice-Chair, Japan

Dr. Masa IWANAGA
President of JIRCAS
Japan

Event Hotel:

OKURA FRONTIER HOTEL TSUKUBA, Epochal Bldg.
2-20-1 Takezono, Tsukuba, Ibaraki, 305-0031 Japan
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Group Rate: (single room) 8,500 yen + Tax /night + breakfast
(double / twin room) 13,300 yen + Tax /night + breakfast

Meeting Location:

Meeting Room 101 (GRA Council Meeting)
Japan Convention Hall 200 (Symposium)
Tsukuba International Congress Center
(Epochal Tsukuba)
2-20-3 Takezono, Tsukuba, Ibaraki, 305-0032
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Please provide your booking details in your registration form of the 2017 GRA Council Meeting.