

First Announcement

The fourth Japan–China–Korea Grassland Conference

24–28 August 2011

Miyazaki Kanko Hotel

Miyazaki, Japan

Organized by Japanese Society of Grassland Science in collaboration with  
Chinese Society for Grassland Science and Korean Society of Grassland and  
Forage Science

## INVITATION

We cordially invite you to attend the “The fourth Japan–China–Korea Grassland Conference 2011”, which will be held on August 24th–28th, 2011, at Miyazaki Kanko Hotel (Miyazaki city), Japan.

In order to promote international cooperation in the field of grassland science among the East Asian countries, the first meeting “The Japan–Korea–China symposium on grassland agriculture and animal production” was held at Hiroshima in 2004. A forum for the scientific discussion was expansively succeeded to the second symposium at Lanzhou (2006) and the third symposium at Seoul (2009). On the occasion when the meeting is held again in Japan, the forum is named “The Japan–China–Korea Grassland Conference”, for further evolution and development of international cooperation among the East Asian countries.

Miyazaki is a prefecture of mythology and a hometown of God. There are many touristic spots to visit. Miyazaki is a center of research work on warm season forages, too. This Conference will provide you with a valuable opportunity not only to exchange new ideas, information and knowledge on grassland science among colleagues from East Asian countries but also to enjoy the historical city of Miyazaki, Japan.



## GENERAL DESCRIPTION

Period: 24–28 August 2011

Venue: Miyazaki Kanko Hotel (1-1-1 Matsuyama, Miyazaki 880-8512, Japan; Tel +81(0)985-27-1212; Fax +81(0)985-25-8748; <http://www.miyakan-h.com/english/>)

Main theme: Evolution and future challenges of grasslands and grassland agriculture in the East Asia

Sub themes:

- (1) Sharing the international, national and regional issues and challenges in grassland systems in the East Asia
- (2) Forage production and utilization in cropland-based systems
- (3) Ecology and management of grassland-based systems
- (4) Utilization of genetic resources and seed technology

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## ORGANIZING COMMITTEE

Presidents: Suguru Saiga (Iwate University, Japan), Osamu Kawamura (University of Miyazaki, Japan)

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## OFFICIAL LANGUAGE

The working language of the Conference is English.

## PROGRAM

Day	Date	Time	Activity
1	24 Aug (Wed)	13:00–16:00	Registration
		16:00–18:00	Opening ceremony
		18:00–20:00	Reception
2	25 Aug (Thus)	9:00–12:00	Presentations, Poster viewing (sub theme 1)
		12:00–14:00	Lunch
		14:00–17:00	Presentations, Poster viewing (sub theme 2)
3	26 Aug (Fri)	9:00–12:00	Presentations, Poster viewing (sub theme 3)
		12:00–14:00	Lunch
		14:00–17:00	Presentations, Poster viewing (sub theme 4)
		17:00–18:00	Closing ceremony, Announcement for the next meeting
		18:00–20:00	Farewell dinner
4–5	27–28 Aug (Sat–Sun)	Whole days	Field trip

## REGISTRATION

A registration form will be provided in the second announcement. The registration fee will be as the follows:

Category	Before 31 March 2011	After 1 April 2011
Standard	US\$250	US\$350
Student	US\$125	US\$175

The registration fee will cover the costs of the publication, reception, conference banquet (farewell dinner) and two lunches on 25 and 26 August. Detailed information about payment will be provided in the second announcement (payment will be made with a credit card).

## INVITED AND OFFERED PAPERS

Distinguished scientists from each of the three countries (Japan, China and Korea) will be invited to give keynote presentations. Offered papers are invited on all aspects related to the main theme and sub-themes and presented as posters. The maximum size of invited and offered papers is 6 and 2 pages, respectively. The papers will be equally published in the proceedings regardless of the type of presentation. Although detailed information (Guidelines for Authors Preparing Manuscripts) and an application form for offered paper submission will be provided in the second announcement, we encourage you to start preparing your paper following the style format used in the previous meeting.

## PUBLICATION

The papers will be published as Proceedings that will be available at the Conference. It is important that papers are received by the submission date to allow time for editing and printing.

## FIELD TRIP

Information (e.g. itinerary, cost) and an application form will be provided in the second announcement.

## ACCESS TO MIYAZAKI

Information on Miyazaki including the access methods to the City is available at the Miyazaki Prefecture Tourist Information (in English, Korean, Chinese and others): <http://www.kanko-miyazaki.jp/>

## ACCOMMODATION

Information will be provided in the second announcement.

## IMPORTANT DATES

Date	Dead line for
31 March 2011	Early registration
31 May 2011	Submission of paper
31 July 2011	Final registration and payment at the non-early rate

## SECOND ANNOUNCEMENT and CALL for PAPERS

The second announcement and call for papers will be provided in January 2011.

## VISA

Visa information is available at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Japan (in English):  
<http://www.mofa.go.jp/index.html>

Nationals of countries with which Japan had taken measures concerning the waiver of visa requirements are not required to obtain a visa to enter Japan for the Conference. For other nationals, documents necessary for visa application will be provided by the Japanese Society of Grassland Science after confirming the registration and payment. We advise you to contact the Consular Section of the Embassy or Consulate General of Japan nearest you as early as possible, as it may take time to acquire a visa.

## CONTACTS

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