

Awarding a Certificate of Appreciation of Can Tho University to Dr. Taro Izumi, Japan International Center for Agricultural Sciences (JIRCAS), Japan

On November 30th, 2023, the College of Environment and Natural Resources (CENRes), Can Tho University (CTU) held a ceremony to award the Certificate of Appreciation of the Rector of CTU to Dr. Taro Izumi, Japan International Center for Agricultural Sciences (JIRCAS), Japan, in recognition of his contributions on research and training of CENRes's staffs.



The ceremony had the attendance of Assoc. Prof. Dr. Nguyen Hieu Trung, Vice Rector; Assoc. Prof. Dr. Nguyen Van Cong, Dean of CENRes; Assoc. Prof. Dr. Nguyen Xuan Loc, Vice Dean of CENRes; Assoc. Prof. Dr. Nguyen Thi Kim Khang, Vice Dean of College of Agriculture, CTU; Assoc. Prof. Dr. Tran Sy Nam, Head of the Department of Environmental Sciences, CENRes; the representative of Department of International

Relations (Phan Thi Qui Anh), CTU; Dr. Hayashi Keiichi – Program Director of the project, JIRCAS; and Dr. Watanabe Mamoru, JIRCAS.

At the ceremony, Assoc. Prof. Dr. Nguyen Van Cong, Dean of CENRes expressed his pleasure, thanked and highly appreciated the valuable contributions of Dr. Taro Izumi in scientific research and training cooperation with CENRes. After 15 years of cooperation, Dr. Taro Izumi has (i) made a great contribution toward consulting a group of experts from CENRes to successfully register the Clean Development Mechanism (CDM) project which was approved by the Ministry of Natural Resources and Environment of Vietnam on February 15, 2012 and the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC) in 2014; (ii) introduced Japanese partners to CTU to exchange and cooperate with the CENRes; (iii) contributed to upgrading the capacity of CENRes staff and local people in the Mekong Delta through training on Agriculture – Aquaculture - Environment. Up to now, nearly 1,000 households have been installed with biogas digesters in the framework of the JIRCAS project; (iv) introduced one lecturer from the CENRes to study PhD at Tokyo University of Agriculture and Technology, Japan and invited several young CTU staff to participate in training courses at JIRCAS and other universities and Institutes in Japan; (v) co-authored with CENRes staff to publish more than 10 articles in prestigious international journals.

At the end of the ceremony, Dr. Taro Izumi expressed his gratitude and hopes that he will continue to cooperate with the CENRes-CTU in scientific research and training in order to improve the expertise and capacity of CENRes staff and lecturers.