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Short CV

Born in Tokyo in 1956, BSc (1979), MS (1981) and PhD in Soil Science (1984), all from the University of Tokyo, Japan.

Since 1996, he is Professor at Graduate School of Horticulture, Chiba University. From 1984 to 1987, he was Assistant Professor in the University of Tokyo, and then moved to Mie University as Associate Professor in 1987 to work until 1993 when he moved to Chiba University. From 2003-2007, he was Vice Dean of the Faculty of Horticulture, and from 2006-2007, he was Deputy Vice President of Chiba University working for International Relations and Activities of the University. He was working at IRRI (International Rice Research Institute) in 1981-1983 and Rothamsted Experimental Station, UK in 1986-1987 and till today he is keeping research collaborations with them and other institutes/universities internationally.

He specializes in Soil Microbiology, Soil Biochemistry and Environmental Science focusing on Soil. He was President of Japanese Society of Soil Microbiology, Chairman of International Union of Soil Sciences (IUSS) Sub-committee, Science Council of Japan, and Chair-elected for Commission 2.3 Soil Biology, the IUSS. Author/co-author of 240+ refereed publications, 90+ conference papers, 30+ books and 200+ reports. Board member of Japanese Society of Soil Science and Plant Nutrition, Editorial members of *Biology and Fertility of Soils* (Regional Editor); *Soil Science and Plant Nutrition*; and *Microbes and Environments*. Progress Award of Japanese Society of Soil Science and Plant Nutrition (1987), Best Paper Award in International Soil Science Society (1994), Oze Award (award for environmental study in natural wetland ecosystem) (2004) and Award of Japanese Society of Soil Science and Plant Nutrition (2005).