The East Asia Plant Variety Protection Forum

Country Report on Plant Variety Protection by Japan

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- (1) Capacity building and Awareness raising
- (2) Development and harmonization of PVP system
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1. Cooperation Activities rotection Forum

- (1) Capacity building and Awareness raising
 - 1) Training courses in Japan

Study Tour on DUS Growing Test : Oct 25 – 31, 2015

2) Participation of experts in in-country training

Meeting of Test Guidelines Harmonization on ACACIA in Malaysia: Sep 7 - 11

Workshop of DUS Test of Rice *in Malaysia* : Nov 24 – 27

Workshop of DUS Test of Tomato in Vietnam : Nov 30 – Dec 3, 2015

3) Awareness raising seminar

Workshop on Awareness of Plant Variety Protection under the UPOV Convention *in Brunei, Lao PDR and Cambodia*: Dec 5, 7-8, 9, 2015



1. Cooperation Activities Protection Forum

- (2) Development and harmonization of PVP System
 - 1) Regionally harmonized Test Guidelines (TGs)
 1st Meeting of Test Guidelines Harmonization on ACACIA in Malaysia
 : Sep 7 11, 2015
 - Support for participation of PVP officials from EAPVP Forum Members in Technical Working Parties of UPOV
- (3) Information sharing website: http://eapvp.org
- (4) High-Level Study Tour on PVP in Japan organized by UPOV with the cooperation of MAFF (addressed later)



1. Cooperation Activities Protection Forum

(4) High-Level Study Tour on PVP in Japan (July 25-28, 2016)

To demonstrate the use of the UPOV system of PVP to add value for farmers and growers, including the use of branding strategies.



Participating countries

Cambodia, Lao PDR, Malaysia,

Myanmar Thailand, Viet



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(4) High-Level Study Tour on PVP in Japan (July 25-28, 2016)

Contents

- Seminar in MAFF
- Visiting
 supermarket,
 seed company,
 wholesale
 market,
 breeding institute
 (around Tokyo)
- ---Visiting-farm Magata

Results

- Raising awareness of the importance of PVP
- Understanding the concrete benefits of PVP through
 branding strategies



2. JICA training course Variety Protection Forum

"Plant Variety Protection and Quality Control System of Seeds to Facilitate Distribution of High Quality Seeds" (2016-2019)

- 3-month-course ; Jun 13 Sep 29, 2016 lectures and practical training
- ✓ Inception report on national situatio
- ✓ Lecture by UPOV, MAFF, NCSS
- ✓ Visit to seed company, breeders
- ✓ Practice- seed testing, DUS growing test
- ✓ Develop test guidelines
- ✓ Action plan report
- Training in Vietnam

Participants

11 participants from 10 countries (Bangladesh, Bhutan,



(1) History

	<u>Japan</u>	<u>UPOV</u>
1947	Agricultural Seeds and	
	Seedlings Law	
1972		1961/1972 Act
1978	PVP and Seed Act	1978 Act
1982	Acceded to the UPOV 1978 Act	
1991		1991 Act
1998	Amendment of the Act	
	Acceded to the UPOV 1991 Act	
2003	Amendment of the Act	
2005	Amendment of the Act	
2007	Amendment of the Act	



(2) Outline



Plant Breeder's Right

The holder of PBR has an exclusive right to, in the course of business, produce, transfer, export, import and store "seeds," "products," etc., of registered varieties.

User

Application

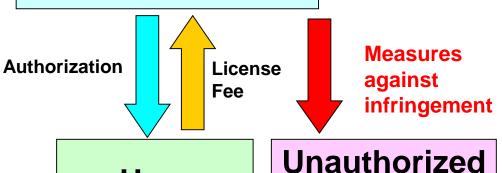
Grant of PBR

PVP Office, IP Division, MAFF

Examination and Grant of right

Condition for Variety Registration

- DistinctnessUniformity
- Stability
- Novelty
- Variety denomination



Civil remedies

Prohibition, compensation for damages, restoration of confidence, etc.

Criminal penalties

Imprisonment and/or fine

Individual: less than 10 years and/or less than 10 million yen, Legal person: less than 300 million yen

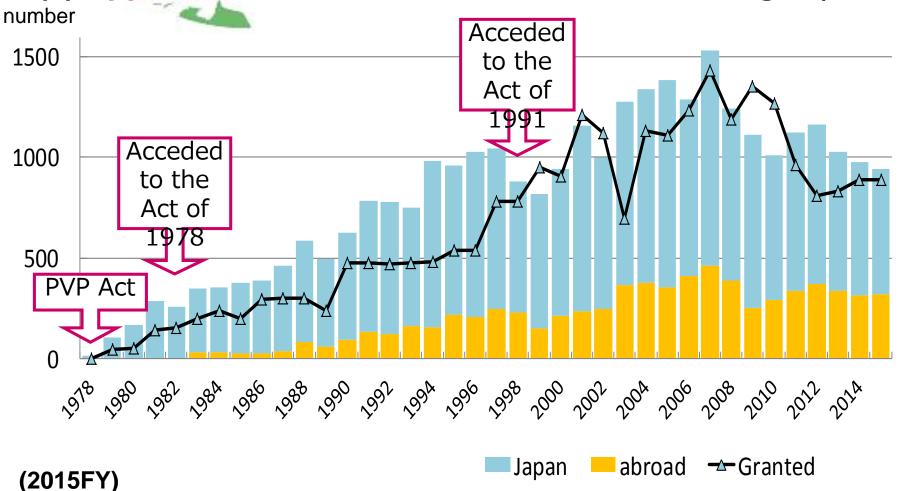
Customs Law

Control of export and import of varieties that infringe the breeder's right at the customs



user

(3) Applications and Granted Plant Breeder's Right (PBRs)

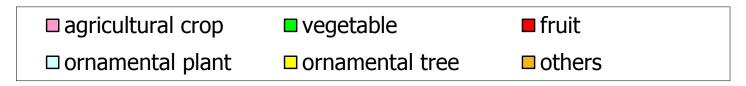


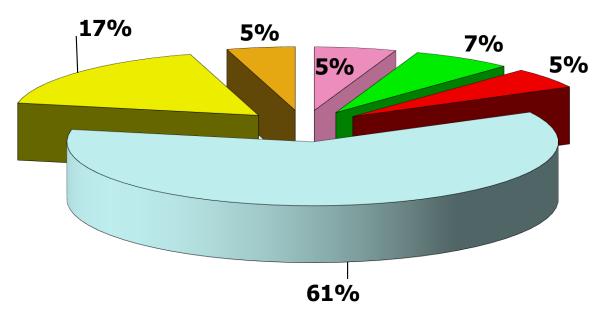
Application (Total): 941 (100%) Granted (Total): 891 (100%) (from abroad): 325 (35%) "

(from abroad): 271 (30%) ₁₀

(4) Granted PBRs by Crop

Total Number: 25,166(~Mar. 31, 2016)



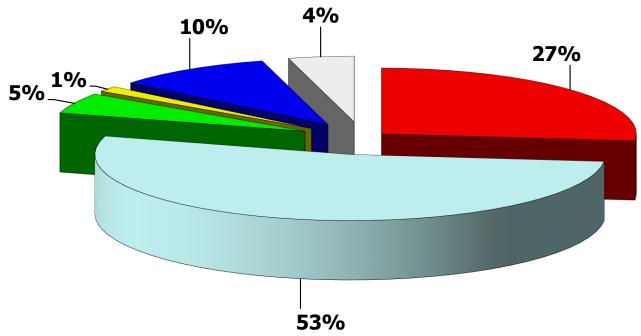




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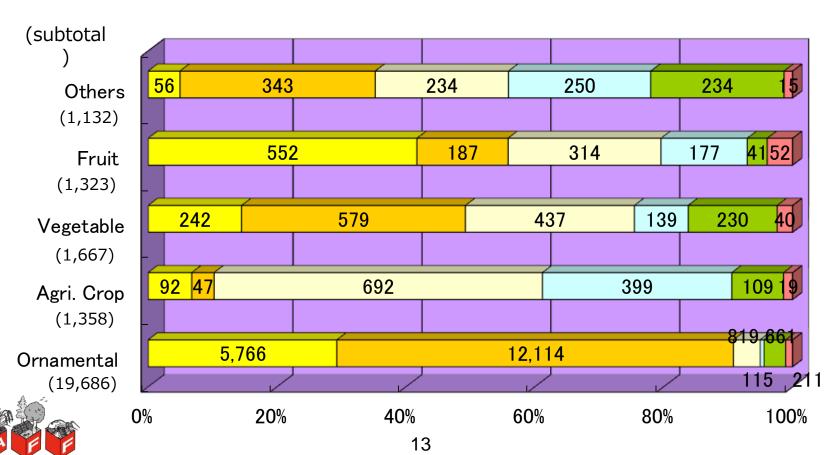




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