

We Should Consider the Future of Japan Region Now!®

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I express much gratitude and respect to the many people who have done their best to solve the many problems associated with increasing activity of I.P.P.S. in Japan.

When I joined I.P.P.S. 10 years ago, I believed that the Japanese plant propagation and production industry would become stronger by this association.

Today, we continue our efforts to establish the spirit of "Seek & Share" in Japan. However, we still have many problems and it is very difficult to solve all of them. For example, compared to other I.P.P.S. regions there are not as many active presentations at our annual meetings.

Next year, we will hold the International Board Meeting in Japan. It is a very honorable occasion for all of us. We will have the opportunity to showcase Japanese horticultural activities to our overseas I.P.P.S. friends. From this international meeting, I want our overseas friends to know us, our horticulture, and to develop a deeper understanding of I.P.P.S. activities in Japan.

Currently, Japanese horticulture is troubled by a deep recession with many propagators suffering economically. On the other hand, we, I.P.P.S.-Japan members, can obtain the plant propagation and production information from around the world easily through I.P.P.S. I think that this is a very big advantage to help I.P.P.S.-Japan members overcome our current economic situation. I, therefore, think that our involvement with I.P.P.S. is a great opportunity to improve our Japanese horticultural industry.

In conclusion, I request all Japanese Region members to try to become more active!