

Field Excursion at IPPS Japan Twenty-First Conference in Kanagawa[©]

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The annual meeting of IPPS-Japan this year was held in Atsugi City, Kanagawa Prefecture. The excursion was arranged to visit a botanical garden, research institute, and educational farm.

On 4 Oct. PM, we visited botanical garden at Tokyo University of Agriculture, which is located in Atsugi City, where the aim is to collect Zingiberaceae, tropical fruits, rare endemic plants, and traditional Japanese plants. All the participants learned something important about plant protection from explanations by technical staff (Fig. 1).

On the second day, 5 Oct. AM, we visited bio-systems and bio-functions research center at Tamagawa University, where the aim is development of a novel agricultural production system using optical semiconductor devices and development of a plant cultivation system in space. All the participants studied new technologies and techniques.

After a lunch break, our last visit was the Meiji University Kurokawa Farm, which is an educational farm. We learned about organic farming and high-quality, high-yield production techniques (Fig. 2).

The participants enjoyed the field tour and went to the Shin-Yokohama station of Japan Railway or the Hon-Atsugi station of Odakyu Electric Railway, promised to meet again next year in Gunma and said good-bye.



Fig. 1. Mr. Ito, a technical staff of botanical garden, Tokyo University of Agriculture, who explains to participants.



Fig. 2. Prof. Tamaki, Head of the Kurokawa Farm, Meiji University, who explains to participants.