

Information on the Memorial Symposium for Professor Iwao Kobori

- Present state and perspective of study on nature, environment and culture in the desert and dry areas -

Professor Iwao Kobori who graduated from Tokyo University, and taught at the University, as well as educated a number of students at Meiji University and Mie University after retirement, served in the United Nations University until two days before his death. He would even have been present for an international congress held in Egypt in a week. Since 1956, he devoted his life to the study of underground water source and qanat in the Middle East (Iran, Syria, Oman), in the Maghreb (Algeria, Tunisia, Morocco), as well as in China (Xinjiang, Mongolia).

In remembrance of his achievement, this Memorial Symposium is held at the United Nations University thanks to the kindness of Prof. Dr. Konrad Osterwalder, Rector of UNU, as well as Mr. Sid Ali Ketrاندji, Ambassador of Algeria to Japan. Taking a look back on the academic activities in the countries on which Prof. Kobori left his footprints, we look around the present state and perspective of the study in Japan on desert and arid land.

We take pleasure in extending you an invitation to the symposium.

1. Time and date: June 4 (Monday), 2012, Symposium: 10:00-17:10, Reception: 17:30-19:00

2. Place and venue: U Thant International Conference Hall at the United National University, Aoyama, Tokyo
(Omotesando subway station <Exit B2>)
5-53-70 Jingumae, Shibuya-ku, Tokyo 150-8925 phone : 03-5467-1212

3. Organizers: United Nations University, Embassy of Algeria, and Executive Committee of the Symposium

4. Patronages: Japan Algeria Center, Japan Morocco Association, Japan Tunisia Association, Japan Iran Association, Embassy of Morocco, Embassy of Tunisia, Embassy of Syria, Embassy of Iran, Embassy of Bahrain, Embassy of China, Japan Association for Middle East Studies, UNUWA, Research Institute for the Traditional Culture of Japan, Dance Company Kikunokai, and JGC Corporation

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Ryuichi Fukuhara (Project Officer at UNEP/IETC)

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Mami Watanabe (Wife of Mr. Shin Watanabe, former Ambassador to Algeria)

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6. Application: Since it is required a pre-registration for your admittance to the UNU because of security reasons, please apply for participation by sending accompanying application form to the Secretariat by fax.

Program of Memorial Symposium for Professor Iwao Kobori

Chairperson: Ryuichi Fukuhara

Facilitators for Morning Session: Takahiro Morio & Afternoon Session: Yukuo Abe

1) Opening music

10:00-10:10 "Moonlight Desert" by Arisu Masono (ex-member of the Takarazuka Revue Company)

2) Opening Address

10:10-10:30 (English-Japanese, French-English and French-Japanese simultaneous translation service)

Konrad Osterwalder, Rector of UNU

3) Morning Session

10:30-11:00 Sid Ali Ketrاندji, Ambassador of Algeria to Japan

11:05-11:35 Masaki Kunieda, former Ambassador of Japan to Syria

"ICARDA and Prof. Iwao Kobori"

(ICARDA: International Center for Agricultural Research in the Dry Area)

4) Thanksgiving dance

11:40-12:00 "Fujimusume" by Kyoko Horie and Dance Company Kikunokai

<Lunch recess>

12:00-13:30 Japanese tea service with the tea utensils beloved by Prof. Kobori
at the side corner of U Thant Hall

5) Afternoon Session (in Japanese)

13:30-14:00 Masatoshi Yoshino, former President of the Japanese Association for Arid Land Study
"Japanese history of study on arid and semiarid lands along with Prof. Kobori"

14:05-14:35 Toshinori Kojima, Professor at Seikei University
"Afforestation in arid land - as a countermeasure against global warming"

14:40-15:10 Satoru Takahashi, Professor at Tokyo University of Agriculture
"Development for breakaway from drought and famine in arid areas of Africa"

<Tea break>

15:10-15:30 Japanese tea service at the side corner of U Thant Hall

15:30-16:00 Etsuko Aoyagi, Professor at University of Tsukuba
"Development of Algerian literature - a challenge of the Father, Mouloud Feraoun"

16:05-16:35 Ryuichi Fukuhara, Project Officer at UNEP/IETC
"Restoration of Karez in the Kurdistan region of Iraq"

16:40-17:10 Toru Nakamura, Professor at University of Tsukuba
"Vegetation of semiarid steppes in Eurasia"

6) <Reception>

17:30-19:00

Application form (by 28 May 2012)

For the Memorial Symposium for Professor Kobori

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