

Message (Rendai)

I was a graduate (PhD) student under Rendai from April, 2000 to March, 2003 and my research lab was in University Farm, Hojo. University Farm was in an isolated place so we were very few students regularly there. But there were a lot of fruits on the farm and we enjoyed all seasonal fruits very much during their harvesting time. My supervisor professors Dr. Fusao Mizutani always encouraged me to take remaining fruits to Nougakubu after the experiment and distribute them to all foreign students who stay in Nougakubu. He also supported me to carry those remaining fruit from Hojo to Nougakubu by his car. I distributed a lot of fruits to many foreign students and sometimes to Japanese students/professors also. After getting those delicious fruits, all foreign students wanted to visit Hojo Farm for fruit harvesting but they didn't know about the other fruit cultivation practices which should be done in very hot and cold day in the field. Like fruit cultivation practice, students work very hard for a year for their study and research and will be happy at graduation time. I think this is similar with fruit cultivation and harvesting. Fruit tree plantation, manuring, irrigation, pruning etc are difficult works but harvesting is very nice and happy work. Likewise, research and experiment works are hard work, but graduation day for student is like fruit harvesting day for farmer. After very hard research/experiment, happy graduation day comes like fruit harvesting day come after a whole year of efforts for fruit cultivation. I always compare my research/experiment with my graduation and year long fruit growing activities with harvesting.

My short introduction

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- -One year JICA Counterpart Training on Fruit Cultivation at Ehime Fruit Tree Research Station (1997/98)
- -Enrolled in the Master Degree of the Faculty of Agriculture, Ehime University in April 1998 and got PhD in the field of Pomology from the same faculty (RENDAI) in 2003
- -Returned to Nepal and worked in Winrock International, Nepal Agriculture Program (USAID Supported Program) as a Monitoring and Evaluation Team Leader and Agriculture Program Coordinator from January 2005 to September 2009.
- -Foreign Researcher in Faculty of Agriculture, Ehime University, Japan from October 2009 to December 2009.
- -Worked as an Agriculture Expert/Value Chain Expert in Vegetable Seed Project (Swiss Supported Program) from February 2010 to December 2014.
- -Community Development Program Coordinator, JICA Alumni Association of Nepal JAAN from January 2015 to June 2016
- -Working as Team Leader/Agriculture Expert in Community Development Project (Supported by Japan Nepal Society & JICA) from July 2016 to till date.

- - Currently working as Team Leader/Agriculture Expert in Income Generation Project (Funded by JICA and implemented by Peace Winds Japan)

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Goodwill Ambassador of Ehime Prefectural Government Office (to develop good relation between Ehime and Nepal)

Life Member: Japanese University Alumni Association of Nepal (JUAAN)

Executive Member: Nepal Horticulture Society, Kathmandu

Chairman: White Rose Cooperative, Kathmandu

Chairman: Tahachal Social Service Committee, Kathmandu

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