

# NEWS

## University and College names have been changed !!!

Dear Friends of Allahabad

On 27th of October, our university commemorated 100 years anniversary. At the beginning of the service, our vice chancellor announced that name of the university is changed to **Sam Higginbottom Institute of Agriculture, Technology & Sciences (Deemed to be University)**. Dr. Sam Higginbottom is a founder of the university.

Moreover, our college's name Besides, our college, CCNFE, has also changed to **Makino School of Continuing and Non-Formal Education**. As you know that Dr. Kazuho Makino is a founder of the college, making a great effort working here for rural and agricultural development over 40 years

Newsletter from Makino School of Continuing & Non-Formal Education  
Sam Higginbottom Institute of Agriculture, Technology & Sciences  
Allahabad, U.P. 211007 India

# HARVEST

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## VISITORS from May 2009 - Oct 2009

-August -

Mr. Daisuke Hakamada / Mr. Zenjiro Egawa /  
Mr&Mrs Kyohei,Keiko Machigami /  
Mr&Mrs Masaaki,Toyoko Goto

Visitor, Japan  
Visitor, Japan  
Visitor, Japan

-September -

Ms.Takako Ueno  
Mrs. Mariko Numasawa / Ms.Shoko Takiguchi  
Mr. Surendra Singh / Mr. Sunil Singh  
Mrs. Shoko Okumura  
Mrs Kaoru, Ms.Akane Sasaki

Japan Embassy in India  
JICA-India  
MGVS Mussorie, India  
Expert of Nutrition, Japan  
Visitor, Japan



## Recruitment of training Course

### < Special Course on Sustainable Agriculture ( 10 month course ) >

"Training future grassroots leader through sustainable organic agriculture"  
July 2010 - April 2011 Application should be submitted by March. 1st 2010

### < Short Course for Rural Leaders ( 2 weeks course ) >

"Rural women's empowerment through sustainable organic agriculture"  
Registration Fee Rs.2,000 for Lodging, Food and Tuition  
8th - 17th Feb 2010 Application should be submitted by Jan. 15th 2010

Contact : Tel ; 0532-2684305 Email: recruitment@ashaasia.org (Nida Kafil)



## 6<sup>th</sup> HTC Harvest Thanksgiving Celebration !!!

Harvest Thanksgiving Ceremony will be held on 20th February 2010 at Kanjasa village, Jesola Block Allahabad Dist .AOAC(Cooperative) members, CCNFE participants and staff have been jointly organized to give thanks to God for our harvest, to encourage self-supporting mind and to promote our vision of sustainable development. All of you are welcomed to visit in this special day.



### Much Hope with Japanese Rice: Accumulating knowledge and skills in our rural.....

*Dr. Teruo Miura, Dean*

This year, 20 farmers joined us to conduct experiment on Japanese rice cultivation with "our organic farming methods." It is indeed very challenging work to the farmers as well as our college, because the rice is bred under temperate and humid climate, not tropical and semi-dry one. I had tested whether **it can grow** under such Allahabad climate in the last a couple of years. Last year, somehow I got confident that it is possible to grow the rice and get better income from its production in Allahabad.

People asked me why you grow Japanese rice in India. Probably many of them thought it was nonsense thinking "it would be better to go with high yielding hybrid rice with chemical based modern methods. In fact, this has been my struggle too. There are several reasons why our college has promoted Japanese rice cultivation.

Firstly, it is most expensive rice in the world. In fact, it has been sold around Rs. 200 per kg at retail shops in Delhi,

so it offers good income for marginalized farmers who need to have money to buy food and to provide education for their children.

Secondly, it gives us more knowledge of characteristics of rice as we are able to observe and understand the difference between Japonica and Indica varieties. This knowledge can be applied to improvement of our rice production including both Japonica and Indica varieties, using the organic methods. Thirdly, farmers are more likely to work together when they have new challenges, creating more team spirit and generating more interest in agriculture.

This year, even though some of the farmers are likely not to get as much produce as they expected, it is my hope that the same farmers begin to understand that organic rice cultivation is quite possible by building up healthy soil, good soil is a crucial factor in successful agricultural production in agriculture. I believe that high dependence on agrochemicals will not solve the food crisis.