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Profile

Dr. YANO Masahiro is a Senior Executive Scientist in NARO and currently involved in management of research projects. He received his Ph.D. in plant breeding from the Kyushu University in 1985. He had joined a Rice Genome Research Program in Japan since 1994. His research interest is discovery of agronomically and economically useful genes in rice breeding and production. By genetic and genomics approaches, he had achieved molecular cloning of several rice genes for heading date, disease resistance and physiological / morphological characteristics in rice. He is also interested in application of information and tools derived from genomics to breeding activities mainly in rice. He had received awards of Japan Prize of Agricultural Science in 2013 and The MIDORI Academic Prize in 2019.