

Mr Osamu Hirokawa



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Vice President - National Livestock Breeding Center

WORK EXPERIENCE

Employed by Ministry of Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries(MAFF) in April 1980

Director of Planning & Coordination Department in National Livestock Breeding Center(NLBC) Jan 2001- Mar 2001

- Planning and coordination for whole NLBC activities
- Spread of livestock technologies and guidance in Japan
- International technical cooperation

Director of Breeding Department in NLBC Apr 2001- Jun 2001

- Preparation for onset of the individual cattle identification system
- Genetic improvement and multiplication of livestock
 - Production and supply of superior breeding stock animals
 - Promotion of National Progeny Test Program
 - Genetic evaluation of animals
 - Inspection of breeding male stock
 - Preservation of livestock genetic resources
 - Multiplication of forage crop seeds based on the standardized requirements and modern technologies

Director of Technology Department in NLBC Jul 2001- Feb 2002

- Research and development of practical use of new breeding technologies
- Development of meat evaluation method
- Development of animal breeding technologies by molecular genetics
- Improvement of livestock technical practice on Farming Management

Director of Planning Department in Agriculture & Livestock Industries Corporation

Feb 2002- Jul 2003

- Collection and analysis of domestic and overseas information on the production, marketing and consumption of livestock products
- Supply of information on supply/demand situation on livestock products, agricultural policies and technological innovation within the industry

Deputy Director of Horse Race Supervision Division in MAFF Jul 2003- Jan 2004

- Supervision and guidance of horse racing.

Director of Animal Production Technology Office in MAFF Jul 2004- Aug 2005

- Promotion of technology development and extension
 - Promotion and coordination of the individual cattle identification system and the utilization of cattle information collected by the system

Director of Volunteering Support Division in Cabinet Office Aug 2005- Jul 2007

- Support of volunteering activities by laws and tax system

Vice president of NLBC Jul 2007- present

PRESENT WORK

- Management of whole NLBC activities including the individual cattle identification system, livestock breeding and technology development at NLBC

EDUCATION

Kyoto University(Japan) Apr 1974- Mar 1979

Bachelor of Agriculture

Major: Animal Breeding