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Profile

Dr. IMAI Ryozo is a plant biologist serving as a group leader at the National Agriculture and Food Research Organization (NARO) and a professor at University of Tsukuba, Japan. His research interest encompasses broad area of plant physiology including plant hormone function and freeze and disease resistance. His current research is focused on application of genome editing to crop breeding. He received his Ph.D. in microbiology from the University of Tokyo in 1990. His carrier as a plant scientist started when he moved to the University of California, Riverside as a postdoc researcher. He was a frontier researcher at RIKEN before joining to MAFF (NARO) in 1997. He received a Japanese Society for Chemical Regulations of Plants Award and an Excellent Technology Award from Japanese Society for Plant Cell and Molecular Biology in 2018.