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Profile

Mr. NESUMI Atsushi is a Senior Coordinator at the National Institute of Fruit Tree and Tea Science (NARO). He joined the Vegetable and Tea Research Institute of the Ministry of Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries (MAFF) in 1987 and started tea breeding. Since then, he has been consistently engaged in tea breeding at the Makurazaki Tea Research Station and the Kanaya Tea Research Station in NARO, too. He has so far bred 15 tea cultivars including "Saemidori" with high quality for Sencha and "Benifuki" with more health functional compounds than other cultivars. He was awarded the Japanese Society of Breeding Science Prize in 2005, the Kagoshima Prefecture Tea Industry Promotion Conference Merit Award in 2010, the NARO Research Prize Special I in 2011, the Fukuoka Prefecture Tea Growers Association Merit Award in 2016, and the NARO Research Prize in 2020.