



World Food Day/International Year of Natural Fibres Symposium

FAO celebrates World Food Day each year on 16 October, the day on which the Organization was founded, carrying out various events between October and November every year to further promote the understanding of world food and agriculture issues. World Food Day theme of 2009 is "Achieving Food Security in Times of Crisis". It reflects the current status of the acute increase in the number of the undernourished, due to soaring food prices and world economic downturn.

2009 is also the International Year of Natural Fibres designated by the General Assembly of the United Nations. Natural fiber industry plays a major role in the economic development of many developing countries, and its sound development is vital to eradicating hunger and poverty in the world. Furthermore, natural fibres are environmentally friendly and to discover its virtues and stimulate the use will benefit all people.

FAO Liaison Office in Japan is thus organizing a symposium focusing on natural fibres, in Yokohama on October 25th, 2009. Yokohama has contributed greatly to the Japanese economic development through its engagement in silk trade since the opening of its port. Hence, the topic on silk, also known as 'Queen of the Natural Fibres' will be highlighted in the symposium.

■Date	Sunday, October 25 th , 2009	14:00-16:00	Symposium
		16:00-17:00	Reception

■Programme

1. Key Note Speeches

(1) **International Year of Natural Fibres and World Food Security** Adam Prakash, Economist,
Economic and Social Development Department, FAO

(2) **Yokohama and Silk** Katsuo Koizumi, former Director, Silk Museum

2. Reports of Activities

(1) **Natural Fibres and Fair Trade** Naoko Tanemori, Managing Director,
Fair Trade Company

(2) **Silk Technology** Yasushi Tamada, Head of Silk-Materials Research Unit,
National Institute of Agrobiological Sciences

(3) **Banana Textile** Yuko Fukatsu, Lecturer, Banana Textile Project, Tama Art University
(Natural Fibres exhibition at the venue)

■Venue Pacifico Yokohama 5F Meeting Rooms 501-02
※Access→<http://www.pacifico.co.jp/visitor/accessmap.html>

■Admission Admission Free
Please fill out the attached registration form, and have it returned to
(FAO-Japan-Info@fao.org), or faxed to (045-222-1103)

■Languages English and Japanese (Simultaneous interpretation available)

■Organiser Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations, Liaison Office in Japan
This symposium is organized as a part of the Telefood campaign events.

■Supporters Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Ministry of Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries, Yokohama
Association for International Communications and Exchanges (YOKE), Japan Association
for International Collaboration of Agriculture and Forestry (JAICAF)

【October 25th, World Food Day / International Year of Natural Fibres Registration Form】

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