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Dear Sir or Madam,

I am pleased to inform you that the United Nations University Institute for the Advanced Study of Sustainability (UNU-IAS) have announced application of the programme titled “On-the-Job Research Capacity Building for Food Security and Environmental Conservation in Developing Countries “(OJCB) on its website. This programme is funded by the Ministry of Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries of Japan and coordinated by UNU-IAS. UNU-IAS will support capacity building projects proposed and implemented by leading scientists (host scientists). The programme mainly consists of capacity building through on-the-job training (OJT) for young researchers in developing countries (trainees).

The purpose of this programme is to increase agricultural productivity through innovation, strengthen research capacity, and build networks for cooperation among researchers, and ultimately contribute towards solving food security and environmental conservation problems in developing countries.

Each project supported by this programme must include all of the following:

- OJT for young researchers in developing countries to strengthen research capacity under a host scientist,
- Guidance for developing an action plan for technology dissemination and research activity to be implemented by the trainee after the OJT, and
- Follow-up guidance by the host scientist to the trainee in implementing the action plan after the OJT for young researchers in developing countries under a host scientist.

The OJT, which is the main component of the projects, should be conducted for 1 to 3 months in principle. However, its period can be extended within the limit of the budget in case such an extension is deemed to be necessary for the proposed project.

Further information and application forms are available on the OJCB application page (<http://ias.unu.edu/en/news/announcements/apply-now-on-the-job-research-capacity-building.html>) on the UNU-IAS website. The application deadline is 20 July 2014. I would highly appreciate it if you could kindly disseminate the above information to potential candidates with advice to apply for this programme.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Dr. Takemoto', with a large, sweeping flourish extending to the right.

Dr. Kazuhiko Takemoto
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