

1. DEPARTMENTS

1.1 Department of Bioresource Sciences

1. Outline of the Department

The Department of Bioresource Sciences consists of 30 Research Laboratories organized into the following four groups;

- I . Plant Resources** : 11 Laboratories relating to agronomy and breeding
- II . Animal Resources** : 5 Laboratories relating to animal production science
- III . Marine Resources** : 6 Laboratories relating to marine production science
- IV . Production Environment** : 8 Laboratories relating to the production environment and crop protection

Our department provides a broad agricultural education ranging from basic knowledge to applied techniques for students. They are trained as talented professionals ready to address contemporary and future problems of agricultural systems. The knowledge of graduates assists in generating stable high yields of agricultural commodities with excellent quality in harmony with the environment and natural ecosystems.

The bioresources, which include crop plants, livestock and marine organisms, are studied in various ways ranging from the molecular to the population levels. The research objectives include maintenance of favorable environments for bioresource production, protection from pests and diseases, high production levels particularly in unfavorable environments and the developments of new and improved varieties.

2. Number of Students

The annual quota of the Department is 94. In 2004, 96 students were enrolled.

3. Division and Laboratories consisting of the Department and Group

- I . Plant Resources** : Division of Agronomy and Horticultural Science (Laboratory of Crop Science, Laboratory of Plant Breeding, Laboratory of Vegetable and Ornamental Horticulture, Laboratory of Pomology, Laboratory of Plant Production Systems, Laboratory of Plant Production Management, Laboratory of Food Quality Design and Development, Laboratory of Quality Analysis and Assessment), Division of Applied Biosciences (Laboratory of Plant Genetics, Laboratory of Crop Evolution), Graduate School of Life Sciences (Laboratory of Plant Physiology)
[11 Laboratories]
- II . Animal Resources** : Division of Applied Biosciences (Laboratory of Animal Breeding and Genetics, Laboratory of Reproductive Physiology, Laboratory of Nutritional Science, Laboratory of Anatomy and Cell Biology, Laboratory of Animal Husbandry Resources)
[5 Laboratories]
- III . Marine Resources** : Division of Applied Biosciences (Laboratory of Fisheries and Environmental Oceanography, Laboratory of Marine

Stock-Enhancement Biology, Laboratory of Physiology and Genetics of Marine Microbes, Laboratory of Marine Environmental Microbiology, Laboratory of Technology of Marine Bio-products, Laboratory of Marine Biological Function)

[6 Laboratories]

IV. Production Environment : Division of Agronomy and Horticultural Science (Laboratory of Weed Science), Division of Applied Biosciences (Laboratory of Plant Pathology, Laboratory of Insect Ecology, Laboratory of Insect Physiology), Division of Environmental Science and Technology (Laboratory of Tropical Agriculture, Laboratory of Soil Science, Laboratory of Environmental Mycosciences, Laboratory of Ecological Information)

[8 Laboratories]

4. Subjects already opened for freshmen, sophomore and junior

Outline of Agricultural Science I, Outline of Agricultural Science II, Basic Bioresource Science I and Basic Bioresource Science II were given to the freshmen in order to have them learn the general idea of agriculture and the basic knowledge for the specialized studies of this department. With the same objectives, Applied Meteorology, Biostatistics, Applied Bioresource Sciences I to IV and some basic biological subjects were given to the sophomore. Farm Practice, Theory and Practices of Plant Investigation, Marine Science Practice, and Livestock Production Techniques and Practice were also given as training courses at the experimental farms and stations. Most of the special subjects provided in this department were given to the junior.

1.2 Department of Applied Life Sciences

1. Scope

Based on ex-Department of Life and Biomaterials Science, Department of Applied Life Sciences has been established in April, 2001. Applied Life Science is a multidisciplinary field based on chemistry and biology, where biochemistry, organic chemistry, physical chemistry, microbiology, cell biology, molecular biology, plant nutrition are combined in their application to production, processing and bioremediation in agricultural, forestry, fishery, animal, microbial, food, biochemical, and chemical industries. In this department, therefore, students are scheduled in four years not only to acquire knowledge through lectures of these broad areas of disciplines, but also to master related methodologies through experimental courses together with preparing graduation thesis on such as the basic chemical, biochemical, physiological, physicochemical and molecular biological aspect of life. In addition the applied research such as biotechnology of microorganisms, of plants, and of animals, and bioremediation of environment is on going.

The department consists of the following eleven laboratories for preparing graduation thesis at time being; Cellular Biochemistry, Macromolecular Bioscience, Bioregulation Chemistry, Chemical Ecology, Plant Nutrition, Fermentation Physiology and Applied Microbiology, Microbial Biotechnology, Biophysical Chemistry, Biofunction Chemistry, Molecular and Cellular Biology, and Plant Molecular Biology.

2. Number of Students

Number of freshmen in 2004 is 51.
Number of sophomore in 2004 is 52.
Number of junior in 2004 is 51.
Number of senior in 2004 is 49

3. Division and Laboratories Consisting of the Department

Chair of Applied Biochemistry ; Laboratory of Biochemistry, Laboratory of Macromolecular Chemistry, Laboratory of Bioregulation Chemistry, Laboratory of Chemical Ecology : Chair of Molecular and Cellular Science ; Laboratory of Plant Nutrition, Laboratory of Molecular Microbiology : Chair of Applied Microbiology ; Laboratory of Fermentation Physiology and Applied Microbiology, Laboratory of Microbial Biotechnology : Chair of Bioorganic and Biophysical Chemistry ; Laboratory of Bio-Analytical and Physical Chemistry, Laboratory of Biofunction Chemistry. Laboratory of Applied Structural Biology

(Cooperative Laboratories from Department of Applied Molecular Biology, Division of Integrated Life Science, Graduate School of Biostudies)

Laboratory of Molecular and Cellular Biology of Totipotency, Laboratory of Plant Molecular Biology

4. Orientation

Orientation for the freshmen was held in the morning of April 7, 2004 at the W218 lecture room with attendance of Faculty members and Staffs. Welcome addresses were briefly stated by professors in charge of each laboratory, together with introduction of each laboratory.

5. Subjects already opened for freshmen and sophomore:

Introduction to Applied Life Sciences I – IV, Outline of Cell Biology, Biochemistry I & II, Structure Analysis of Organic Chemistry, Biophysical Chemistry I, Organic Reaction Mechanism I & II, Applied Microbiology I.

1.3 Department of Agricultural and Environmental Engineering

1. Scope

The research and education programs of the department are engineering and technologies resolving the world-wide environment and food problems and devote to realize the desirable agriculture and rural area in the 21-st century. The irrigation, drainage and reclamation engineering has historically systemized as developing method for production and rural infrastructures, and has many engineering properties related to activate the regional resources such as soil and water and to construction of various structures. Also bio-production engineering has been systemized as the developing method of post-harvesting technology, crop-storage and has a lot of knowledge related to energy saving, environment-oriented agricultural production and storage of high-safety products and circulation. Agricultural and Environmental engineering aims at further development of both 2-types of engineering and in addition to this, at 21-st century new engineering objective concerning total management of regional environment.

2. Number of Students

1 st year student	39
2 nd year student	35
3 rd year student	34
4 th year student	34

(Apr.2004)

3. Division and Laboratories consisting of the Department

Division of Environmental Science and Technology: Laboratory of Agricultural Facilities Engineering, Laboratory of Water Resources Engineering, Laboratory of Irrigation, Drainage and Hydrological Engineering, Laboratory of Rural Planning, Laboratories of Agricultural System Engineering, Laboratory of Field Robotics (Laboratory of Farm Machinery until March in 2002) and Laboratory of Agricultural Process Technology.

4. Remarks (2004)

General introduction etc.: On 7-th of Apr. the general introduction for the freshmen was carried out at W100 lecture room, under the participation of 7 professors.

The course for first-grade and second-grade students in 2003: Agro-environmental science I and II, Introduction to Agricultural and Environmental Engineering I and II, Practices for Agricultural and Environmental Engineering, Fundamentals of Agricultural and Environmental Engineering, Applied Mathematics, Practice in Data Processing I, II.

For the 3rd students, the following lectures were given. Surveying, Applied Mechanics, Geotechnical and Concrete Engineering, Hydraulics, Structural Analysis, Soil Physics, Agricultural Hydrology, Irrigation Structure, Irrigation and Drainage, Rural Planning, Farm Land Consolidation Engineering, Water Resources Science, Water-Use System Engineering, National and Regional Planning, Strength Material, Measurement Science, Vibration, Thermodynamics and Heat Transmission, Mathematical Programming, Field Robotics, Energy and Prime Movers in Agriculture, Farm Processing Machinery, Automatic Control, Design of

Machine Element, Electronics, Laboratory Course in Soil Mechanics, Concrete Engineering and Environmental Geotechnics, Laboratory Course in Hydraulics, Laboratory Course of Soil Physics and Hydrological, Engineering, Practice in Surveying, Seminar in Rural Facilities Engineering, Seminar in Computational Hydraulics, Laboratory Course in Agricultural Machinery I , Laboratory Course in Agricultural Machinery II, Practice in Drawing of Machine.

For the 4th students, the following lectures were given. Electric Engineering and Electronics, Practice in Irrigation and Drainage Planning, Practice in Rural Planning, Seminar in Agricultural Machinery, On-Job-Training for Agricultural and Environmental Engineering. The last is supported financially by the university office. We sent the first 34 graduate students of this department without problem.

1.4 Department of Food and Environmental Economics

1. Outline of the Department

Recently, the problems related deeply to our society are food problems and environmental problems. These problems have become more and more serious regardless of political and economic regimes or development levels of the countries. These situations were caused as the results of our economic policies that make much of the efficiency for the rapid development. Now, recognizing that world resources are not unlimited, we began to realize that it is more important to strive for the possibility of long-term sustainable development than the short-term efficiency.

Department of Food and Environmental Economics teaches how to deal with these problems and the conditions that the results of other natural science researches in the agricultural faculty meet the need of the society as the systematic agricultural science. For this purpose, this department gives the knowledge and the methodologies to clarify the issues on the agriculture, rural community and environment in the global terms from the social science aspects.

This Department is unique in the sense that only this department deals with social sciences among several departments in the agricultural faculty and consists of 8 laboratories that are categorized into the following 3 groups. (i) micro analysis group; farm management, farm managerial information & accounting, (ii) macro analysis group; regional environmental economics, food & environmental policy, forest policy & economics, international rural development, (iii) historical & philosophical analysis group; comparative study of agricultural history, philosophy of agricultural science.

2. Number of student: 68 students (Freshmen : 34, Second year students: 34)

3. Division and laboratories offering lectures

Division of Natural Resource Economics: Laboratories of Farm Management, Farm Managerial Information & Accounting, Regional Environmental Economics, Food & Environmental Policy, Forest Policy & Economics, International Rural Development, Comparative Study of Agricultural History, Philosophy of Agricultural Science

4. Events in 2004

7, April: Guidance for freshmen

6, April: Guidance for 2nd and 3rd year students, Welcome party for the 3rd year students

14, April: Welcome party for freshmen

5. Subjects already opened in 2004

For freshmen: Outline of Agricultural Science I, Outline of Agricultural Science II, Outline of Food & Environmental Economics, Basic Theory of Agricultural Socio-Economics; For 2nd year students: Economic Principle I, Economic Principle II, History of Economic Ideologies, Socioeconomic History, Economic Information Processing, Agricultural Development, Outline of International Rural Industries.

1.5 Department of Forest and Biomaterials Science

1. Outline of the Department

Human activities were enlarged beyond the limitation of the Earth in the 20th Century, and an essential subject in the 21st Century must be the establishment of a sustainable social system on our planet. A clue for this subject is laid on how to develop uses of forest and biomaterials as a recycled resource and how to promote forest roles in the prevention of natural hazards and the conservation of global environment. Department of Forest and Biomaterials Science teaches on forest-environment interactions, efficient uses of sustainable forest resources and socio-economic perspectives on forest and forestry through laboratory courses and practices including field practices in Field Science Education and Research Center as well as the following lectures.

(1) Basic and applied natural sciences on forest and forest resources:

Forest Utilization, Tree Physiology, Silviculture, Forest Botany, Strategic Forest Management System and Applied Technology, Fundamentals of Glaciology, Forest Ecology, Community Ecology, Reproduction Ecology in Forest Trees, Wildlife Conservation Science, Tropical Forest Environment, Tropical Forest Resources, Theory of Erosion Control, Forest Hydrology, Interaction of Forest and Environment, Forest Biochemistry, and Bioresource and Environmental Informatics.

(2) Applied sciences and technologies on biomaterials:

Structural and Physiological Biology of Woody Plant Cells, Formation of Plant Cell Walls, Biomaterials, Properties of Biomaterials, Wood and Timber Construction, Architectural Design and Drawing, Environmental Engineering of Architecture, Wood Processing, Cellulose Chemistry, Biomass Chemistry, Polymer Synthetic Chemistry, Chemistry of Biomass-based Composite Materials, Biophysical Chemistry, Pulp and Paper Science, Forest Organic Chemistry, Physical Properties of Polymers, Biomass Energy, Wood Preservation, Wood Material Science, Environmental Engineering of Architecture, and Mushroom Science.

(3) Socio-economic perspectives on forest and forestry:

World Forest Resources, Forest Management Planning, Forest Tourism, Landscape Architecture, Revegetation and Planting Design, and Landscape Design.

2. Number of students : 59 (Freshmen), 58 (2nd year students) and 56 (3rd year students).

3. Divisions and laboratories offering lectures

Division of Forest and Biomaterials Science: Laboratories of Forest Resources and Society, Tropical Forest Resources and Environments, Forest Utilization, Forest Biology, Landscape Architecture, Erosion Control, Biomaterials Design, Wood Processing, Biofibrous Materials, Tree Cell Biology, Composite Materials Chemistry, and The Chemistry of Biomaterials.

Division of Environmental Science and Technology:

Laboratories of Forest Ecology, Forest Hydrology, and Wood Biochemistry

Field Science Education and Research Center:

Laboratories of Forest Species and Ecosystem Conservation, Forest Resource Management, Forest Information and Environmental Risk Assessment Sciences, and Satoyama Resources Conservation

Graduate School of Energy Science:

Department of Socio-Environmental Energy Science; Laboratory of Energy Ecosystems

Graduate School of Informatics:

Department of Social Information; Laboratory of Biosphere Informatics

4. Events in 2004

The orientation course for freshmen on April 7 offered a curriculum-guidance and a brief introduction of laboratories. The course for 2nd year students on April 6 showed the outline of courses including practices and that for 3rd year students on April 6 explained the allocation process of students to the laboratories as well as the course outline. An introduction of the Kamigamo Experimental Station and a welcome hiking in the Asiu Forest Research Station were also carried out on April 17 and on May 15 and 16, respectively, based on the collaboration of Field Science Education and Research Center.

1.6 Department of Food Science and Biotechnology

Division of Food Science and Biotechnology established on April 2001 comprises three basic chairs: Food Life Sciences, Food and Health Science, and Food Production Technology. Food is the vital alimentary material for human to sustain life and to promote wellness, therefore, must be highly acceptable for human consumption. The challenges of this century are to overcome worldwide problems of food production and prevailing life style-related diseases.

To establish fundamental concept of foods for improving quality of life from various points of view, we take a multidisciplinary approach including sciences related to life sciences, natural resources, environment, culture, social, and information technology. We have the education and research programs to study food materials at chemical, biological and physiological level using the updated information and technology about rapidly-advancing bioscience. We are developing a new methodology for food production using bioengineering and gene technology.

Department of Food Science and Biotechnology consists of 8 laboratories, Enzyme Chemistry, Food Environmental Science, Organic Chemistry in Life Science, Nutrition Chemistry, Molecular Function of Food, Physiological Function of Food, Bioengineering, and Basic and Applied Molecular Biotechnology belong to the Graduate School of Agriculture and 3 laboratories, Applied Molecular Microbiology, Biosignals and Response, Biology of Bioresponse belong to the Graduate School of Biostudies.

In undergraduate program, 33 freshmen, 34 sophomores, 38 juniors, and 31 seniors are enrolled.

Orientation for the new comer students was held in the afternoon of April 7, 2004 with the attendance of Faculty Members and Staffs.

The lectures, Introduction to the Molecular Cell Biology I – III, Organic Chemistry in Food Science I – III, Physical Chemistry in Food Science I, II, Food Biochemistry I, II, Food Safety I, II, Molecular Biology of Foods, Food Microbiology, Physiological Aspects in Food Sciences, Enzyme Chemistry, Organic Chemistry in Life Science, Physiological Aspects in Food Sciences, Food Engineering, Molecular Function of Food, Physiological Functions of Food, Basic and Applied Molecular Biotechnology, Biosignals and Response, Microbiological Technology, Food and Environmental Studies, and Introduction and Practice in the Department of Food Science and Biotechnology I, II were given to the students by faculty members.

1.7 Department of Bio-production Science and Technology (4th year)

The Department of Bio-production Science and Technology was established in 1995 as a reorganized and consolidated department with objective to conduct education and research on basic principles and applied technologies for stable bio-production of food and efficient utilization of biomaterials for human living and activities. To fulfill the objective covering the broad discipline, the Department combined many departments formerly present and is divided into the two courses: Bioresource Science and Production System for Agriculture and Forestry.

The former Course is to study at levels from molecules to populations on characteristics and potential productivity of diverse biological resources of our agricultural primary production such as plants, animals and microorganisms for establishment of the technological systematization. The latter Course is to study fundamental principles and the application for technical development such as working systematization and automation in machinery and facilities used for our agricultural primary production and its product utilization.

The Course of Bioresource Science consists of laboratories of Crop Sciences, Plant Breeding, Vegetable and Ornamental Horticulture, Pomology, Weed Science, Tropical Agriculture, Crop Production Systems, Plant Pathology, Insect Ecology, Insect Physiology, Plant Genetics, Plant Physiology, Crop Evolution, Fisheries Environmental Oceanography, Stock-enhancement Biology, Physiology and Genetics of Marine Microbes, Marine Bioproducts Technology, Marine Biological Function, Marine Environmental Microbiology, Animal Breeding and Genetics, Reproductive Physiology, Nutritional Science, Anatomy and Cell Biology, Animal Husbandry Resources.

The Course of Production System for Agriculture and Forestry consists of laboratories of Agricultural Systems Engineering, Field Robotics, Agricultural Process Technology, Forest Utilization, Wood Processing.

1.8 Department of Life and Biomaterials Science (4th year)

This department has two courses, Applied Life Science Course and Biomaterials Science Course. The Applied Life Science Course consists of seventeen laboratories: Cellular Biochemistry, Macromolecular Bioscience, Bioregulation Chemistry, Chemical Ecology, Plant Nutrition, Molecular and Cellular Biology, Plant Molecular Biology, Fermentation Physiology and Applied Microbiology, Microbial Biotechnology, Biophysical Chemistry, Biofunction Chemistry, Nutrition Chemistry, Biosignals and Response, Organic Chemistry in Life Science, Bioengineering, Industrial Microbiology, and Enzyme Chemistry. In this course the broad areas of education and research are actively performed such on the basic chemical, biochemical, physiological, physicochemical and molecular biological aspects of life. In addition the applied research such as biotechnology and microorganisms, plants and animals is ongoing.

The Biomaterials Science Course consists of six laboratories: Biomaterials Design, Biofibrous Materials, Tree Cell Biology, Composite Materials Chemistry, Biomaterials Chemistry, and Forest Biochemistry. The aim of this course is to teach the basic science and technology of biomaterials up to the macro level from the molecular level for advanced research works and highly efficient utilization of biomaterials containing mainly wood.

1.9 Department of Agro-Environmental Sciences (4th year)

In the 21st century fast improvements in modern sciences have contributed greatly to the fast increase in the supply of basic materials for human existence and to the explosive growth in human population on the earth. During the last half on the century these changes have also caused serious environmental destructions and natural resource exhaustion that limit the very existence of human being on the earth.

In order to solve this dilemma between population explosion on the one hand and environmental destructions and natural resource exhaustion on the other, research and teaching based on the agricultural sciences that has the characteristics of integration among natural sciences, technical sciences and socio-economic sciences have very important roles.

Department of Agro-Environmental Sciences is created in order to pursue this objective. This Department conducts researches and teaching that first investigate the characteristics of natural environments which are the bases for agriculture, forestry and fishery, and second identify and create harmonious coexistence between human being and nature or between biota including human and environment and physical resources. In order to attain this objective this Department conducts researches that will identify the scientific and technical measures and social and economic institutions, which ensure both development of the world primary industry and farms and maintenance of the world environment and natural resources.

The Department consists of the following three courses:

The Bio-Environmental Science Course

This course provides a broad understanding of the interactions between organisms and other components in the environments of agricultural land, forest, grassland and urban area.

The Regional and Environmental Development Course

This course provides the research opportunities for studying engineering, planning, and design methods used in creation, improvement and conservation of systems in natural, agricultural, rural and urban environments. Additionally, the course covers developing technologies in the management of natural resources.

The Natural Resource Economics Course

In this course economics and social researches and education are conducted in order to identify characteristics in agriculture, forestry and fishery, farms, villages, rural institutions and relationships among them. In doing so, special attention is given to the cooperation among socio-economic researches and natural science and technological researches, and the harmonious coexistence between biota including human and environmental and physical resources.

Number of Students in the Department and in each Course

4th year students (Apr.2004)

The Bio-Environmental Science Course:	2
The Regional and Environmental Development Course:	4
The Natural Resource Economics Course:	18

The Curriculum of Divisions in each Course

The Bio-Environmental Science Course

Division of Environmental Science and Technology (Forestry Ecology; Soil Science; Forest Hydrology; Environmental Mycoscience; Ecological Information), Division of Forestry (Forest and Human Society; Forest Biology; Tropical Forest Resources and Environments; Forest Information; Silviculture)

The Regional and Environmental Development Course

Division of Forestry (Landscape Architecture; Erosion Control), Division of Environmental Science and Technology (Agricultural Facilities Engineering; Water Resources Engineering; Irrigation; Drainage and Hydrological Environment Engineering; Rural Planning)

The Natural Resource Economics Course

Division of Natural Resource Economics (Farm Management; Farm Managerial Information and Accounting; Regional Environmental Economics; Food and Environmental Policy; International Rural Development; Comparative Study of Agricultural History; Philosophy of Agricultural Science)

Other Remarks(2004)

The general introduction was not held this year, as there was no student (1st to 3rd) in the old system. By the way, The Bio-Environmental Science Course will be closed in 2005, as there is no student in this course.