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Profile

Dr. OHTO Yasuo is the director of Institute for Plant Protection, NARO. He serves as the director of the institute since 2023. His research interest is ecology and epidemiology of plant pests, especially soil- and insect-borne plant diseases with vectors. He received his Ph.D. in plant pathology from Hokkaido University in 2004. He had been a project leader of international collaborative research program on integrated pest management of citrus greening disease in Mekong Delta, Vietnam in Japan International Research Institute for Agricultural Sciences from 2006 to 2010. Since 2011, he returned to NARO and has worked in risk analysis of exotic and newly emerging plant pests collaborating with MAFF.