

## Ensuring the global and Japan's food security in the wake of Russia's aggression against Ukraine

**March 31(Thu), 2022 16:00-18:00(JST)**  
**Webinar**



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Ukraine and Russia are the world's largest grain producers. The current ongoing situation induced by Russia's aggression against Ukraine is causing food security issues around the world. The impact on global food systems such as supply chain is enormous, and nobody can ignore it.

Nowadays, with emerging issues such as contemporary international affairs, Covid-19 and climate changes, factors of a threat on Japan's and world's food security have become more complicatedly interconnected.

This symposium will be an opportunity to consider the current food security crisis together with experts and guests from various fields to deepen our understanding the status of Japan's food security.

All participants from various fields are welcome. Especially those who are interested in food related issues, security and international relations are encouraged to join us.

### Program

#### 1 Opening remarks

-Mr. ODAWARA Kiyoshi, State Minister for Foreign Affairs

#### 2 keynote message

-Dr. Maximo Torero, FAO Chief Economist  
-Mr. SHIBATA Akio, Representative of Natural Resource Research Institute Inc.

#### 3 Panel discussion

##### Part 1: International Politics of Food Security

-Prof. EZAKI Michio, Professor at Takushoku University Graduate School  
-Prof. OKABE Yoshihiko, Professor at Kobe Gakuin University  
-Dr. HIRASAWA Akihiko, Executive Officer, Norinchukin Research Institute Co., Ltd.

##### Part 2: Current Food problems

-Dr. TAKAOKA Yutaka, Expert for Middle East Issues  
-Mr. SUDO Takuya, Sojitz Corporation  
-Ms. YOSHIKI Risa, Talent Moderator  
-Mr. KIKUCHI Nobuyuki, Director, Resource Security Division, Ministry of Foreign Affairs



**Dr. Maximo Torero**, FAO Chief Economist. His major research work lies mostly in analyzing poverty, inequality, importance of geography and assets in poverty.



**Mr. SHIBATA Akio**, Representative of Natural Resource Research Institute Inc. A member of the International Food Problems Study Group of MAFF(\*) . .



**Prof. EZAKI Michio**, Professor at Takushoku University Graduate School. Opinion leader in fields such as security and intelligence.



**Prof. OKABE Yoshihiko**, Professor at Kobe Gakuin University. the chairman of the Japan Chapter of the International Association for Ukrainians.



**Mr. SUDO Takuya**, Foodstuffs Business Dept., Sojitz Corporation. He has been involved in grain trading and feed and livestock business for many years.



**Dr. TAKAOKA Yutaka**, Expert for Middle East Issues. Former Chief Researcher of the Middle East Institute of Japan.



**Dr. HIRASAWA Akihiko**, Executive Officer, Norinchukin Research Institute Co., Ltd. Member of the Food Security Advisory Committee of MAFF(\*) .



**Ms. YOSHIKI Risa**, Talent. Debuted in 2005. She is interested in the intestinal condition and dietary education.

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