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> Japan Prize of Agricultural Science for 2019 awarded to Professor Dr. Ryutaro Tao

On 5 April 2019, Professor Dr. Ryutaro Tao, International Society of Horticultural Science Board member from 2014-2018, was awarded the Japan Prize of Agricultural Science for his research on “The discovery of *Prunus*-spe-

cific self-incompatibility recognition system and its horticultural applications”. The Association of Japanese Agricultural Scientific Societies (AJASS), which includes 52 Japanese scientific societies from diverse agricultural

disciplines, presented the award to Dr. Tao. The Japan Prize of Agricultural Science was established in 1926, and is highly regarded as the premier award for agricultural research in Japan. ●



> Professor Dr. Tao received the award plaque and certificate from Professor Watabe, Vice-President of the Association of Japanese Agricultural Scientific Societies.



> Professor Tao and his colleague researchers celebrating at the award ceremony dinner. Left to right: Professor Kawabata, the Japanese Society for Horticultural Science (JSHS) President, Professor Tao, and Professor Shibata, the former JSHS President.