



## JSPS Norway-Japan Academic Network (NJAN) – NewsLetter Vol.11 (January 15<sup>th</sup>, 2026)

### Norway-Japan Academic Network seminar 2025 (December 19th, 2025)

The Norwegian Institute of Bioeconomy Research (NIBIO) hosted two invited speakers from Tokyo University of Agriculture (NODAI), Prof. Kenji Irie and Prof. Mami Irie through the Activity Seminar of the JSPS Norway – Japan academic network (NJAN). The seminar was organized by Dr. Thiago M. Inagaki, Dr. Lu Feng, and Dr. Ikumi Umetani from NIBIO.

The visit aimed to establish a long-term scientific partnership on sustainable agriculture, bioresources, and the circular bioeconomy. A Memorandum of Understanding was signed to formalize cooperation in waste treatment, climate-smart agriculture, and nutrient recovery. The Japanese delegation visited key research facilities, including a biogas laboratory and a genetic resources center, to learn about innovations in organic waste-to-energy conversion and resource management. Future collaboration will include PhD and researcher exchanges from 2026, combining Japanese technology with Norwegian expertise to address global environmental challenges. This seminar was approved as the part of 2025 Norway - Japan 120th anniversary for diplomaticies.

<https://www.jspsto.com/event/njan-activity-seminar-2025/>

[https://www.no.emb-japan.go.jp/itpr\\_nb/120\\_daikanreki\\_calendar.html](https://www.no.emb-japan.go.jp/itpr_nb/120_daikanreki_calendar.html)

### Associated Seminar: Norway-Japan Research Alliance (October 27<sup>th</sup>, 2025)

This seminar featured the presentations by JSPS NJAN board members and their colleagues, from several universities in Norway. They introduced Japanese universities they have collaborated with and their respective connections to Japan. The presentations covered a wide range of topics, from examples of academic collaboration and practical aspects of educational and research exchange, to experiences gained during stays in Japan.

At the seminar, it provided an opportunity to engage in mutual dialogue and deepen their understanding of new collaboration models and potential avenues for cooperation. It was held at Hylleraas centre at Department of Chemistry, University of Oslo in a hybrid style. Over sixty participants attended. In the evening, people from JSPS NJAN met again for dinner at the Japanese Ambassador's residence.

It was conducted with the support of JSPS Stockholm, JSPS NJAN, Japans ambassade i Norge, Direktoratet for høyere utdanning og kompetanse, Norges forskningsråd, Innovasjon Norge (Tokyo), Universitetet i Oslo(UiO), and Hylleraas-senteret at UiO and certified as part of 2025 Norway - Japan 120th anniversary for diplomaticies.

<https://www.mn.uio.no/hylleraas/english/news-and-events/events/events-in-oslo/2025/japan-norway-seminar.html>

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