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A report of the third term of the National BioResource Project-Wheat, Japan: Fiscal year 2015

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Here I am summarizing the activities of the NBRP (National Bioresource Project) - Wheat in the fiscal year 2015, which was the fourth year of the third term of the NBRP. NBRP has been supported by the Ministry of Education, Culture, Sports, Science and Technology (MEXT), Japan and now supervised by the Japan Agency of Medical Research and Development (AMED, Japan). I am very grateful to the researchers directly and indirectly involving in the activities of NBRP-Wheat. Especially I would like to appreciate the tireless efforts given by Dr. Miyuki Nitta and Mr. Atsushi Ota, Graduate School of Agriculture, Kyoto University. They have been working on the new system to preserve seed stocks in a uniformed format. I shall summarize our activities in the year 2015 were a bit behind of the schedule that is mostly due to the unsystematic records of the stocks in the previous terms of NBRP-Wheat. We have been spending quite a lot of time to find out the proper bags of seeds to be distributed for the stocks that have been maintained at the Laboratory of Plant

Genetics. I hope we can complete the task to establish a seed storage and distribution systems in the remaining years of the third term.

At the beginning of the fiscal year 2015, Dr. Shotaro Takenaka left the team and he found a faculty position in the newly opened Faculty of Agriculture, Ryukoku University. I am most happy that he can continue working on wheat in the new position. At the end of the fiscal year 2015, Dr. Taihachi Kawahara left Kyoto University who has been the curator of the wild species and landraces for a long time. I would like to thank him from my deepest heart and hoping that he will keep his good health and enjoy his life in the rural area he moved after retirement.

The third term will be terminated in the fiscal year 2016. We will do our best to accomplish what we planned for the third term. I hope the Japanese government will keep supporting our activities to preserve, propagate and distribute the wheat genetic resources.