

# Ishikawa International Cooperation Program Through Globally Important Agricultural Heritage Systems (GIAHS)

To contribute to the sustainable development of developing countries, Ishikawa Prefecture is providing the program named “Ishikawa International Cooperation Program Through GIAHS” in collaboration with FAO, UNU-IAS, Kanazawa University, Ishikawa Prefectural University, JICA. The program conducts capacity development training for the countries which are willing ① to be designated as a GIAHS site, ② to promote sustainable rural development in those countries.

## Background, Merit, Performance

○ “Noto’s Satoyama and Satoumi\*” in Ishikawa Prefecture was designated as GIAHS in 2011

\* Socio-ecological Production Landscapes and Seascapes - SEPLS

→ We have accepted over 300 person from about 50 countries since 2010.

○ Relevant organizations work together to provide high quality training that utilizes each expertise

→ The contents of the training can be customized according to needs of the participants.

→ Experts answer the individual tasks of developing countries in exercise.

○ Ishikawa Prefecture shall bear part of training expenses in Ishikawa Prefecture (Requires consultation)



<Training image> **GIAHS application course, Regional promotion utilizing Satoyama and Satoumi (Training period : 4 days)**

### Lecture (1 day)

• Significance and purpose of GIAHS, introduction of “Noto’s Satoyama and Satoumi” etc. by UNU-IAS-OUIK

### Field visit (2 days)

Visit the site of “Noto’s Satoyama and Satoumi” and inspect of activities about the utilization of satoyama and regional development

#### 【Maintaining livelihood, creation of business】

- Farm-inn business in a depopulation area aiming to increase exchange population and settled population
- Establishment of local brand utilizing natural resources and abandoned farmlands

#### 【Succession to traditional techniques】

- Making new products utilizing traditional technology, Expansion of sales channels to overseas
- Revival of traditional fishing method, Branding products by traditional fishing method

#### 【Maintaining environment and landscapes】

- Charcoal manufacturing that contribute to maintain of ecosystem and Satoyama through forest management
- Elimination of abandoned farmlands and conservation of landscape in the rice terraces by Ownership system

#### 【Nurturing human resources】

- Nurturing the next generation leaders who contribute to rural development



Charcoal manufacturing factory



The rice terraces



Wajima lacquerware factory



Traditional fishing method

### Exercise (1 day)

- Participants introduce candidates for GIAHS, regional promotion measures in own countries.
- Experts (UNU-University professors, local government officers etc.) give concrete advices and opinions.

### Post-training Follow-up

- Participants will be able to continue to get advice to consult about new tasks after their return.