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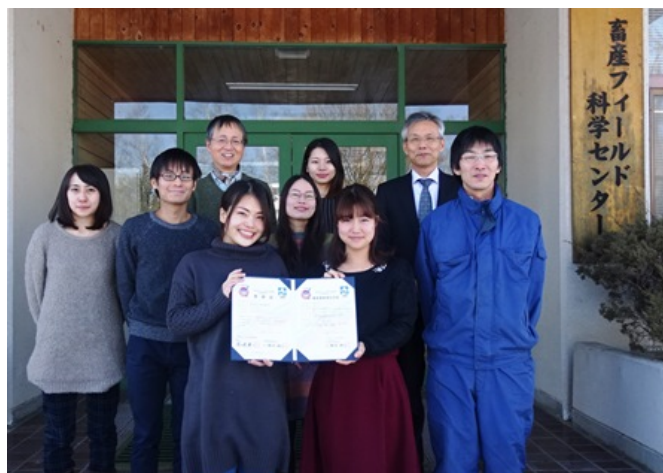
**Milking, slaughter and dressing facilities at the Field Center of Animal Science and Agriculture acquire the ISO 22000: 2005 certification for food safety management**

We are pleased to announce that the milking facilities and the slaughter and dressing facilities for practical training in food processing at the Obihiro University of Agriculture and Veterinary Medicine (OUAVM) Field Center of Animal Science and Agriculture are now ISO 22000: 2005 certified for food safety management. The certificate was issued on December 20, 2016, by the Union of Japanese Scientists and Engineers ISO Center (JUSE-ISO Center), an accredited certifying organization engaged in conformity assessment, certification and registration for the International Organization for Standardization (ISO).

ISO 22000 is an international standard for food safety management systems, mapping out what organizations need to do to ensure food safety. Those organizations include not just food manufacturers, but all organizations in the food chain “from the farm to the table,” namely from primary producers to end consumers.

To apply for certification, the Field Center of Animal Science and Agriculture started to improve relevant systems at the milking, slaughter and dressing facilities in February 2016, and teaching staff and students at OUAVM developed a food safety management system by themselves without seeking any support from consultants outside the University. Making a major contribution for the certification of the milking facilities were Hiroyasu Matsui, a Technical Specialist at the Center, and Rina Hosokawa, a senior at the OUAVM School of Agriculture, who worked on the project as part of her graduation research. The certification of the slaughter and dressing facilities involved 13 staff and students, including Yu Takahashi, a sophomore who was taking the Courses for Expert Training in HACCP.

While maintaining and managing the food safety management system it established, the Field Center of Animal Science and Agriculture will draw on the experience to educate students and adults to develop leaders who will support and protect food safety and people’s livelihoods. The Center will also begin to provide support to dairy farmers to help them acquire the ISO 22000 certification.



Teaching staff and students who built the food safety management system