

### **Minute of the ESAFS 2024 Business Meeting**

The meeting was held at Thai Nguyen University, the venue of the 16<sup>th</sup> International Conference of the East and Southeast Asia Federation of Soil Science societies (ESAFS, 2024) March 26-29, 2024

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Timing: 10h30-12h00, 27 March 2024

Venue: President's Meeting room, Thai Nguyen University (Thai Nguyen, Vietnam)

Chairs: Prof. Vu Nang Dzung, Prof. Nguyen The Hung (Vietnam Society of Soil Science)

Presents:

- *Representatives from 12 Society / 15 country members of the ESAFS.*
  1. Prof. Hung-Yu Lai (CSSF, Taiwan)
  2. Dr. Dipak Ranjan Biswas (ISSS, India)
  3. Prof. Toru Fujiwara (JSSPN, Japan)
  4. Prof. Byung Keun Hyun (KSSF, Korea)
  5. Prof. Rosazlin Abdullah (MSSS, Malaysia)
  6. Prof. Keshav Raj Adhikari (NSSS, Nepal)
  7. Dr. Karen S. Bautista (PSSST, Philippines)
  8. Prof. Warshi Dandeniya (SSSS, Sri Lanka)
  9. Prof. Dr. Md. Jahir Uddin (SSSB, Bangladesh)
  10. Prof. Xiaoyuan Yan (SSSC, China)
  11. Dr. Sabrina Djunita Tengku (ISSS, Indonesia)
  12. Prof. Vu Nang Dzung (VSSS, Vietnam)
  13. Prof. Nguyen The Hung (VSSS, Vietnam)
  14. Prof. Pham Quang Ha (VSSS, Vietnam)
- *Representative from ESAFS support office*

Prof. Masanori Saito,
- *Esafs 2024 Secretary support staffs*
  1. Msc. Pham Minh Hanh (VSSS, Vietnam)
  2. Dr. Nguyen Ngoc Son Hai (VSSS, Vietnam)

## **Agenda:**

- Representative of each society presents briefly the advance activity of her/his society since last ESAFS conference in Malaysia (15th ESAFS, 2022)
- Prof. Masanori Saito, makes a remark of the activity of the ESAFS support Office.
- Selection of the ESAFS AWARD (2024).
- Selection of the venue of the ESAFS 17th, 2027.
- Other issue if applicable.

## **Conclusion and approved**

1. The presidents of the ESAFS members request each society send an updated report/ new to Prof. Masanori Saito ( Esafs support office) to update the news on ESAFS web site. <https://www.esafs-support.com/>
2. Selection of the ESAFS AWARD 2024: there were 5 nominations from 5 society esafs members were received by ESAFS 2024's secretariat. The vote was done by the ESAFS AWARD Rule. Only two candidates maximum will be selected if the vote for each is equal or more than 6 (as we have 12 societies were presents). The Laurate of the ESAFS AWARD 2024 is Professor Takashi KOSAKI (Japanese Society of Soil Science and Pland Nutrion).
3. Selection for the venue of the 17th ESAFS Conference (ESAFS, 2027). The next esafs will be organized in 2027. Prof. Keshav Raj Adhikari, President of the Nepalese Society of Soil Science (NSSS) has presented the preparation of the country host and the willing of the NSSS to host the 17<sup>th</sup> ESAFS. Nepal was then selected and approved for the venue of the 17th ESAFS conference. NSSS will inform the ESAFS member's presidents and ESAFS support office the exact venue, date and the theme of the 17<sup>th</sup> ESAFS Conference for further detail preparation in the day coming.
4. The Japanese Society of Soil Science and Plant Nutrition offered to host 18th ESAFS in 2029 in Japan and this offer was approved.



**Vu Nang Dzung, Professor**  
*President of the Vietnam Society of Soil Science*  
*Co-Chair of the ESAFS 2024 conference*

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Photo 1: All participants of the 16<sup>th</sup> ESAFS (ESAFS, 2024, opening session, 26 March 2024)



Photo 2: Participants of the Business Meeting (16<sup>th</sup> Esafs, ESAFS 2024) on 27 March 2024



Photo 3. Prof. Takashi KOSAKI received the Certification of the ESAFS AWARD 2024



Photo 4: President of Nepalese Soil Science Society received the ESAFS flag for hosting 17th Esafs in Nepal from President of Vietnam Society of Soil Science.