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## GLOBALG.A.P. in Japan

**Cologne/Nagoya, 23 May: Having hosted two GLOBALG.A.P. TOUR events in the past in Japan, Miyazaki in 2013 and Tokyo in 2015, GLOBALG.A.P. TOUR stop in Japan this time is on 23 May 2017 in Nagoya City.**

The event was organized by Agri Incubator K.K. & GAP Extension Organization Inc. It is a one day event that brings together different experts from the food industry.

Moreover, GLOBALG.A.P. is honored to participate in giving lectures to major players in agribusiness who will be gathering at the [AG/SUM, the Agritech SUMMIT, from 23 to 25 May in Tokyo, Japan](#).

“GLOBALG.A.P. does not only provide trust in national and global supply chains,” said Kristian Moeller, CEO GLOBALG.A.P., “but also serves as a great educational tool for young people to explain the value of good farming practices, as the Goshogawara Agricultural and Forestry High School demonstrates so wonderfully. I applaud the spirit by which GLOBALG.A.P. is brought forward in Japan.”

GLOBALG.A.P. has evolved since 1997 from an initiative by European retailers and other multi stakeholders to harmonize their own standards and procedures and to develop an independent certification system for Good Agricultural Practices ('GAP'). Over the next ten years the process then spread throughout the continent and beyond. Driven by the impacts of globalization, a growing number of producers and retailers around the globe joined in, gaining the European organization global significance. To reflect both its global reach and its goal of becoming the leading international G.A.P. standard, EUREPGAP changed its name to GLOBALG.A.P. in 2007.

Operating today in 124 countries and covering approximately 180,000 farms, GLOBALG.A.P. Certification continues to respond directly to consumers' growing concerns regarding product safety. The GLOBALG.A.P. Standard helps producers comply with criteria accepted throughout Europe for the areas of food safety, sustainable production methods, worker and animal welfare, as well as responsible use of water, compound feed and plant propagation materials. Harmonized certification also means savings for producers, as they no longer need to undergo several audits against different criteria every year.

## **GLOBALG.A.P. commitment to the UN Global Compact's FAB Principles**

The UN Global Compact's FAB Principles were launched at the United Nations in New York on 22 September 2014. Built on commitments made at the Rio+20 Summit in 2012, they were developed over two years in global multi-stakeholder consultations including over 1,000 agribusinesses. In October 2014, the UN Global Compact recognized the alignment of the FAB Principles with the Declaration of Abu Dhabi for Global Food Security through Good Agricultural Practices, an initiative begun by ITC, SAI Platform, and GLOBALG.A.P. which is committed to developing and adopting a common set of criteria for Good Agricultural Practices along with supporting farm identification and reporting systems.

## **GLOBALG.A.P. Supports Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) of the United Nations.**

GLOBALG.A.P. already incorporates a number of practices in line with the SDGs. On 26 September 2016, the GLOBALG.A.P. Board decided to formally visualize its current **alignment with the Sustainable Development Goals of the UN**. Contributing to the SDGs is a collaborative effort, which is also part of GLOBALG.A.P.'s principles, and working toward GLOBALG.A.P. Certification is already an important milestone on the road to achieving the SDGs.

## **GRASP**

GRASP, a GLOBALG.A.P.+ Add-on product, was developed by GLOBALG.A.P. members. GRASP stands for **GLOBALG.A.P. Risk Assessment on Social Practice**, and is a **voluntary ready-to-use module** developed to assess social practices on the farm, addressing specific aspects of workers' health, safety and welfare. Designed to **complement GLOBALG.A.P. Certification** toward social aspects, GRASP measures can be assessed together with the GLOBALG.A.P. audit. The number of growers adopting GRASP (GLOBALG.A.P. Risk Assessment for Social Practices) has increased by 116 %, thus more than doubling: 30,000 farms, i.e. 17 % of all GLOBALG.A.P. certified growers, already have a GRASP assessment.

## **Building a Global Solution through Partnership and Collaboration**

GLOBALG.A.P. pushes for international collaboration to reduce the cost of certification by enabling combined audits and connecting various databases. GLOBALG.A.P. launched a joint initiative ([The Declaration of Abu Dhabi](#)) together with the Sustainable Agriculture Initiative (SAI) platform and the International Trade Centre (ITC), and entered into partnerships with UNIVEG as well as REWE International AG. These were the first steps undertaken in 2014 to counteract the ever growing number of duplicate audits around the world and to increase the



incentives for farmers to adopt safe and sustainable production methods, which will be followed by further new partnership initiatives in the coming years.

About GLOBALG.A.P.

GLOBALG.A.P. is a leading global certification program whose mission is to bring farmers and retailers together to produce and market safe food in order to protect scarce resources and build a sustainable future.

For more information on GLOBALG.A.P. visit [www.globalgap.org](http://www.globalgap.org).

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