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Announcement of committee appointment as a member of the "Omihachiman City Green Cultivation System Conversion Support Project Review Committee"

We would like to inform you that employees of our group company NXTech Corporation (head office: Minato-ku, Tokyo, Representative Director and President: Kiyoshi Matsuba, hereinafter referred to as "NXTech") have been appointed as members of Green Cultivation System Conversion Support Project Study Group (hereinafter referred to as the "Gre-Suppo Study Group") of Omihachiman City, Shiga Prefecture (hereinafter referred to as "Omihachiman City") and we have decided to proceed with the study towards the realization of an organic village using the "Mimawari Homing Pigeon" developed by NXTech.NXTech

Omihachiman City has been promoting organic farming with the aim of creating an organic village since 2024, and has been working on demonstrations to promote the transition to a "green cultivation system" that incorporates "environmentally friendly cultivation techniques" and "cutting-edge technologies that contribute to labor-saving" suitable for each production area. The Gre-Suppo Study Group will examine cultivation methods to establish a "green cultivation system," evaluate and verify verification results, and review formulating production area strategies and cultivation manuals.

In this study, NXTech will provide support using smart agriculture-related products and IoT technology and will collect data by installing environmental sensors called "Mimawari Homing Pigeons" in crop cultivation areas (fields). "Mimawari Homing Pigeon" is an IoT service that delivers environmental information (wind speed, temperature, humidity, rainfall, etc.) obtained from measuring instruments installed at the site via the cloud. Various sensors can be attached to it, and it enables us to continue automatically measuring the environment even during times when measurements are difficult, such as during work or at night. Based on the data acquired by the Mimawari Homing Pigeon, the Gre-Suppo Study Group will work with experts in various fields to discuss solutions to issues such as quality issues in rice cultivation due to global warming and weed control in organic farming. Please note that the commission period shall be three years.





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▼ What is support for converting to a green cultivation system?

It is something to support by a council involving local stakeholders such as farmers, consumers, agrochemical and fertilizer manufacturers, ICT vendors, agricultural machinery manufacturers, agricultural cooperatives, and extension organizations will consider efforts to shift to a green cultivation system in order to promote the reduction in the use of chemical pesticides and fertilizers, the expansion of organic farming area, and the reduction of greenhouse gas emissions in agriculture, as set forth in the Ministry of Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries' Green Food System Strategy.

Ministry of Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries "Green Cultivation System" (https://www.maff.go.jp/j/seisan/gizyutu/green/)

▼ What is Organic Village?

This refers to municipalities that promote community-wide efforts that involve not only farmers but also business operators and residents inside and outside the area, consistently from production to consumption of organic agriculture. The Ministry of Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries has been promoting the creation of organic villages across the country with the goal of creating 100 organic villages by 2025 and 200 by 2030.

Ministry of Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries "Organic Village Page" (https://www.maff.go.jp/j/seisan/kankyo/yuuki/organic village.html)

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