



Honorary Degree Citation
Professor Emeritus Toyoki KOZAI
Doctor of Philosophy, honoris causa (Plant Science)
Academic Year 2017

Professor Emeritus Toyoki Kozai obtained a Bachelor of Science (Agricultural Sciences) from Chiba University in 1967, besides, a Master and Doctor of Philosophy in Agricultural Engineering from the University of Tokyo in 1972.

Professor Emeritus Toyoki Kozai started his academic career as an assistant professor at Faculty of Agriculture, Osaka Prefecture University in 1973, and became an associate professor at Faculty of Horticulture, Chiba University in a department of Horticulture in 1977 after that he was an associate professor in a department of Bioproduction Science, during 1980 to 2005. He is known as an expert of environmental technology and engineering for agriculture and agro-industry. With his outstanding research and articles, he is internationally acclaimed as a key leadership in environmental engineering of plant factory. Many awards he has received demonstrate his competence which is recognized domestically and internationally. Moreover, he has invited to be a keynote lecture delivering plant science knowledge at international and national meetings. When serving as Dean of Faculty of Horticulture during 1999 to 2003, Professor Kozai initiated research and academic collaboration between the Graduate School of Horticulture, Chiba University and the Faculty of Science, Mahidol University to establish Doctoral Double Degree program in Biotechnology (Mahidol University) - Horticulture (Chiba University) which is the first Double Degree program establishment of both universities. Moreover, when he was a president of Chiba University in 2005, he has continuously promoted the expansion of

academic collaboration between two institutions in many faculties. Professor Emeritus Toyoki Kozai was the president of Japan Plant Factory Association (JPFA) during June 2011-March 2018 and is currently Honorary President of JPFA. He is one of major contributors in the establishment of CU -MU Collaborative Research and Training Center in Plant Factory, located at Mahidol University (Phaya Thai and Salaya campus), which will benefit and promote agriculture and food security for the 21st century.

As a dedicated lecturer and researcher, Professor Emeritus Toyoki Kozai has received honor awards recognized his contribution. In 2002, he was awarded Purple Ribbon Award from Prime Minister of Japanese Government for the academic achievement of environmental studies in biology, Award for outstanding contribution from Japanese Society of High Technology in Agriculture in 2003, as well as, Award for Lifetime Achievement from The Society for In Vitro Biology in 2009.

In acknowledgment of his many contributions to the public good, The Mahidol University Council thus unanimously resolves the conferral of the Honorary Doctorate Degree of Philosophy in Plant Science to Professor Emeritus Toyoki Kozai.