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“Support activities for students in the COVID-19 disaster: Supply of farm products”

In 2020, education and research activities at the university were greatly affected by the spread of the new coronavirus infection. On January 20, 2021 (Wednesday), in the midst of the second emergency declaration in Aichi Prefecture, the Togo Field, the Field Science Center affiliated with the Graduate School of Bioagricultural Sciences, offered free product grown on the land of the Togo Field to support students and international students who are in financial hardship these days, in cooperation with the University's Student Support Center.

This activity is one of the various support measures for the COVID-19 disaster, provided by the Student Support Center, to distribute food to the students. The Togo Field provided farm products that had been planted for the on-campus sales of our products that were suspended under the emergency declaration. On the day of the event, we provided Chinese cabbage (hakusai) and Japanese radish (daikon) and were able to distribute them to about 70 students. With advance notice from the Student Support Center, many students eagerly awaited the arrival of the fresh products from the Togo Field. The Student Support Center also told us that the distribution of fresh products was particularly well-received, as the university's food aid mainly consists of long-lasting dried foods and retort foods. Some of the students and international students who received the food aid said that they were most grateful for the university's willingness to support the students. We believe that the Togo Field was able to participate in meaningful support activities. We plan to continue providing our farm products once a week for the duration of the emergency declaration.

The free supply of Togo Field products was also carried out twice a week for a total of six times from the second half of May to the first week of June 2020, when the first declaration of emergency in April and May 2020 was lifted and students were able to commute to campus. At that time, we provided tomatoes, broad beans (soramame), and onions. The Togo Field hopes to continue to develop necessary support activities for students working closely with the University's Student Support Center.



Hakusai and daikon from the Togo Field.  
(President Matsuo also joined with a life-size panel!)



Scenery of distribution of food to students.