

# Agricultural BioTech Regulatory Network

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## Japan Regulatory Expert Joins Agricultural BioTech Regulatory Network

The Agricultural BioTech Regulatory Network (ABTR Network) proudly announces Takahiko Hayakawa, Ph.D. as a new affiliate in Tokyo, Japan.

Dr. Hayakawa is a senior chief consultant at Mitsubishi Chemical Techno-Research Co. (MCTR) where he leads a team offering regulatory consulting on genetically modified organisms including risk assessments, permits for experimental field testing, commercial dossier preparation and filing, and public advocacy. MCTR is a leading think tank focused on the field of science.

As a research scientist at Plantech Research Institute, Dr. Hayakawa developed the world's first transgenic virus resistance rice plants. He also developed salt-stress tolerant transgenic rice plants, and has extensive experience in rice and rapeseed breeding. Dr. Hayakawa led a phytoremediation program entrusted by the government of Japan. Dr. Hayakawa has authored nearly 30 peer reviewed papers and has filed more than 20 patents.

Following Plantech, Dr. Hayakawa joined DuPont/Pioneer as a manager of regulatory affairs in Japan responsible for submission of dossiers for environmental, food, and feed safety assessments of herbicide tolerant soy and corn, and high oleic acid soybean.

"Dr. Hayakawa's knowledge and expertise strengthens our global network in a key commercial market for agri-biotech products," said Scott Thenell, ABTR Network Co-Founder. "We're very pleased to welcome him and Mitsubishi Chemical Techno-Research to our network of regulatory experts."

To learn more about Dr. Hayakawa and other network consultants, visit [www.abtrnetwork.com](http://www.abtrnetwork.com)

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Services cover the entire range of regulatory support required for AgBiotech projects, including project management, project evaluation, risk assessments, contained/confined use permits; field trial permits / notifications; regulatory files; commercial permits; movement of biological materials; compliance audits; compliance systems; training; quality control; study design; documentation systems; regulatory strategies; regulatory management; issue management; communication; emergency response & public advocacy.

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