

**International agreement for academic cooperation between  
Plant Resilience Institute, Michigan State University  
and  
Tsukuba-Plant Innovation Research Center, University of Tsukuba**



The ceremony for signing MOU at Michigan State University by Prof. Hiroshi Ezura (left) and Dr. Steven D. Hanson (right)



Commemorative photo after signing  
From left; Prof. Kenji Miura, Director  
Hiroshi Ezura, Associate Provost Steven  
D. Hanson, Ms. Rie Takata

On November 21<sup>st</sup>, 2017, International agreement for academic cooperation between PRI, MSU and T-PIRC, UT was concluded at Michigan State University, East Lansing, MI, USA. The ceremony for signing MOU by Dr. Steven D. Hanson (Associate Provost and Dean International Studies and Programs, MSU) and Prof. Hiroshi Ezura (Director of T-PIRC, UT) was held.

PRI, MSU has strengths in plant immunity and low-temperature response researches. T-PIRC, UT has established bioresources and knowledge about transgenic plants. To improve international research competitiveness, we will exchange of materials in education and research, publications, and academic information and conduct joint research projects.

Members in MSU have already visited UT three times. On September, 2017, four members of PRI, MSU, Prof. Michael Thomashow (Director), Prof. Gregg Howe, Prof. Brad Day, and Assist. Prof. David Lowry made great presentation at T-PIRC symposium in Tsukuba Global Science Week 2017. During their visiting UT, we discussed about international academic exchange, and then, MOU was signed when our visiting MSU. We will promote international collaborative researches, exchange faculties and students, and improve our research competitiveness