

ASA-IM Japan Holds Seminar for Pork Producers

ASA-IM Japan Country Representative Jim Echle and Animal Utilization consultant Mike Maekawa presented a workshop for pork producers and related industry people in Koyu Area, Miyazaki Prefecture. About 100 people – mostly producers and industry representatives - attended the workshop, which was sponsored by Miyazaki Pork Producers Council's Koyu Branch. Echle reported on the recent livestock, feed and soy food industries situation in Tohoku and Kanto regions in wake of the March 11 earthquake and tsunami. Maekawa presented on "Swine Nutrition and Feeding Management." Another speaker, a veterinarian, offered a talk on "Bio-security" when it comes to producing healthy sows and piglets. The workshop was well-received by those in attendance. In fact, the branch manager of Miyazaki Pork Producers Council has asked Maekawa to hold another a workshop regarding feeding management using high quality feedstuffs, such as U.S. soy meal. The Pig Section Manager of Miyazaki Ag Coop also asked that the same workshop to be held for its staff in other areas. Maekawa and Echle agreed to their requests, and will plan workshops for them in the near future.

