

### VISIT OF JAPANESE SCIENTISTS TO RFRI, JORHAT

**Dr. Ohsawa Masahiko**, Professor of Plant Ecology, Institute of Ecology and Geobotany, Yunnan University and Professor of Ecology, University of Tokyo, Japan along with **Mr. Hajime Nishikawa**, Linguistic Student, Japan visited Rain Forest Research Institute, Jorhat (Assam) on 24<sup>th</sup> April, 2019. Dr. R. S. C. Jayaraj, Director welcomed them with traditional *Gamosa* and briefly spoke about the Institute.

Dr. Masahiko informed that he has been currently on tour to Arunachal Pradesh and Assam to study the vegetation zonation in this part of India. He gave a presentation on floral diversity in Himalayan zonation - its pattern and possible controlling factors. In his presentation he dealt various vegetation zonations, such as tropical, subtropical, temperate and plant diversity on these zones. He said that the Himalayas serve as refuge of relic forest stands as it falls in the transition zone between tropical and temperate forests.

Earlier, Dr. R. K. Borah, Group Coordinator (Research) gave a presentation on various research and development activities of the Institute and explained various research aspects of the Institute to the Guests.

The Guests visited RFRI Bambusetum, Nursery, Bamboo Composite Centre, Library and witnessed various research activities.

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