

## Summary of activities with Prof. Matsumoto

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**Prof. Ken'ichiro Matsumoto** (from the Division of Applied Chemistry, Faculty of Engineering, Hokkaido University) has visited Assoc. Prof. Rangrong Yoksan's laboratory on September 27, 2023, to mainly discuss the ongoing collaborative research on duckweed biomass-based bioplastics under the project Be-HoBiD. Prof. Matsumoto also gave a seminar on the topic of **"Making plastic factory in microbial cells"** to graduate students, researchers, and lecturers from the Faculties of Agro-Industry, Science, and Engineering. The seminar was conducted for 1 hour from 10:00 AM to 11:00 AM in Room AI2204 at the Faculty of Agro-Industry.



After the seminar, Prof. Matsumoto and Dr. Yoksan had lunch together and then discussed future collaborative research work, manuscript preparation, and student/researcher exchange. Prof. Matsumoto also visited the plastic processing and material testing laboratories of the Department of Packaging and Materials Technology, Faculty of Agro-Industry, to explore the chance for future collaboration.

