Instruction for Authors and Reviewers: (Articles and Reserach Letters)

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Part 1 Registration

1.1 Welcome

• For submission your "Articles" or "Research Letters" manuscript, you must register with our journal submission system, Editorial Manager®. https://www.editorialmanager.com/nokeikenkyu-jjae

1.2 Steps

- 1. Visit https://www.editorialmanager.com/nokeikenkyu-jjae
- 2. Registration is available at top and right corner of this page.



Figure 1.1: Registration is Opened at Our Welcome Page

3. At the entrance page: Introduce ORCID or your name and mail address.



Figure 1.2: Entrance Page for Your Registration

1.2. STEPS Part 1 Registration

4. Register your name, affiliation, mail address and etc. You can introduce same information about your name for "Secondary Name."

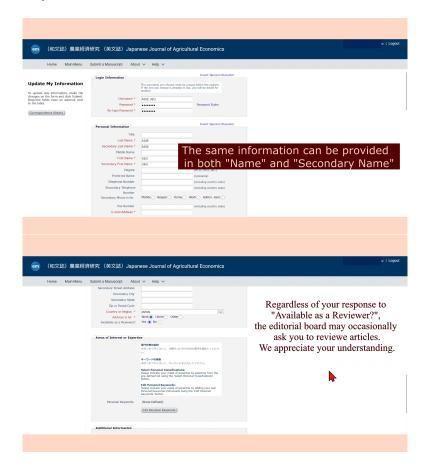


Figure 1.3: Registration

5. You can modify your information at any time if you wish to make changes after registration. (Click "Your Name" part at the top and right corner.)

Part 2 Instruction of Submission

2.1 Cautions

- The "corresponding author" <u>at this system</u> will be automatically assigned the user who processes the submission (the applicant).
- After the submission process will be completed, the system will send a mail to all manuscript authors.
 All authors must confirm the submission (their authorship) at the system. Follow the instructions given over the mail from the system.

2.2 Submission

2.2.1 Before Submission

Please prepare the followings.

• Manuscript

The authors are requested to construct the manuscript according to the insructions.

Check it at https://www.aesjapan.or.jp/postreg_e

- If you upload the Microsoft Word file of manuscript, it would be appreciated. This will allow the Editorial office to quickly verify the length of manuscript.
- The system will convert your submission to the PDF file.
- Proof of Submission Fee Payment (Only for the submission of "Research Letter" article)

 The detail will be introduced by an announcement after the annual conference. Visit the AESJ website (https://www.aesjapan.or.jp/, https://www.aesjapan.or.jp/englishtop).
- (Revised manuscript submission) List of Revision for Articles/Research Letters.

Template is available at https://www.aesjapan.or.jp/postreg_e.

2.2.2 Upload Your Manuscript

1. At the main menu, visit "Submit new manuscript".

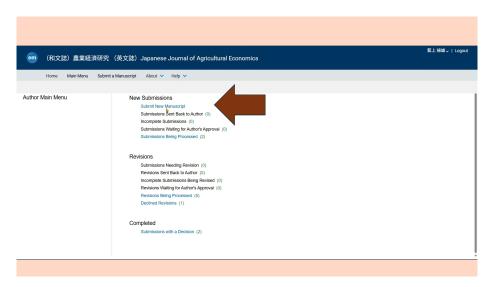


Figure 2.1: Getting Started.

2. Choose your target journal and article type.

(This system also accepts the submission to another AESJ Japanese journal, $NOGYO\ KEIZAI\ KENKYU$. The review process is being carried out independently by two journal editorial boards.)

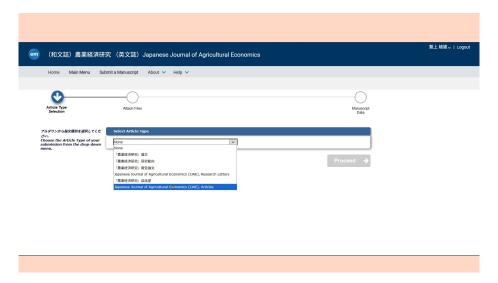


Figure 2.2: Choose Your Target Journal/Article Type

3. Upload your manuscript. "Drag and drop" is available. Or browse your target file.



Figure 2.3: Upload Your Manuscript

4. Choose "Manuscript" for the file.

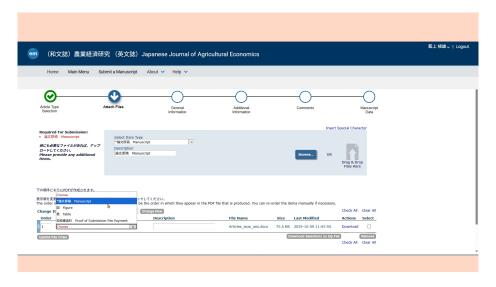


Figure 2.4: Specify the File Type.

5. For the submission of "Research Letters" article type, Proof of Submission Fee Payment must be uploaded. This will be required at your revised manuscript submission.

2.2.3 Classification

• Author can specify the categories related to your manuscript. This enables the editorial board to identify relevant reviewers.



Figure 2.5: Find Related Classification

2.2.4 Information about Your Submission

Confirm the followings;

- Assignment of Copyright
- Duplication Submission Check
- The Instruction/Guidelines of Submission
- Proofreading by Native English Speaker
- Membership of the AESJ



Figure 2.6: Questionnaire

2.2.5 Comments to the Editorial Board

• The system will help you convey your message to the editorial board.

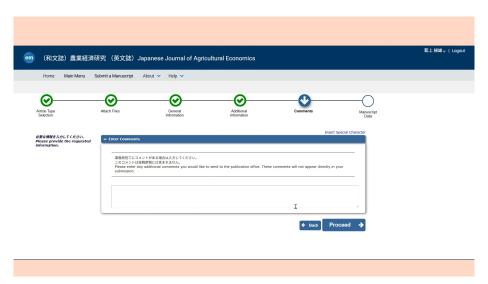


Figure 2.7: Comments to the Editorial Board

2.2.6 Information about Your Manuscript

• If the information of your manuscript is not automatically imported, you are requested to provide its title, abstract and keywords.

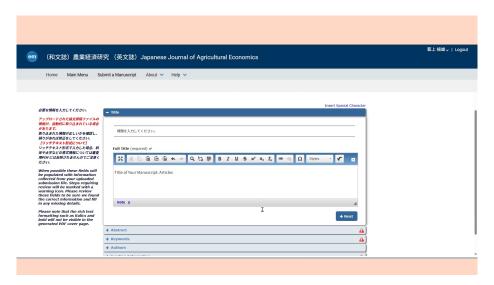


Figure 2.8: Information about the Manuscript

- The system automatically assigns the first author/corresponding author to the applicant (user who processes the submission).
- The applicant must provide the information of all authors.

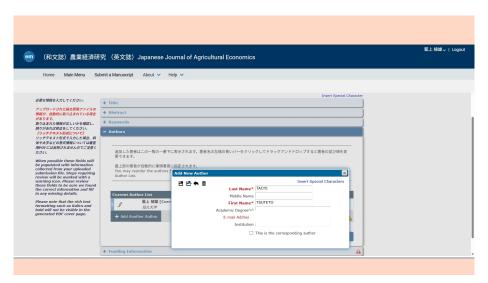


Figure 2.9: Add Authors

- The applicant can reorder authors according to the authorship of manuscript. The applicant can assign the first author to another author.
- The system assigns the corresponding author to you (the applicant). If you assign the corresponding author to another author, you will no longer be able to continue processing this submission. The corresponding author in the system is the author responsible for the submission procedure. It is

acceptable if the corresponding author in the system is different from the actual corresponding author in the article.

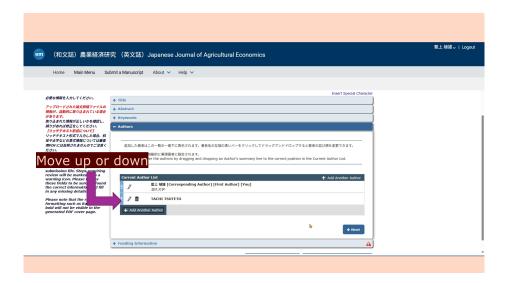


Figure 2.10: You can Reorder Authors

• The funding information.

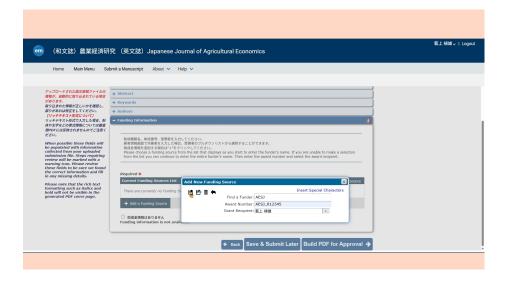


Figure 2.11: Funding Information

2.2.7 Approve Your Submission

- Your manuscript is converted to the PDF file. You will find the mail from system.
- Please check the PDF file carefully .

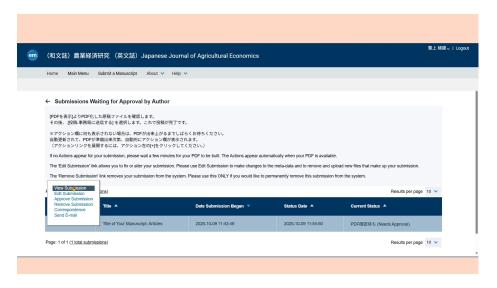


Figure 2.12: Check Your PDF File

• Unfortunately, only Japanese is available at the cover page of PDF file.

Please refer to the sample below.



Figure 2.13: Sample Cover Page of PDF File

• Please approve your submission.

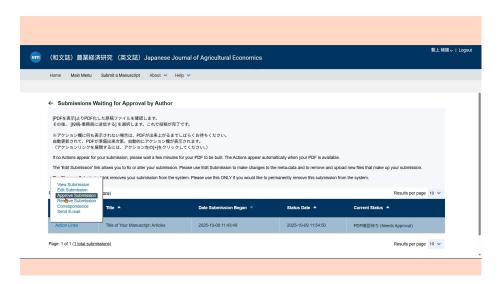


Figure 2.14: Thank You for Your Submission

2.2.8 After Your Submission

- The system will send a mail to other authors. Please access the system by the guidance over the mail.
- Authors must respond the questions at the system.

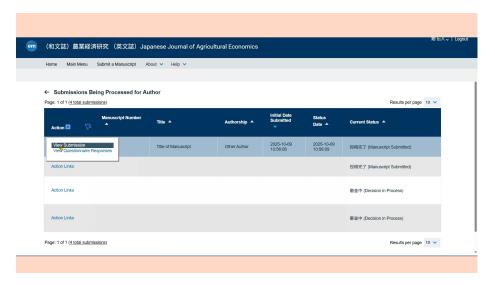


Figure 2.15: Verify Your Contribution

• The review status of your manuscript can be tracked at the system.

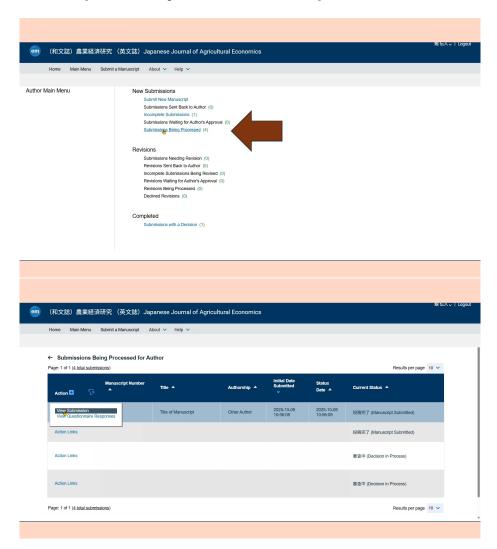


Figure 2.16: Other Authors Can Confirm the Submission.

Part 3 Instruction for Reviewers

3.1 You May Receive a Mail from the Editorial Board

- 1. You will receive a mail asking to confirm your availability to review an article. The mail introduces the abstract of submitted manuscript.
- 2. Please show your decision of acceptance/rejection at the system. Please specify your "role" in the system. You can change your status (author/reviewer) at the top and right corner.
- 3. If you accept to review it, you can read the submitted manuscript.

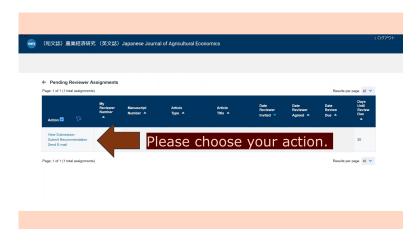


Figure 3.1: The Reviewer's Action

3.1.1 Review Report

1. You can refer to the instructions of review at the recommendation page. This instruction is also available at he AESJ website (https://www.aesjapan.or.jp/postreg).

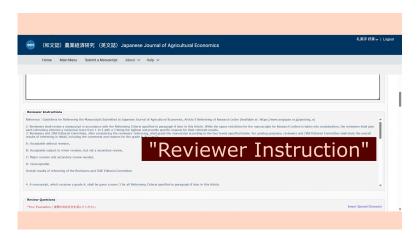


Figure 3.2: Review Instructions

2. As the "recommendation" at the top of this page, please choose "please select a decision." Your actual decision will be asked later.

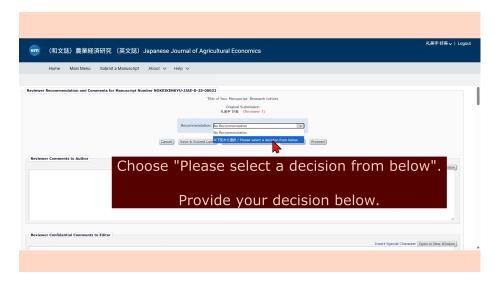


Figure 3.3: Recommendation: "Please select a decision from below"

3. You can provides your comments to the authors and the editorial board, separately.

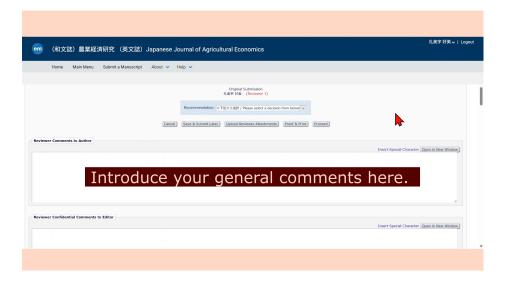


Figure 3.4: Comment Box

4. Please choose your evaluation.



Figure 3.5: Your Evaluation

5. Please introduce your scores and comments on refereeing criteria

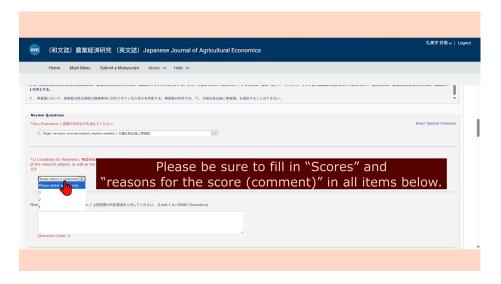


Figure 3.6: Scores and Comments Are Provided to Refereeing Criteria

6. Submission of the supplement file with comments is accepted.

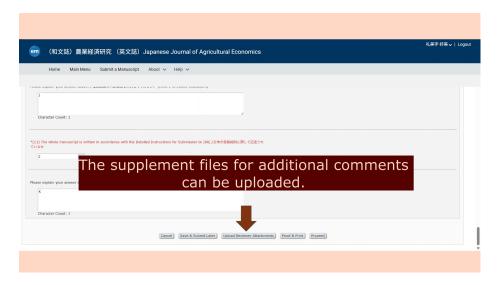


Figure 3.7: Upload Your Supplement Comment Files.

7. Approve your submission.



Figure 3.8: Thank You for Your Cooperation.

3.2 Review of the Revised Manuscript

3.2.1 As the First Review

- The system will send a mail about the secondary review of the revised manuscript. You can check the revised manuscript and replies from author(s) by "Action" of assigned article.
- Please proceed using the same procedure as the first review.

3.2.2 At the Secondary Review of "Research Letters" Article

• In the secondary review process, reviewers determine whether the revised manuscript addresses issues already pointed out.

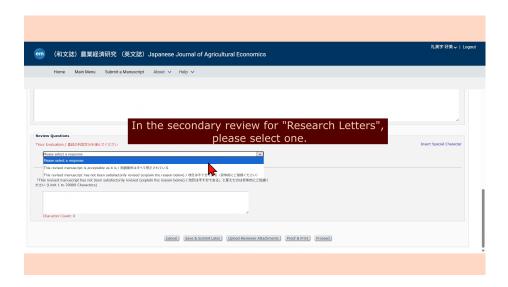


Figure 3.9: Please Choose One of the Two (The Secondary Review of "Research Letters" Article).