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Prof. Takagi worked as a researcher at Ajinomoto, a Japanese food company, for 13 years. In 1995, he changed carrier to academia in Fukui, and then moved to NAIST 18 years ago. His research interests include stress-tolerant mechanisms, metabolic regulations and physiological functions of amino acids in yeast, and their applications for development of industrial strains. He reached mandatory retirement age in 2023, but has established a new lab (Lab of Fermentation Science) located on the campus to continue many yeast projects for the next few years. Thus, he is not only the Professor Emeritus at Nara Institute of Science and Technology but the present Director of Divisions for Industry-Government-Academia Collaboration. Notably, he received the Medal with Purple Ribbon for his outstanding research achievements.