

Supplementary Data

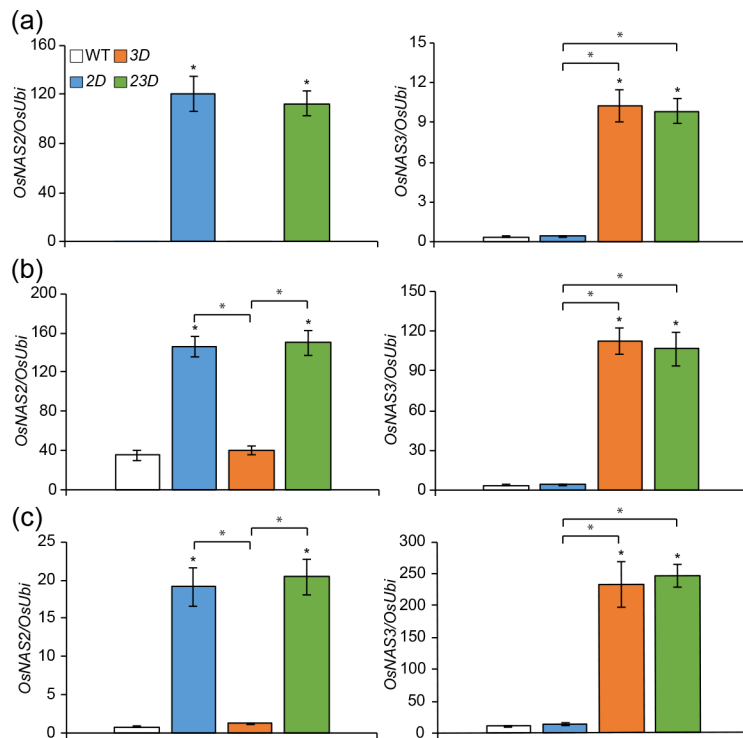


Figure S1. Real-time PCR analysis of WT and activation-tagged mutants. Expression levels of *OsNAS2* and *OsNAS3* were analyzed, using RNA from 7-day-old shoots (a) and roots (b) grown in $\frac{1}{2}$ MS medium, and flag leaves (c) at 10 days after heading. Transcript levels are represented by ratios between *OsNAS2* or *OsNAS3* genes and the rice *ubiquitin* gene. Data are given as the mean \pm SE ($n = 3$). WT indicates segregant wild-type plant; *2D*, *OsNAS2* activation-tagged mutant; *3D*, *OsNAS3* activation-tagged mutant; *23D*, the double activation-tagged mutant of *OsNAS2* and *OsNAS3*. Significant differences among WT and mutants plants are indicated with an asterisk (* $p < 0.05$ by Student's *t*-test).

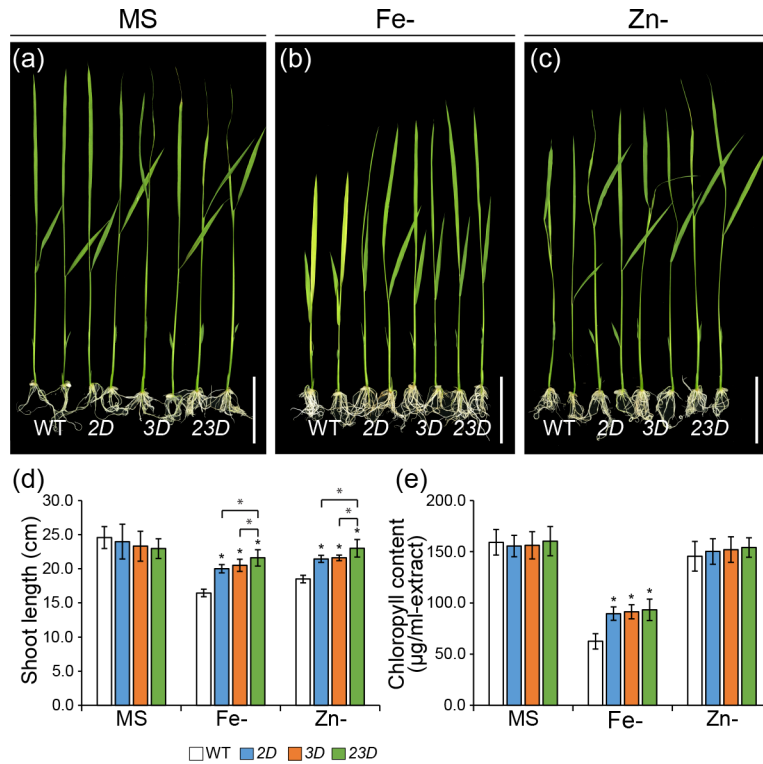


Figure S2. Growth of WT and activation-tagged mutants to Fe and Zn deficiencies. **(a–c)** Phenotypes of WT, *2D*, *3D*, and *23D* under control $\frac{1}{2}$ strength MS solid medium (MS), or in Fe-deficient (Fe-) or Zn-deficient (Zn-) media for 15 days. Bars = 5 cm. Shoot lengths **(d)** and total chlorophyll concentrations **(e)** of WT and activation tagging mutants. WT indicates segregant wild-type plant; *2D*, *OsNAS2* activation-tagged mutant; *3D*, *OsNAS3* activation-tagged mutant; *23D*, double activation of *OsNAS2* and *OsNAS3*. Data are mean \pm SE ($n = 10$ for plant height; $n = 4$ for chlorophyll contents). Significant differences among WT and mutants plants are indicated with an asterisk (* $p < 0.05$ by Student's t -test).

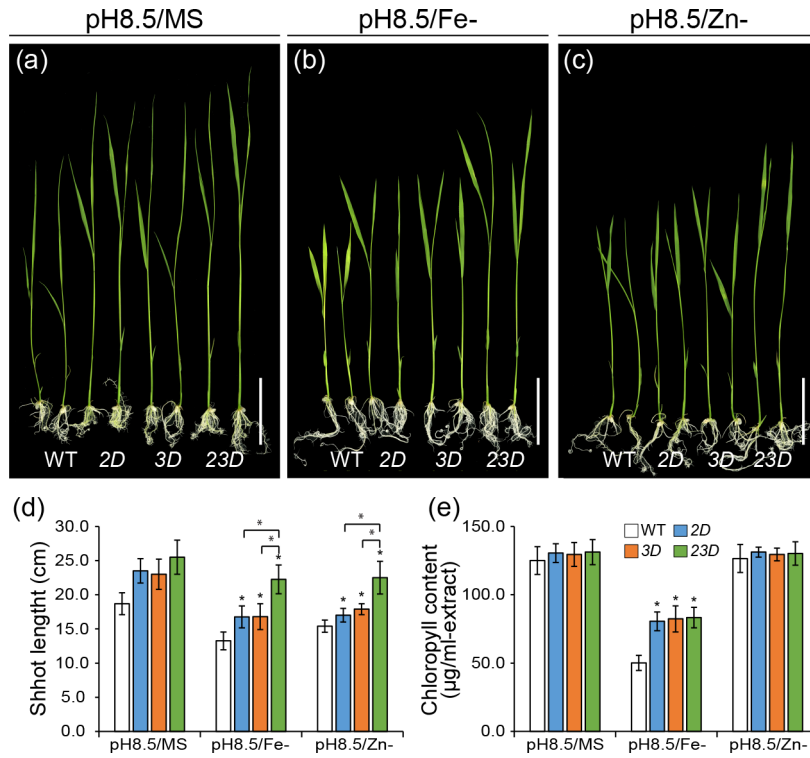


Figure S3. Growth test under high pH conditions. (a–c) Phenotypes of WT, 2D, 3D, and 23D grown on alkaline half-strength MS solid medium solution (pH8.5), without Fe (pH8.5/Fe-), or without Zn (pH8.5/Zn-) for 15 days. Bars = 5 cm. Shoot lengths (d) and total chlorophyll concentrations (e) of WT and activation-tagged mutants. Data are mean \pm SE ($n = 8$ for plant height; $n = 4$ for chlorophyll content) and significant differences between among WT and mutant plants are indicated with an asterisk (* $p < 0.05$ by Student's t -test).

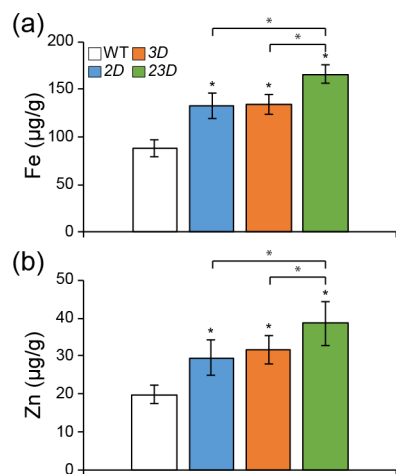


Figure S4. Measurement of Fe and Zn levels in flag leaves. Concentrations of Fe (**a**) and Zn (**b**) in flag leaves 10 days after heading. Error bars represent SE. Significant differences among WT and mutant plants are determined by Student's *t*-tests, * $p < 0.05$.

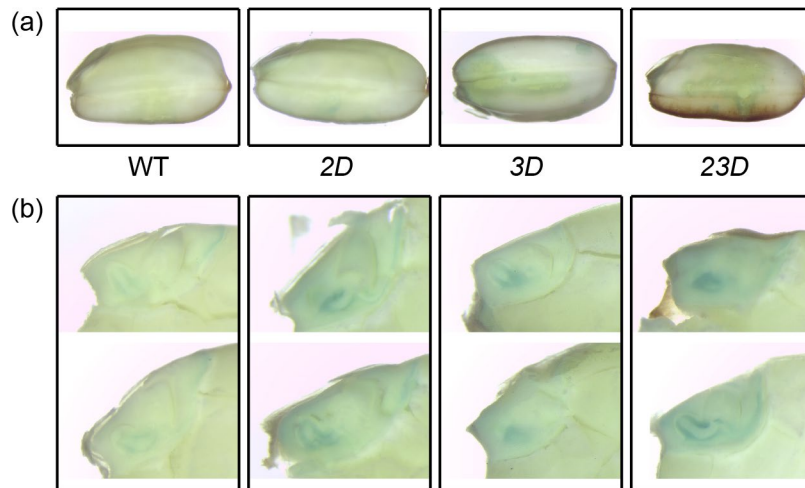


Figure S5. Fe distribution and intensity of the mature seeds. Perl's Prussian staining of unpolished grains **(a)** and embryos **(b)** from WT and activation tagging mutants. WT indicates segregant wild-type plant; 2D, *OsNAS2*-activation tagging mutant; 3D, *OsNAS3*-activation tagging mutant; 23D, double-activation of *OsNAS2* and *OsNAS3*.

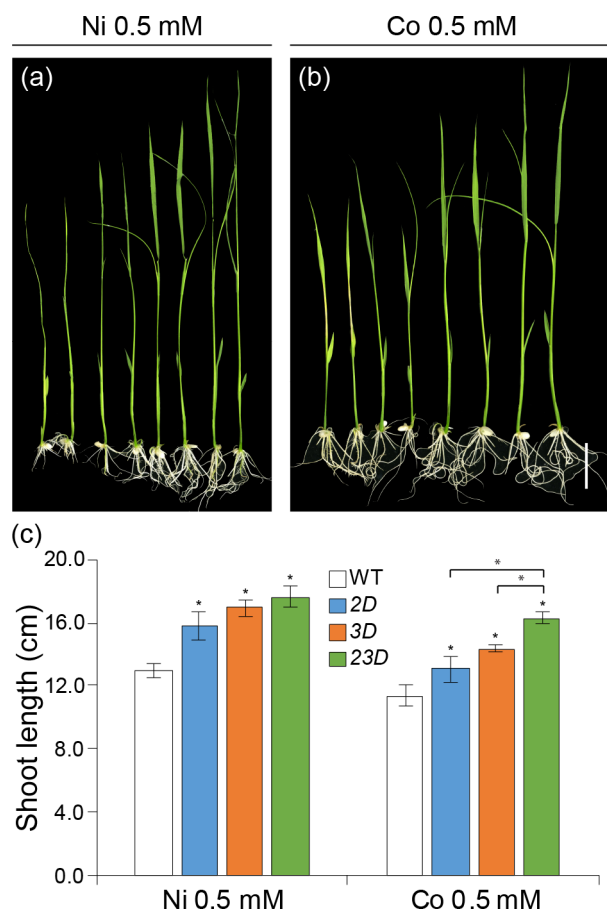


Figure S6. Growth test under the excess metal treatment. **(a,b)** Phenotypes of WT, *2D*, *3D*, and *23D* grown on ½ strength MS solid containing 0.5 mM NiCl₂ **(a)** or 0.5 mM CoCl₂ **(b)** for 10 days. Bars = 5 cm. **(c)** Shoot lengths of WT and activation-tagged mutants. Data are mean ± SE (n = 8) and significant differences among WT and mutant plants are indicated with an asterisk (* $p < 0.05$ by Student's *t*-test).

Table S1. Primers used in this study.

Primer	Sequence
<i>OsNAS2</i> -forward	5'-CGTCTGAGTGCGTGCATAGTA-3'
<i>OsNAS2</i> -reverse	5'-GAAGCACAAACACAAACCGATA-3'
<i>OsNAS3</i> -forward	5'-GTGATCAACTCCGTCATCATC-3'
<i>OsNAS3</i> -forward	5'-TCAGTCTCATCATGGGAAAAA-3'
<i>OsUbi</i> -forward	5'-CTGCTGCTGTTCTAGGGTTCAC-3'
<i>OsUbi</i> -reverse	5'-CAAAACGTTTCAGACACCATCA-3'
<i>OsZIP4</i> -forward	5'-GCGAAAGCAACAGTGATCATGGCGACTTTC-3'
<i>OsZIP4</i> -reverse	5'-GCAGCTCTTGGTTGCTCTGAAGATCTCATG-3'
<i>OsZIP5</i> -forward	5'-CTGGAGCTGGGAGTGGTGGT-3'
<i>OsZIP5</i> -reverse	5'-ATGTCGACGAGCGCCATGTA-3'
<i>OsNAAT1</i> -forward	5'-TAAGAGGATAATTGATTTGCTTAC-3'
<i>OsNAAT1</i> -reverse	5'-CTGATCATTCCTCAATCCTAGTACAAT-3'
<i>OsDMAS1</i> -forward	5'-GCCGGCATCCCGCAGCGGAAGATCA-3'
<i>OsDMAS1</i> -reverse	5'-CTCTCTCTCTCGCACCTGCTAGCGT-3'
<i>OsIRT1</i> -forward	5'-ATTCGCTGCATTGTTAGATTGA-3'
<i>OsIRT1</i> -reverse	5'-CATCATCAGTCACGAAGAACAAA-3'
<i>OsOSYSL2</i> -forward	5'-TCTGCTGGCTTCTTTGCATTTTCTG-3'
<i>OsOSYSL2</i> -reverse	5'-ACCATGTCGAACTCAGCATCCAGGA-3'
<i>OsOSYSL15</i> -forward	5'-GCGTTCGCCGTGCTCACGAACGTGG-3'
<i>OsOSYSL15</i> -reverse	5'-ATCCTCCACCCATGAAATTAAACAC-3'
<i>OsFer1</i> - forward	5'-TGGAAGCTGCGGGTATCCAT-3'
<i>OsFer1</i> -reverse	5'-TACTCAGCCTTGGCAATCCACA-3'