

Speaker Introductions

Ms. Seiko NODA

Prime Minister Taro Aso must remain in Tokyo today due to pressing schedule in the Diet. Therefore, I am most pleased to introduce Ms. Seiko Noda, Minister of State for Science and Technology Policy, as speaker on behalf of the prime minister. She is one of the most promising female policymakers in Japan today.

Please join me to welcome Minister Noda.

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Mr. Kazuo FURUKAWA

Mr. Furukawa is Vice Chairman of Nippon Keidanren, the Japan Business Federation, which represents the Japanese business community. He is also the Representative Executive Officer, President and CEO of Hitachi Limited, a major Japanese electronics corporation. Mr. Furukawa, please.

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Dr. Cristina GARMENDIA Mendizábal

Dr. Garmendia is the first Science and Innovation Minister to represent Spain at this forum. She is also a scientist and an entrepreneur with a background in Molecular Biology. In her role as minister, she is expected to make the Spanish science field even more productive and to develop its human resources. Please welcome Dr. Garmendia.

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Mr. Jeffrey KINDLER

Mr. Kindler is Chairman and Chief Executive Officer of Pfizer, the world's largest research-based pharmaceutical company. Mr. Kindler also chairs the U.S.-Japan Business Council, representing U.S. business circles. We look forward to hearing his views. Mr. Kindler, please.

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Professor LU Yongxiang

Next, I would like to introduce Professor LU, President of the Chinese Academy of Sciences. He is also Vice-Chairman of the Standing Committee of the National People's Congress. Professor LU serves as co-chairman of the InterAcademy Council with Professor Bruce Alberts. I would like to invite Professor LU to speak now.

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Professor Mario MOLINA

The last but not least speaker is Professor Molina. He is a co-recipient of the 1995 Nobel Prize in Chemistry with Professor Sherwood Rowland for the discovery of the Antarctic ozone hole. He teaches at UC San Diego and serves at the Scripps Institute of Oceanography. Professor Molina, please.

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Let me express my sincere thanks to all of our speakers at this opening session. I look forward to active discussions among participants over the next three days.

Thank you.