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PRESS RELEASE

## The Fifth Annual Meeting of the Science and Technology in Society (STS) forum Opens this Sunday (Oct. 5) in Kyoto

**Tokyo, September 30, 2008** - The Fifth Annual Meeting of the Science and Technology in Society (STS) forum will be held in Kyoto from Oct. 5 through 7, 2008, under the overall themes of "Harmony with Nature" and "How is Information and Communication Technology affecting Humankind?." The forum is a global initiative launched in November 2004 by Koji Omi, Member of the House of Representatives, Japan, together with other international personalities.

**His Imperial Highness The Crown Prince of Japan** will be giving an address at the Closing Plenary Session.

Over 800 participants from more than 90 countries, regions and international organizations will take part actively in the two and a half-day program. Ministers confirmed to attend will be 35. Policy makers include: **Lino Barañao**, Minister of Science, Technology and Productive Innovation (Argentina), **Jay Cohen**, Under Secretary for Science and Technology, Department of Homeland Security (US), **Grace Ekpwhre**, Minister of Science and Technology (Nigeria), **Cristina Garmendia Mendizábal**, Minister of Science and Innovation (Spain), **Hany Mahfouz Helal**, Minister of Higher Education and Scientific Research (Egypt), **Kiyoshi Kurokawa**, Special Advisor to the Cabinet; Professor, National Graduate Institute for Policy Studies (Japan), **Seiko Noda**, State Minister in charge of Science and Technology and Consumer Affairs (Japan), **Annette Schavan**, Minister of Education and Research (Germany), **Kapil Sibal**, Honourable Union Minister of Science, Technology and Earth Sciences (India), **Andrew von Eschenbach**, Commissioner, Food and Drug Administration (FDA), (US).

Among many world-known top experts and academics, 5 Nobel Laureates will participate: **Jerome I. Friedman**, Institute Professor and Professor of Physics Emeritus, Physics Department, Massachusetts Institute of Technology (MIT) (US, *1990 in Physics*), **Yuan T. Lee**, President Emeritus, Distinguished Research Fellow, Institute of Atomic and Molecular Sciences, Academia Sinica (Chinese Taipei, *1986 in Chemistry*), **Mario Molina**, Professor, University of California, San Diego (UCSD) (Mexico, *1995 in Chemistry*), **Ryoji Noyori**, President, RIKEN (Japan, *2001 in Chemistry*), **F. Sherwood Rowland**, Donald Bren Research Professor of Chemistry and Earth System Science, School of Physical Sciences, University of California, Irvine (UCI) (US, *1995 in Chemistry*). Other academics includes: **Arden Bement Jr.**, Director, National Science Foundation (NSF), (US), **Catherine Bréchnac**, President, French National Center for Scientific Research (CNRS); President Elect, International Council of Science (ICSU) (France), **Yegor Gaidar**, Director, The Institute for the Economy in Transition (IET), (Russia), **Yasuo Hayashi**, Chairman and CEO, Japan External Trade Organization (JETRO), (Japan), **Hiroshi Komiyama**, President, The University of Tokyo (Japan), **Sadako Ogata**, President, Japan International Cooperation Agency (JICA), (Japan), **Fritz Schiesser**, President of the ETH Board, Swiss Federal Institute of Technology (ETH), (Switzerland), **Lu Yongxiang**, President, Chinese Academy of Sciences (China).

Major business leaders from different countries, such as **David Brennan**, CEO, AstraZeneca Plc (UK), **Kazuo Furukawa**, Representative Executive Officer, President, CEO and Director, Hitachi Ltd.; Vice Chairman, Nippon Keidanren (Japan Business Federation), (Japan), **S. Kris Gopalakrishnan**, CEO and Managing Director, Infosys Technologies, Limited (India), **Yasuchika Hasegawa**, President, Takeda Pharmaceutical Company Limited (Japan), **Charles Holliday Jr.**, Chairman and CEO, DuPont; Chairman, Council on Competitiveness (US), **Jeffrey Kindler**, Chairman and CEO, Pfizer Inc, (US), **Kazuo Okamoto**, Vice Chairman and Representative Director, Toyota Motor Corporation, (Japan), **Steen Riisgaard**, President and CEO, Novozymes A/S; Chairman, EuropaBio, (Denmark), **Hajime Sasaki**, Chairman of the Board, NEC Corporation (Japan), **Robert Thomson**, Managing Editor, The Wall Street Journal; Editor in Chief, Dow Jones & Company (Australia), **Jürgen Thumann**, President, Federation of German Industries (BDI), (Germany), will be featured in the program.

### Attachments:

(1) Program (tentative); (2) List of Confirmed Ministers; (3) List of Confirmed Speakers (4) Press Guidelines

#### <For further information and Press Registration>

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#### **From Sept. 30 to Oct. 7**

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**Science and Technology in Society (STS) *forum***  
**Fifth Annual Meeting**  
**Oct. 5 - 7 , 2008**

Venue : Kyoto International Conference Center (ICC Kyoto)

**PROGRAM**

※ All the discussions will be in English, and no simultaneous interpretation is provided.

**Sunday, October 5, 2008**

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- 100 10:30 - 11:30 Opening Plenary Session: "Science and Technology and the Future of Humankind"  
11:45 - 13:00 Buffet Lunch ( Open to all Participants)
- 101 13:20 - 14:50 Plenary Session: "Crucial Issues and Development of Science and Technology"
- 102 14:50 - 15:50 Plenary Session: "How is ICT affecting Humankind?"  
15:50 - 16:30 Coffee Break
- 103 16:30 - 18:30 First Series of Concurrent Sessions  
18:30 - 19:30 Cocktails
- 104 19:30 - 21:00 Official Dinner: "Lights and Shadows of Science and Technology"  
( seated dinner, Participants and Accompanying persons only )

**Monday, October 6, 2008**

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- 200 08:30 - 09:50 Plenary Session: "Science and Technology in the Service of Health"  
09:50 - 10:20 Coffee Break
- 201 10:20 - 12:20 Second Series of Concurrent Sessions
- 202 12:20 - 14:05 Working Lunch: "Dialogue between Political Leaders and Scientists"
- 203 14:20 - 16:20 Third Series of Concurrent Sessions  
16:20 - 16:50 Coffee Break
- 204 16:50 - 18:00 Plenary Session: "Biofuels and their Potential Effect on Food Production and the Environment"
- 205 18:30 - 20:00 Special Buffet Dinner ( Open to all Participants )  
Venue : Kenninji Temple

**Tuesday, October 7, 2008**

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- 300 08:30 - 09:25 Plenary Session: Summaries from Concurrent Sessions
- 301 09:25 - 10:15 "Participants' Open Session"  
10:15 - 10:45 Coffee Break
- 302 10:45 - 11:45 Plenary Session: "Role of Science and Technology in the 21st Century"
- 303 11:45 - 12:30 Closing Plenary Session: "Returning to Harmony with Nature - What can we do?"
- 304 12:30 - 13:30 Farewell Buffet Lunch ( Open to all Participants )  
14:15 - 14:45 Press Conference

## CONFIRMED MINISTERS

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(Last name, First name, Title and Organization, Country)

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<b>Beja, Fatos</b>	Minister of Education and Sciences	Albania*
<b>Sangin, Amirzai</b>	Minister of Communications and Information Technology	Afghanistan*
<b>Baraño, Jose Lino</b>	Minister of Science, Technology and Productive Innovation	Argentina*
<b>Bocco, Vicentia</b>	Minister of Higher Education and Scientific Research	Benin*
<b>Valtchev, Daniel Vassilev</b>	Minister of Education and Science	Bulgaria*
<b>Tchuenté, Madeleine</b>	Minister of Scientific Research and Innovation	Cameroon*
<b>Falconi, Fander</b>	National Secretary of Planning and Development	Ecuador*
<b>Helal, Hany Mahfouz</b>	Minister of Higher Education and Scientific Research	Egypt
<b>Russom, Semere</b>	Minister of Education	Eritrea*
<b>Schavan, Annette</b>	Federal Minister of Education and Research	Germany
<b>Ohene, Elizabeth</b>	Minister of State for Higher Education and Science	Ghana*
<b>Mejía, Myriam Elizabeth</b>	Minister of Science and Technology	Honduras*
<b>Molnar, Karoly</b>	Minister without Portfolio for Science and Technology Policy	Hungary*
<b>Sibal, Kapil</b>	Minister of Science, Technology and Earth Sciences	India*
<b>Kosgei, Sally</b>	Minister of Higher Education, Science and Technology	Kenya*
<b>Metsing, Mothejoa</b>	Minister of Communications, Science and Technology	Lesotho*
<b>Albagdadi, Abdalgader</b>	Minister of Education	Libya*
<b>Diallo, Diarra Mariam Flantie</b>	Minister of Communication and New Technologies	Mali*
<b>Chami, Ahmed</b>	Minister of Industry, Commerce & New Technologies	Morocco*
<b>Massingue, Venancio</b>	Minister of Science and Technology	Mozambique
<b>Ekpiwhre, Grace</b>	Minister of Science and Technology	Nigeria*
<b>Rahman, Atta-ur-</b>	Federal Minister of Higher Education Commission	Pakistan
<b>Alabastro, Estrella</b>	Secretary of Department of Science and Technology	Philippines*
<b>Murenzi, Romain</b>	Minister of Science, Technology, Scientific Research and ICT	Rwanda
<b>Garmendia Mendizábal, Cristina</b>	Minister of Science and Innovation	Spain*
<b>Vitarana, Tissa</b>	Minister of Science and Technology	Sri Lanka
<b>Omer, Ibrahim</b>	Minister of Science and Technology	Sudan*
<b>Taha, Elzubeir Bashir</b>	Minister of Agriculture	Sudan
<b>Maghembe, Jumanne</b>	Minister of Education and Vocational Training	Tanzania*
<b>Msolla, Peter</b>	Minister of Communication, Science and Technology	Tanzania
<b>Chaisang, Wutipong</b>	Minister of Science and Technology	Thailand
<b>Bououny, Lazhar</b>	Minister of Higher Education, Scientific Research and Technology	Tunisia*
<b>Opio, Gabriel</b>	Minister of Education and Sports (Higher)	Uganda
<b>Daka, Peter</b>	Minister of Science, Technology and Vocational Training	Zambia*
<b>Muchena, Olivia</b>	Minister of Science and Technology Development	Zimbabwe

Total 35

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### CONFIRMED MAJOR SPEAKERS

#### POLITICAL LEADERS / POLICY MAKERS

<b>Baraño</b> , Lino	Minister of Science, Technology and Productive Innovation, AR
<b>Cohen</b> , Jay	Under Secretary for Science and Technology, Department of Homeland Security, US
<b>Garmendia Mendizábal</b> , Cristina	Minister of Science and Innovation, ES
<b>Helal</b> , Hany M.	Minister of Higher Education and Scientific Research, EG
<b>Kumar</b> , Ashok	Chair, Parliamentary Office of Science and Technology, Houses of Parliament, UK
<b>Lim</b> , Chuan Poh	Chairman, Agency for Science, Technology and Research (A*STAR), SG
<b>Noda</b> , Seiko	State Minister in charge of Science and Technology and Consumer Affairs, JP
<b>Schavan</b> , Annette	Minister, Federal Ministry of Education and Research, DE
<b>Sibal</b> , Kapil	Honourable Union Minister of Science, Technology and Earth Sciences, IN
<b>von Eschenbach</b> , Andrew	Commissioner, Food and Drug Administration (FDA), US

#### ACADEMIC / SCIENTIFIC / RESEARCH INSTITUTES LEADERS

<b>Bement Jr.</b> , Arden	Director, National Science Foundation (NSF), US
<b>Bréchnac</b> , Catherine	President, French National Center for Scientific Research (CNRS); President Elect, International Council of Science (ICSU), FR
<b>Córdova</b> , France	President, Purdue University, US
<b>Gaidar</b> , Yegor	Director, The Institute for the Economy in Transition (IET), RU
<b>Hayashi</b> , Yasuo	Chairman and CEO, Japan External Trade Organization (JETRO), JP
<b>Juma</b> , Calestous	Professor, Practice of International Development, Belfer Center for Science and International Affairs Harvard University, KE
<b>Kleiber</b> , Michał	President, Polish Academy of Sciences, PL
<b>Komiyama</b> , Hiroshi	President, The University of Tokyo, JP
<b>Ogata</b> , Sadako	President, Japan International Cooperation Agency (JICA), JP
<b>Profumo</b> , Francesco	Rector, Polytechnic University of Torino, IT
<b>Leslie</b> , Ian	Pro-Vice Chancellor, University of Cambridge, UK
<b>Lu</b> , Yongxiang	President, Chinese Academy of Sciences (CAS), CN
<b>Markides</b> , Karin	President, Chalmers University of Technology, SE
<b>Swaminathan</b> , Monkombu	Chairman of the Board of Trustees, M. S. Swaminathan Research Foundation, IN

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## BUSINESS LEADERS

<b>Bernard</b> , Robert	Chief Environmental Strategist, Microsoft Corporation, US
<b>Bregman</b> , Mark	Executive Vice President and Chief Technical Officer, Symantec Corporation, US
<b>Brennan</b> , David	CEO, AstraZeneca Plc, UK
<b>Furukawa</b> , Kazuo	Representative Executive Officer, President, CEO and Director, Hitachi Ltd.; Vice Chairman, Nippon Keidanren (Japan Business Federation), JP
<b>Gopalakrishnan</b> , S. Kris	CEO and Managing Director, Infosys Technologies Ltd, IN
<b>Herrling</b> , Paul L.	Head of Corporate Research, Novartis International AG, CH
<b>Holliday Jr.</b> , Charles	Chairman and CEO, DuPont; Chairman, Council on Competitiveness, US
<b>Hwang</b> , Chang-Gyu	President and Corporate CTO, Samsung Electronics Co. Ltd., KR
<b>Ito</b> , Chiaki	Member of the Board and Vice Chairman, Fujitsu Limited, JP
<b>Johnson</b> , Ray	Senior Vice President and Chief Technology Officer, Lockheed Martin Corporation, US
<b>Kindler</b> , Jeffrey	Chairman and CEO, Pfizer Inc, US
<b>Okamoto</b> , Kazuo	Vice Chairman and Representative Director, Toyota Motor Corporation, JP
<b>Riisgaard</b> , Steen	President and CEO, Novozymes A/S; Chairman, EuropaBio, DK
<b>Sasaki</b> , Hajime	Chairman of the Board, NEC Corporation, JP
<b>Swope</b> , William	Vice President and General Manager, Corporate Affairs Group, Intel Corporation, US
<b>Thumann</b> , Jürgen R.	President, Federation of German Industries (BDI), DE

## NOBEL LAUREATES

<b>Friedman</b> , Jerome I.	Institute Professor and Professor of Physics Emeritus, Physics Department, Massachusetts Institute of Technology (MIT), US ( <i>1990 in Physics</i> )
<b>Lee</b> , Yuan T.	President Emeritus, Distinguished Research Fellow, Institute of Atomic and Molecular Sciences, Academia Sinica, Chinese Taipei ( <i>1986 in Chemistry</i> )
<b>Molina</b> , Mario	Professor, University of California, San Diego (UCSD), MX ( <i>1995 in Chemistry</i> )
<b>Noyori</b> , Ryoji	President, RIKEN, JP ( <i>2001 in Chemistry</i> )
<b>Rowland</b> , F. Sherwood	Donald Bren Research Professor of Chemistry and Earth System Science, School of Physical Sciences, University of California, Irvine (UCI), US ( <i>1995 in Chemistry</i> )

## MEDIA LEADERS

<b>Da Silva</b> , Wilson	Editor-in-Chief, Cosmos Magazine, AU
<b>Ghosh</b> , Pallab K.	Science Correspondent, BBC News; President, World Federation of Science Journalists, UK
<b>Power</b> , Christopher	Assistant Managing Editor – International, BusinessWeek, US
<b>Schoenberger</b> , Chana	Associate Editor, Forbes Magazine, US
<b>Thomson</b> , Robert	Managing Editor, The Wall Street Journal; Editor-in-Chief, Dow Jones & Company, AU

## GUIDELINES FOR THE REPORTING PRESS

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### ◆ PRESS CENTER

The Press Center is located on the 5<sup>th</sup> floor of the International Convention Center of Kyoto (ICC Kyoto). Internet access through LAN cords as well as fax and photocopy machine will be provided. One-on-one interviews can be arranged by the Press Office during the days of October 5 through 7. Requests must be made in advance. A Closing Press Conference featuring key speakers will be held on Tuesday, Oct. 7, 2008, from 14:15 pm, at the International Convention Center of Kyoto (ICC Kyoto).

### ◆ REGULATIONS FOR WRITTEN PRESS

Written press will receive full access to all sessions. However, Press members are required to observe the Chatham House Rule in concurrent sessions. The Chatham House Rule reads as follows:

*"... PARTICIPANTS ARE FREE TO USE THE INFORMATION RECEIVED, BUT NEITHER THE IDENTITY NOR THE AFFILIATION OF THE SPEAKER(S), NOR THAT OF ANY OTHER PARTICIPANT, MAY BE REVEALED".*

The reporting press do not have access to the meal sessions, but they are invited to the light Buffet Lunch (on Sunday, Oct. 5, 11:45 - 13:00) and the Special Buffet Dinner (on Monday, Oct. 6, 18:30 - 20:00 - on an off-the-record basis regarding any information to be obtained during the dinner).

### ◆ REGULATIONS FOR TV CREW, CAMERAS & FILMING

Camera crews will be allowed to film on the events below. **Filming of other events which have not been agreed upon in advance by the STS forum Secretariat during the days of Oct. 5-7 is prohibited.**

#### SESSIONS:

<b>Sunday, Oct. 5</b>	10:30 - 11:30	Opening Plenary Session <i>"Science and Technology and the Future of Humankind"</i>
	13:20 – 15:50	Plenary Sessions <i>"Crucial Issues and Development of S&amp;T"</i> <i>"How is ICT affecting Humankind?"</i>
<b>Monday, Oct. 6</b>	08:30 – 09:50	Plenary Session <i>"Science and Technology in the Service of Health"</i>
	16:50– 18:00	Plenary Session <i>"Biofuels and their Potential Effect on Food Production and the Environment"</i>
<b>Tuesday, Oct. 7</b>	08:30 - 12:30	Plenary Sessions and Closing Plenary Session <i>"Summaries from Concurrent Sessions"</i> <i>"Participants' Open Session"</i> <i>"Role of Science and Technology in the 21st Century"</i> <i>"Returning to Harmony with Nature – What can we do?"</i>
	14:15 – 14:45	Closing Press Conference

Note: One camera crew or reporter per organization will be allowed in the designated areas.

### ◆ PRESS ACCREDITATION

All reporting press and technical staff (camera crew/soundman) who wish to cover the Fifth Annual Meeting must be accredited by the STS forum Secretariat.

To register, please go to the **Press Room** on our website: <http://www.stsforum.org/>, choose the **"Media Accreditation Request"** box, type in the required information and submit. To finalize your registration, you must send an ID photo to [press@stsforum.org](mailto:press@stsforum.org) by e-mail before **Friday, October 3, 2008, 18:00 (Tokyo Standard Time)**. Please follow the instructions on the website. A confirmation e-mail will be sent to confirm accreditation, and a printout will be required at registration.

◆ **COVERING THE PARTICIPATION OF HIH THE CROWN PRINCE OF JAPAN**

07:30 am: Doors of the ICC Kyoto open and registration starts.

10:00 am: Registration must be completed by then.

**Reporting point 1:** Arrival at 11:27 am [Main Entrance]

10:50 am: Please gather near the main entrance of the ICC Kyoto

**Reporting point 2:** Closing Plenary Session at 11:45 am [Main Hall]

10:00 am: Please gather at the designated Press areas in the back area of the Main Hall

**Reporting point 3:** Closing Plenary Session at 11:45 am [Main Hall]

10:00 am: Please gather at the designated Press areas to the right wing of the Main Hall

**Reporting point 4:** Farewell Buffet Lunch at 12:39 pm [Swan Room]

Only written press will be allowed, and only for the first 5 minutes. Cameras are not allowed.

**Note:**

- The schedule of HIH The Crown Prince is provided for the convenience for the reporting press only. You are requested to keep this information fully confidential prior to the event.
- You will not be able to leave one reporting point (1, 2 or 3) to go to another.
- You will not be allowed to report in case you fail to show up in time.
- You will not be allowed to report, film or take pictures of HIH The Crown Prince outside of the designated press area.
- During the Closing Plenary Session (11:45 am – 12:30 pm) you will be able to leave the Main Hall, but you cannot re-enter.

◆ **SECURITY REGISTRATION**

Badges will be issued at the Press Registration Desk upon presentation of a press card and a printout of press accreditation e-mail at the following time and places:

Saturday, Oct. 4	Time: 10:00 – 18:00 Place: Grand Prince Hotel Kyoto (Ground Floor)
Sunday, Oct. 5	Time: 08:30 – 19:30 Place: Entrance Lobby – ICC Kyoto
Monday, Oct. 6	Time: 07:00 – 18:00 Place: Entrance Lobby – ICC Kyoto
Tuesday, Oct. 7	Time: 07:30 – 13:00 Place: Entrance Lobby – ICC Kyoto

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