

World Leaders Gather to Discuss Global Issues at STS forum in Kyoto October 2 – 4, 2016

With more than 1,200 participants from about 100 countries and regions, the 13th Annual Meeting of STS *forum* (Science and Technology in Society *forum*) was held at the Kyoto International Conference Center (ICC Kyoto) Japan on October 2-4. This year, total of 40 sessions (10 plenary sessions and 30 concurrent sessions) and 8 side events were held with lively and far-reaching discussions over the pressing themes such as “Sustainable Development”, “Research and Innovation”, “Lights and Shadows of ICT”, “New and Renewable Energy”, “Genome Engineering” and “Healthy Aging”.

For the Opening Plenary Session, we had the honor of welcoming Prime Minister Shinzo Abe of Japan, Prime Minister Miro Cerar of the Republic of Slovenia, Deputy Prime Minister Arkady Dvorkovich of the Russian Federation and Chairman Sadayuki



Prime Minister Abe at the Opening Plenary Session



Join us at STS *forum* 2017, 14th Annual Meeting
October 1, 2 and 3, 2017

Kyoto International Conference Center



From left: Sadayuki Sakakibara, Chairman, Keidanren (Japan Business Federation); Arkady Dvorkovich, Deputy Prime Minister, Government of the Russian Federation; Miro Cerar, Prime Minister, Republic of Slovenia; Shinzo Abe, Prime Minister, Government of Japan; Koji Omi, Founder and Chairman, STS forum.

Sakakibara of KEIDANREN (Japan Business Federation). Prime Minister Abe stated in his speech that on his way to the UN General Assembly in September he pondered “how science and technology can make a difference in our societies, especially in the Japanese society.” He continued that however “I must first correct what I have just said because the question is NOT about how science and technology CAN make a difference in our society. Science and Technology MUST do it.”



Chairman Omi at the Opening Plenary Session



Networking Opportunities

1,200 participants included 12 Nobel Laureates, 18 Science & Technology Ministers, representatives of academy of science, funding agency, university and also chief technology officers of global corporations.

Chairman Omi concluded the 13th Annual Meeting

at the Closing Plenary Session that Issues of science and technology, and their impact on society cannot be addressed by scientists alone. STS forum is bringing together leaders from policymaking, academia, and industry to jointly tackle these issues. STS forum is also promoting greater participation by members of the younger generation and women. Furthermore, STS forum will expand on its existing networks to contribute more than ever before to addressing the issues facing mankind.



Concurrent Session “Genome Engineering”



Reception at the Kyoto National Museum



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