

World Leaders Gather to Discuss Global Issues at STS forum in Kyoto October 1 – 3, 2017

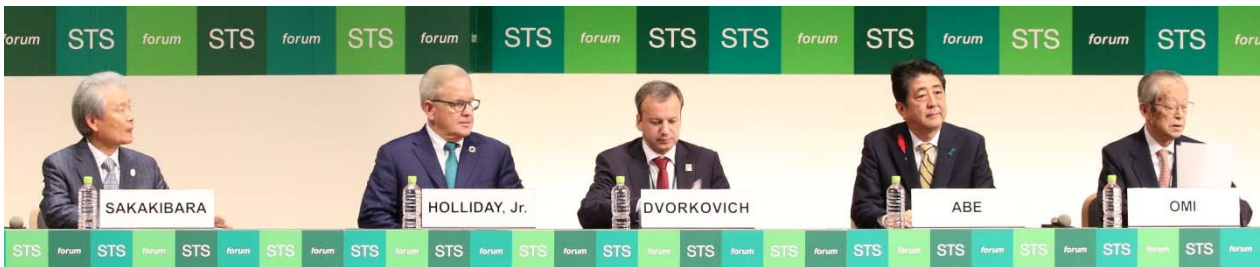
With a total of approximately 1,400 participants from about 80 countries and regions, the 14th Annual Meeting of STS *forum*, Science and Technology in Society *forum*, was held at the Kyoto International Conference Center (ICC Kyoto) Japan on October 1-3. This year, total of 40 sessions (10 plenary and 30 concurrent sessions) and 11 side events were held with lively and far-reaching discussions over the pressing themes. Some of the sessions included Sustainable Development, Science, Technology and Education in Digitalized Society, Artificial Intelligence, Environment and Health and Innovation in Society.



Prime Minister Shinzo Abe of Japan making a speech at the Opening Plenary Session.



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Kyoto International Conference Center



From right, Chairman Koji Omi of STS forum, Prime Minister Shinzo Abe of Japan, Deputy Prime Minister Arkady Dvorkovich of Russian Federation, Chairman Charles O. Holliday of Royal Dutch Shell and Chairman of Sadayuki Sakakibara of KEIDANREN.

At the Opening Plenary Session, we welcomed Prime Minister Shinzo Abe of Japan, Deputy Prime Minister Arkady Dvorkovich of the Russian Federation, Chairman Charles O. Holliday, Jr. of Royal Dutch Shell plc, and Chairman Sadayuki Sakakibara of KEIDANREN (Japan Business Federation). Prime Minister Abe emphasized that “I am determined that in this age of science and technology making huge strides ahead, I must turn Japan into a cradle of innovation where the Japanese, the Germans and anyone from overseas can work together to always create something new.”

For the side events, CEO Lunch Meeting was newly added where 18 CEOs from the world attended. “Dialogue between Future Leaders and Nobel Laureates” where approximately 140 future leaders enjoyed the stimulating discussions with 15 Nobel Laureates. 1,400 participants included the world leaders from the field of academia, research, industries and governments.



Their Imperial Highnesses the Crown Prince and Crown Princess listen to the speech by Professor Torsten Nils Wiesel, President Emeritus of the Rockefeller University (Nobel Laureate Physiology or Medicine 1981).



His Imperial Highness the Crown Prince delivered a speech at the Closing Plenary Session.

On the last day of the 14th Annual Meeting, we received the honor of the presence of Their Imperial Highnesses the Crown Prince and Crown Princess of Japan at Plenary Session 300 “Key Messages from Concurrent Sessions” and Closing Plenary Session. His Imperial Highness the Crown Prince delivered a speech at the Closing Plenary Session.

At the end of the Closing Plenary Session, Chairman Omi announced the Statement of 14th Annual Meeting which is available at STS forum Website: <http://www.stsforum.org/>



Concurrent Session “Artificial Intelligence (AI)”



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