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Join us at : STS *forum* 2017, 15th Annual Meeting

October 7,8 and 9, 2018

Kyoto International Conference Center

With this Spring issue, we would like to keep you updated on events and activities related to STS forum since the last Autumn issue..

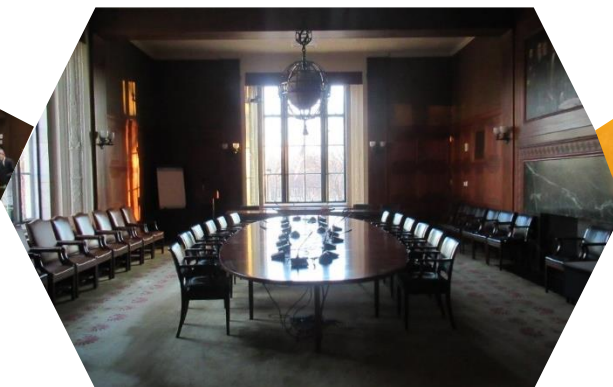
January 8th and 9th , 2018

---Council Meeting and Board Meeting in Washington D.C.

At the national Academy of Sciences Building, in Washington D.C. the first Council Meeting and Board Meeting this year were held. At the Council Meeting on Jan. 8th, total of 23 council members and their representatives gathered and discussed the framework of the program and the speakers of the coming 15th Annual Meeting in Kyoto in October. Program Committee will proceed with sending out invitation letters to prospective speakers. We would like to express our gratitude to Dr. Marcia McNutt, President, National Academy of Sciences (NAS) who offered conference room for the meeting.



At the Board Meeting on Jan. 9th, STS *forum*' action plans for 2018 were presented and gained approval from the members.



February 28th, 2018

---The 3rd STS forum INDIA-Japan Workshop in Delhi, India

STS forum and the Ministry of Science and Technology of India organized the 3rd STS forum INDIA-Japan Workshop on February 28, 2018 in Delhi. More than 120 leaders (about 70 from India and 55 from Japan) in the area of policy making, academia and industry gathered from India and Japan.



Koji Omi, Founder & Chairman of STS forum, explained that the objective of this workshop is to enrich relations between Japan and India by strengthening mutual cooperation in the areas of science, technology, and innovation.



The workshop composed of two sessions.

Session 1 "Innovation and Entrepreneurship Driven by Science & Technology"

chaired by Dr. Girish Sahni, Director General, Council of Scientific and Industrial Research (CSIR), aims to promote further collaboration between India and Japan.

Session 2 "AI, Robotics and the Impact on Society"

chaired by Dr. Motoko Kotani, Executive Director, RIKEN. This theme is selected because Science and technology cooperation between India and Japan is progressing in the ICT field, and we will focus on AI and robotics, a rapidly developing sector that will lead to major changes in the near future.

In each session, after the Chair and the 8 Speakers had remarks and discussions, there was Q&A time. Many participants including young people asked questions, and then, enjoyed the time among the Speakers and participants. All participants were satisfied with the Workshop and deepen the relationships each other.



SPECIAL EVENTS for STS *forum* 2018 – the 15th Annual Meeting

The 15th Anniversary in 2018

STS *forum* is celebrating the opening of "the next 15 years".

STS *forum* is welcoming all the guests with the special memorial events!!!

■ KABUKI Performance

STS *forum* is having a Special KABUKI performance during Official Dinner on Oct. 7.

You will experience one of the exordial Japanese Artistic Culture in LIVE performance !!!

Don't Miss it!!

Kabuki Performance: 20:00-21:00

(Cocktail: 18:20-19:00, Dinner: 19:00-20:00)



■ Networking Time at New Hall

Kyoto International Conference Center is opening up the New Hall in this coming October. STS *forum* is the very first conference to use this New Hall. Enjoy your networking time in this brand-new hall!!!



Chairman Koji Omi visited 12 cities in 6 countries from November 2017 to March 2018, in order to meet with and invite the leading figures to STS forum 15th Annual Meeting. The following is the outline of his visits.

USA & Germany --- November 5-12, 2017

In New York, Chairman Omi visited Carnegie Corporation to meet Dr. Vartan Gregorian, President of Carnegie Corporation. Chairman Omi also attended the New York Academy of Sciences Gala Dinner held in New York on November 6. On November 7, Chairman Omi visited Columbia University, there he met Dr. Martin Chalfie, University Professor, Department of Biological Sciences, who also receive the Nobel Prize in Chemistry 2013. Also Chairman Omi visited Dr. Richard P. Lifton, President of the Rockefeller University. In Frankfurt, Chairman Omi was invited to the dinner hosted by the Embassy of Japan in Germany. In Berlin, Chairman Omi attended the Falling Walls Conference on November 9 for which he is a board member. During his stay in Berlin and Munich, he met with Dr. Christian Thomsen, President of Technical University Berlin, Dr. Roland Busch, Chief Technology Officer and Member of the Managing Board, Siemens, and many of the leading figures in various fields.

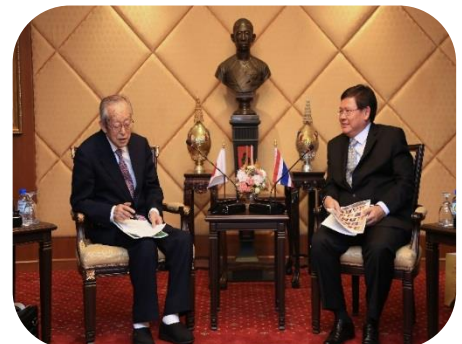
The Philippines, Singapore & Thailand --- November 10-16, 2017

In Manila, Chairman Omi visited H.E. Dr. Fortunato T. de la Pena, Secretary of the Department of Science and Technology (DOST), Mr. George T. Barcelon, Chairman of the Philippine Chamber of Commerce and Industry (PCCI), Prof. Didel Nemenzo, Vice Chancellor of the University of the Philippines Diliman, Mr. Oscar Reyes, CEO of Manila Electric, and Dr. William Padolina, President of National Academy of Science and Technology. In Singapore, Chairman Omi was invited to the Dinner hosted by the Hon. Chuan Poh Lim, Chairman of A-Star. Chairman Omi met many leading figures in academia and industries. In Bangkok, Chairman Omi visited the Ministry of Science and Technology and met H.E. Suvit Maesincee, Minister of Science and Technology. Actively, he visited and met many of the leading figures in various fields.



From Left: Mr. George T. Barcelon, President, Philippine Chamber of Commerce and Industry (PCCI), Chairman Omi, Hon. Fortunato T. De la Pena, Secretary, Department of Science and Technology, Philippines

H.E. Suvit Maesincee, Minister Of Science and Technology, Bangkok



USA --- January 7-13, 2018

In Washington DC, Chairman Omi attended STS Council Meeting and Board Meeting held in National Academy of Sciences. In New York, Chairman Omi attended AASTS Board Meeting. Chairman Omi met Mr. Jeffrey Hamilton, Senior Director of Pfizer, Dr. Giovanni Caforio, CEO of Bristol-Myers Squibb Company (BMS), Dr. Christopher Boerner, Head of International Markets, BMS, Dr. Amadou Diarra, Head of Global Policy, Advocacy & Government Affairs, BMS, and many of the leading figures in various fields. On January 11, STS *Forum* Luncheon and Workshop was held at the Carnegie Corporation of New York. There were enthusiastic discussions about the future of the STS *forum*.

USA --- February 11-15, 2018

Chairman Omi made a short visit to San Francisco, and visited two Foundations. Chairman Omi met Dr. Cori Bargmann, President of Chan Zyckerberg Science, Chan Zuckerberg Initiative and Dr. Harvey Fineberg, President of the Gordon and Betty Moore Foundation. He also met with the leaders of the corporations such as NVIDIA, Symantec, Oracle Corporation, and salesforce.com.



India --- February 25-March 3, 2018

On the occasion of the 3rd STS *forum* India-Japan Workshop which was held on February 28, 2018, Chairman Omi visited Delhi to meet government officials, head of academia and industries to introduce and invite them to the STS *forum* 15th Annual Meeting.

STS forum is led by 83 Council Members from 28 countries and regions. For those who are not familiar with them, we take great pleasure in introducing some members.

Dr. Marcia McNutt

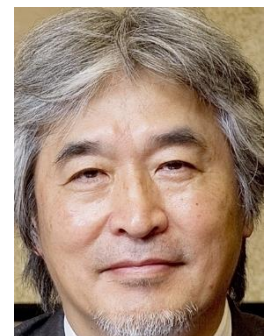
President
National Academy of Sciences (NAS)
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Marcia McNutt (B.A. in physics, Colorado College; Ph.D. in earth sciences, Scripps Institution of Oceanography) is a geophysicist and the 22nd president of the National Academy of Sciences. From 2013 to 2016, she was editor-in-chief of Science journals. McNutt was director of the U.S. Geological Survey from 2009 to 2013, during which time USGS responded to a number of major disasters, including the Deepwater Horizon oil spill. For her work to help contain that spill, McNutt was awarded the U.S. Coast Guard's Meritorious Service Medal. In 1998, McNutt was awarded the AGU's Macelwane Medal for research accomplishments by a young scientist, and she received the Maurice Ewing Medal in 2007 for her contributions to deep-sea exploration.

Dr. Juichi Yamagiwa

President
Kyoto University
Japan



Juichi Yamagiwa is the president of Kyoto University. Prior to his appointment as president, he was a professor in the university's Graduate School of Science. His research interests broadly encompass the social evolution of human and non-human primates. Since the 1970s he has conducted socio-ecological studies of gorillas in Africa. He has served as president of the Primate Society of Japan (2005–2009), president of the International Primatological Society (2008–2012), a member of the Science Council of Japan (since 2006), and as a member of IUCN/SSC Primate Specialist Group (since 1992). He is currently a member of the Central Environment Council of Japan's Ministry of the Environment (since 2015) and president of the Japan Association of National Universities (since 2017).

■ 5th STS *forum* ASEAN-JAPAN Workshop

Date: April 26, 2018

Venue: Shangri La Mactan, Cebu, Philippines

Organized by: STS *forum*, Department of Science and Technology (DOST), Philippine Chamber of Commerce & Industry (PCCI), Japan External Trade Organization (JETRO)

■ Council Meeting in Frankfurt

Date: May 15, 2018

Venue: Discovery Kartika Plaza Hotel, Bali, Indonesia

Organized by: STS *forum*, Agency for the Assessment and Application of Technology (BPPT), Japan External Trade Organization (JETRO)

■ 3rd EU-STS *forum* High-Level Conference

Date: May 17, 2018

Venue: Brussels, Belgium (Venue to be confirmed)

Organized by: STS *forum*, Science and Technology Options Assessment, EU Parliament (STOA), Japan External Trade Organization (JETRO)

■ 15th STS *forum* Annual Meeting

Date: October 7-9, 2018

Venue: Kyoto International Conference Center, Kyoto, Japan

2018: The Year of the Dog



In Japan, apart from the western calendar, the Chinese astrological calendar is widely used. There are twelve zodiac signs and each year has a symbolic animal. The order is: rat, bull, tiger, rabbit, dragon, snake, horse, sheep, monkey, rooster, dog and boar. The cycle is completed every twelve years. This year, 2018, is the year of the Dog. According to the Chinese lore, the Year of the Dog is a year symbolized as loyalty and honesty. Also a year of the new creations with efforts.