

Chairman Omi co-hosts meeting for Prime Minister of Japan at U.S. National Academy of Sciences

APRIL 30, 2015 --- Koji Omi, Founder and Chairman of STS *forum*, co-hosted a breakfast meeting with Japanese Prime Minister Shinzo Abe and American eminent science and technology leaders. The meeting in Washington D.C. was co-hosted by Dr. Ralph Cicerone, President of the U.S. National Academy of Sciences.

It always has been Chairman Omi's earnest desire to serve as an intermediary to build a closer relationship between Japan and the U.S., especially in the field of science and technology. As soon as he learnt about Prime Minister Abe's plan for a state visit to the U.S., Chairman Omi started to explore the feasibility of such a meeting. Thanks to the generous courtesy of Dr. Cicerone, who is a Council Member of STS *forum*, and the U.S. National Academy of Sciences, the meeting came to fruition.



At the gathering, Prime Minister Abe stressed the importance of international cooperation in science and technology to promote peace and prosperity, and that innovation was the key to using science and technology to improve society. The Prime Minister also referred to his appointment as Honorary Chairman of STS *forum* and said, "As Prime Minister and Honorary Chairman of the STS *forum*, I am looking forward to hearing your thoughts on how the Japan-US cooperation can further promote development in science and technology and deliver benefits (to society)," he said.



Other attendees at the meeting were: **Dr. John P. Holdren**, Assistant to the President for Science and Technology, **Dr. Rush Holt, Jr.**, Chief Executive Officer of AAAS, **Prof. Jerome Issac Friedman**, Professor Emeritus MIT, Nobel Laureate, **Dr. Francis S. Collins**, Director of NIH, **Mr. Charles Holliday, Jr.**, Chairman of Royal Dutch Shell, **Prof. Ernest J. Moniz**, Secretary of Energy, **Dr. France A. Córdova**, Director of National Science Foundation, **Prof. Rita Colwell**, Professor of University of Maryland and Johns Hopkins University, **Mr. Ellis Rubinstein**, President and Chief Executive Officer of The New York Academy of Sciences, and **Ms. Deborah Wince-Smith**, President and Chief Executive Officer of Council on Competitiveness.



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