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## *World Leaders Gather to Discuss Global Issues at STS *forum* in Kyoto*

**October 4 – 6, 2015** --- The 12<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting of Science and Technology in Society *forum* (STS *forum*) was successfully held at International Conference Center in Kyoto, Japan. In 10 Plenary Sessions and 28 Concurrent Sessions, there were lively and far-reaching discussions over pressing themes such as “Energy and Innovation”, “ICT”, and “S&T Diplomacy and International Collaboration”.





From left:  
Shinzo Abe  
Prime Minister  
Government of Japan  
Manuel Valls  
Prime Minister, Government of  
the French Republic  
Ranil Wickremesinghe  
Prime Minister, Government of the  
Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri  
Lanka

From left:

Arkady Dvorkovich

Deputy Prime Minister,  
Government of the Russian  
Federation

John P. Holdren

Assistant to the President for  
Science and Technology and  
Director of the White House  
Office of Science  
and Technology Policy (OSTP)

Sadayuki Sakakibara

Chairman, Keidanren  
(Japan Business Federation)



This year, we had the honor of welcoming three prime ministers to deliver their speeches in the Opening Session: Japanese Prime Minister Shinzo Abe, French Prime Minister Manuel Valls, and Sri Lankan Prime Minister Ranil Wickremesinghe.

This session alone attracted about 950 participants and in total the two-and-a-half-day meeting brought together about 1,200 world leaders from about 100 countries, regions and international organizations.

