

STS forum TICAD VI Japan - Africa Workshop for Strengthening Cooperation in Science, Technology and Innovation

The Kenyatta International Convention Center, Nairobi, Kenya

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The Sixth Tokyo International Conference on African Development (TICAD VI), consisting of Japan, 53 African countries and international organizations and others, was held in Nairobi, Kenya on August 27-28, 2016 as the first to be held in Africa since its inauguration in 1993. Mr. Shinzo Abe, Prime Minister of Japan served as co-chair along with Mr. Uhuru Kenyatta, President of the Republic of Kenya and Mr. Idriss Deby Itno, President of the Republic of Chad (Chairperson of the African Union).

As an official side event of TICAD VI, *STS forum* organized a workshop entitled “*STS forum TICAD VI Japan - Africa Workshop for Strengthening Cooperation in Science and Technology and Innovation*” at the Kenyatta International Convention Center, the venue of TICAD VI. Approximately 200 participants from government, academia and business from more than 15 countries gathered. Mr. Shinzo Abe, Prime Minister of Japan, who greeted the workshop audience,



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emphasized “the important role that science and technology played in the history of Japan’s modernization” and expressed his conviction that “science and technology are now literally bringing quantum leaps to Africa’s development”. He explained that he believed “Japanese science and technology are certain to contribute to enhancing the happiness of the people of Africa.”

Koji Omi, Founder and Chairman of *STS forum*, in his speech, mentioned that this is the first time that the TICAD Meeting has focused on Science and Technology for the future of Africa. The two sessions, headed by Mrs. Grace Naledi Mandisa Pandor, Minister of Department of Science and Technology of South Africa, and Dr. Michinari Hamaguchi, President of Japan Science and Technology Agency with total of 16 speakers were welcomed by the zealous audience.



The 2nd Eastern Economic Forum *The Far Eastern Federal University, Vladivostok, Russia*

September 2-3, 2016---

The 2nd Eastern Economic Forum was held at the Far Eastern Federal University in Vladivostok, Russia with approximately 3,500 participants representing 56 countries besides Russia. The Forum's theme this year was "Opening up the Far East". The Plenary Session was attended by Japanese Prime Minister Shinzo Abe, Russian President Vladimir Putin and Korean President Park Geun-hye.

Koji Omi, Chairman and Founder of STS *forum* participated in the Business Dialogue "Russian-Japanese Business Forum" to discuss the development of the Russian Far East as a priority in Russia-Japan bilateral relations. The moderator of the Session was Mr. S. Murayama, President of Japan Association for Trade with Russia and the Newly Independent States and Mr. A. Repic, President of All-Russia Public Organization Business Russia. Chairman Omi in his speech emphasized that "Fostering Cooperation between Japan and Russia not only in Science and Technology but also working together to develop the Far East and Siberia are the key to our mutual benefit". He also introduced about the 13th Annual Meeting of STS *forum*.



(from right) H.E. Shinzo Abe, Prime Minister of Japan, H.E. Vladimir Putin, President of Russia and H.E. Park Geun-hye, President of South Korea.

Science and Technology for Society Forum in Colombo, Sri Lanka

September 7-10, 2016---

Inspired by the 12th Annual Meeting of STS *forum* in Kyoto, H.E. Mr. Ranil Wickremesinghe, Prime Minister of the Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka who participated in the Opening Plenary of the 12th Annual Meeting of STS *forum*, organized a symposium entitled “Science and Technology for Society Forum” in Colombo, Sri Lanka on September 7-10. The Symposium was organized by the Prime Minister’s Office and the Ministry of Science, Technology and Research of Sri Lanka. The purpose of the Symposium is to foster Excellence in Science and Technology, to enable equitable and inclusive development through STI, to promote hi-tech industries in Sri Lanka and to integrate Sri Lankan industries into the global value chain.

Koji Omi, Founder and Chairman of STS *forum*, who was invited to the Symposium as a Guest of Honor, mentioned in his key note speech at the plenary session that STS *forum* considers that the discussion on Science and technology and the future of humanity, thinking of what the future should be like not just in 20 or 30 years’ time, but over 100 or 500 years from now are most important and crucial. He believes this Symposium would play a central role in further strengthening collaboration between Japan and Sri Lanka in the area of Science and Technology.



[Middle] (from left) Mr. Susil Premajayantha, Minister of Science, Technology and Research, H.E. Mr. Ranil Wickremesinghe, Prime Minister of the Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka, Mr. Kenichi Suganuma, Ambassador of Japan. [Right] (on the right) H.E. Maitripala Sirisena, President of the Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka

