

World Leaders Gather to Discuss Global Issues at STS *forum* in Kyoto October 7 – 9, 2018

1,400 world leaders from all corners of the globe, including 11 Nobel Laureates, gathered at the 15th Annual Meeting of Science and Technology in Society *forum* (STS *forum*) held at the Kyoto International Conference Center from October 7 to October 9, 2018.

Engaging and extensive discussions took place throughout a series of plenary sessions, concurrent sessions, and peer meetings and networking opportunities. The discussions were based on pressing themes, such as our ability to halt climate change, how the next industrial revolution will change society, the possibility of robots leading to job loss, maintaining privacy in the age of big data, and our ability to sustain life on planet Earth.



Prime Minister Shinzo Abe of Japan spoke at the Opening Plenary Session emphasizing his determination and the importance to boost innovation in order to bring about a brighter future. He said, “Over the next few years, I will do my best to boost innovation, because for us to grow, only three things count: innovation, innovation, and innovation.”

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Along with Prime Minister Abe, Chairman Charles O. Holliday, Jr. of Royal Dutch Shell plc, Minister Maxim Oreshkin of the Ministry of Economic Development of the Russian Federation, President Marcia McNutt of the National Academy of Sciences, USA, and Chairman Hiroaki Nakanishi of Keidanren (Japan Business Federation) gave speeches on various topics ranging from business' actions against climate change to information visualization through digitization.



New to this year's STS forum were more extensive opportunities for networking. The peer meeting and networking opportunities included top ministers, university presidents, CEOs, and CTOs from around the world. The STS forum continues to contribute to fostering young leaders by inviting them to networking opportunities such as the "Dialogue between Future Leaders and Nobel Laureates" in which future leaders participated in stimulating dialogues with Nobel Laureates.

Chairman Koji Omi, Founder and Chairman of the STS forum, concluded the 15th Annual Meeting at the Closing Plenary Session by emphasizing that nurturing the future generations and the participation of women are essential. STS forum has grown into a global movement and will continue to work to strengthen the lights and control the shadows of science and technology.

