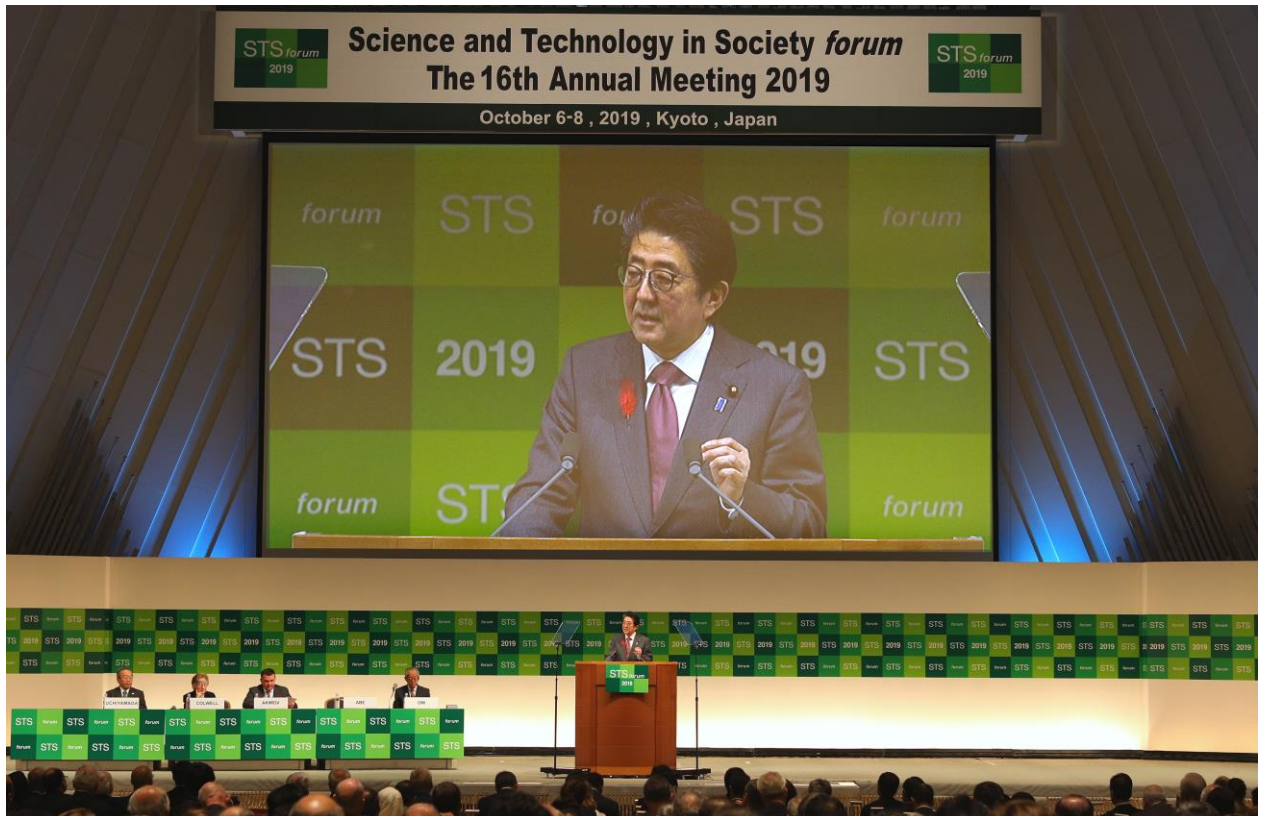


World Leaders Gather to Discuss Global Issues at 16th STS *forum* in Kyoto October 6 - 8, 2019



Around 1,400 world leaders, including 14 Nobel Laureates, gathered for the 16th Annual Meeting of Science and Technology in Society *forum* (STS *forum*) held at the Kyoto International Conference Center from October 6 to October 8, 2019.



Engaging and extensive discussions took place throughout a series of 10 plenary sessions, 24 concurrent sessions, and 11 peer meetings and many networking opportunities.

Left: Concurrent Session “**Policy Making in Science and Technology based Society**” attracted the largest number of participants this year among all Concurrent Sessions.

Join us at STS *forum* 2020, 17th Annual Meeting

October 4, 5 and 6, 2020

Kyoto International Conference Center



At the **Opening Plenary Session**: from right to left, **Koji Omi**, Founder and Chairman, STS *forum*; **Shinzo Abe**, Prime Minister of Japan; **Maxim Akimov**, Deputy Prime Minister of the Russian Federation; **Rita R. Colwell**, Distinguished University Professor, Center for Bioinformatics and Computational Biology, University of Maryland College Park; **Takeshi Uchiyamada**, Chairman of the Board, Toyota Motor Corporation



Prime Minister Shinzo Abe of Japan stated at the Opening Plenary Session that the future of humankind depends on science and technology, and roles of attendees in this forum will become even more important. The Prime Minister specifically referred to recent plastic waste issue as an example, saying that we must not look on plastics as the enemy, but should recognize the important role of plastics for society. He emphasized that we must call for innovations to give us solutions to bridge any gaps facing us.

In the Closing Plenary Session, Founder and Chairman of STS *forum*, Koji Omi, concluded that we must expand the contributions of the STS *forum* by strengthening the lights and controlling the shadows of science and technology.



At the Closing Plenary Session

Dialogue between Young Leaders and Nobel Laureates:



129 young leaders had stimulating exchanges with 11 Nobel Laureates in “Dialogue between Young Leaders and Nobel Laureates” on Saturday, October 5, 2019.

Peer Meetings:

11 peer meetings were also held during this period and diverse groups of global leaders including 19 ministers, 44 university presidents, 17 research institute leaders, 21 CEOs, and 35 CTOs gathered for discussion and networking.



Additional Networking Opportunities:



Networking Plaza on Oct. 5



Official Dinner on Oct. 6



Dinner at Kenninji Temple on Oct. 7