

Latest activities of STS *forum*

Council Meeting and Board Meeting

January 9 and 10, 2020

Council Meeting and Board Meeting in Washington, D.C.

On January 9, 2020, a total of 22 Council Members and representatives gathered at the National Academy of Sciences in Washington, D.C. to discuss the framework of the program of the 17th Annual Meeting to be held in October in Kyoto. After opening remarks and a report on the last Annual Meeting, attending council members were divided into small groups to discuss key topics to be featured at the coming Annual Meeting and speakers to be recommended for each session.



Some current topics such as “Science and Sports” and “Quantum S&T and Society” were proposed to be added in 2020, and several sessions from previous years were also reviewed to fit the fast-changing society and environment. Invitation letters are being sent out to the recommended speakers by the secretariat. We would like to express our gratitude to Dr. Marcia McNutt, President of National Academy of Sciences (NAS), for hosting the meeting.

On the following day, a Board Meeting was held and Mr. Koji Omi and Mr. Kanji Fujiki were re-elected as Chairman and Executive Director respectively.



Koji Omi,
Founder and Chairman
of STS *forum*

Join us at: STS *forum* 2020 - 17th Annual Meeting

October 4, 5 and 6, 2020

Kyoto International Conference Center

January 13, 2020

AA-STS Workshop in New York

STS forum Workshop in New York by the American Associates of the STS forum (AA-STS)

With the support of IBM, a special AA-STS workshop on “Transforming Healthcare in the Age of A.I., Big Data, and Robotics” was successfully held at the IBM THINKLab in NYC on January 13, 2020 with 63 leaders from various fields. The distinguished panelists inspired the participants’ table discussions just like a session at the STS forum Annual Meeting. We promised to meet in Kyoto this year for more dialogues on challenging topics.



Dr. Henry A. McKinnell
Chairman of American Associates
of the STS forum (AA-STS)

February 26, 2020

Workshop in Delhi, India

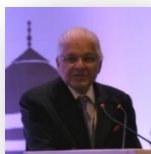
The 5th STS forum INDIA-JAPAN Workshop in Delhi, India

STS forum, the Ministry of Science and Technology of India, the Japan External Trade Organization (JETRO), and the Confederation of Indian Industry (CII) jointly organized the 5th STS forum INDIA-JAPAN Workshop on February 26, 2020 at the Sheraton New Delhi, with the support of the Embassy of Japan in India. 123 leaders in the area of policy making, academia, and industry from India and Japan gathered to discuss current topics of Japan and India in two sessions.



The workshop started with the opening address by Mr. Kanji Fujiki, Executive Director of STS forum. Mr. Satoshi Suzuki, Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary, Embassy of Japan in India, Mr. Chandrajit Banerjee, Director General, Confederation of Indian Industry and Mr. Ichiro Sone, Executive Vice President, Japan External Trade Organization gave welcome speeches to the participants before the start of lively sessions filled with active discussions.

The first session, “Strengthening the startup initiative by Japan-India collaboration in science, technology and innovation”, was chaired by Prof. Ashutosh Sharma, Secretary to the Government of India, Department of Science and Technology (DST). The panels in Session 2 discussed “Improvement of the quality of life by utilizing big data and AI”.



Dr. Ashwani Kumar

Dr. Ashwani Kumar, Senior Advocate Supreme Court and former Cabinet Minister of Law and Justice, delivered closing remarks and emphasized that some form of benign governance framework is required to ensure that advances in science and technology serve their creators, not the other way around.

Lastly, the co-organizers of this workshop would like to give special thanks to Mr. Satoshi Suzuki, Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary, for hosting the Welcome Reception at the Embassy of Japan in India on February 25, 2020.

Chairman Omi's and Executives' Trips

Founder and Chairman, Mr. Koji Omi and executive members of the STS *forum* visited nine cities in six countries from November 2019 to March 2020, and met and invited leading figures to the STS *forum* 17th Annual Meeting in October 2020. The following is the outline of the trips.

□ November 8 -10, 2019, Berlin, Germany

(Executive Director, Kanji Fujiki / Director General for International Affairs, Yu Serizawa)

- Falling Walls Conference

□ November 10 -13, 2019, New York, USA

(Founder and Chairman, Koji Omi)

- Ms. Mariko Silver, President of Henry Luce Foundation
- Dr. Joachim Frank, a Nobel Laureate for Chemistry in 2017 at Columbia University
- New York Academy of Sciences Gala Dinner

□ November 12 -14, 2019, Ottawa, Canada

(Executive Director, Kanji Fujiki)

- Canadian Science Policy Conference 2019

□ November 24 -30, 2019, Mumbai, Bangalore and Delhi, India

(Director General, Yukihiko Kazao)

- Prof. Ashutosh Sharma, Secretary to the Government of India, Department of Science and Technology (DST), Ministry of Science and Technology
- Dr. Shekhar C Mande, Secretary, Department of Science & Industrial Research (DSIR)

□ January 8 - 12, 2020, Washington, D.C., USA

(Founder and Chairman, Koji Omi)

- Dr. Sudip Parikh, Chief Executive Officer, American Association for the Advancement of Science (AAAS)
- Professor Kelvin Droegemeier, Director, Office of Science and Technology Policy (OSTP), Executive Office of the President of the United States

□ February 19, 2020, Brussels, Belgium

(Director General for International Affairs, Yu Serizawa)

- Ms. Mariya Gabriel, EU Commissioner for Innovation, Research, Culture, Education and Youth

□ February 25 -27, 2020, Delhi, India

(Executive Director, Kanji Fujiki / Director General, Yukihiko Kazao)

- Prof. Chandrima Shaha, President, Indian National Science Academy (INSA)

New Members and Sponsors

● Welcome – New Members and Sponsors

We are pleased to introduce organizations which newly joined as members and sponsors since October 2019:

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| • ENGIE | (France) | <i>Membership & Sponsorship</i> |
| • KANEKA CORPORATION | (Japan) | <i>Membership</i> |
| • Sompo Holdings, Inc. | (Japan) | <i>Membership</i> |
| • Kudelski Group | (Switzerland) | <i>Membership</i> |

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● A New Director Joined our Board



Mr. Nobuhiko Sasaki

Mr. Nobuhiko Sasaki, Chairman and CEO of Japan External Trade Organization (JETRO) and a member of our Council, newly joined our Board on January 1, 2020. He was appointed as a director together with 22 other reappointed directors and one auditor during the Ordinary General Meeting on October 7, 2019 in Kyoto.

● STS *forum* is Now on **Twitter** and **Facebook**

We are now posting the most updated news about our activities on Twitter and Facebook. Please follow us **@stsforum** (Twitter/Facebook).

● Updates on 17th Annual Meeting

We are actively preparing for the 17th Annual Meeting, while carefully monitoring the situation worldwide regarding COVID-19.



Registration has started

Invited participants who have already obtained their log-in details should visit https://reg.stsforum.org/mypage/login.php?t=AM20_FzGWG and complete their registration by September 4, 2020.



Young Leaders Alumni Meeting

As we have received many requests for a reunion of the young (future) leaders, we decided to hold an alumni lunch meeting event during this coming 17th Annual Meeting in October 2020.

Date and time: Sunday, October 4, 2020, 12:00-13:30



Networking tool

Invited participants can start using the networking tool from June 1, 2020 and continue to use it throughout until October 13, 2020. Details will be announced later.

2020 Activities



January 9 & 10, 2020

Council Meeting and Board Meeting in Washington, D.C.



February 26, 2020

The 5th STS *forum* INDIA – JAPAN Workshop in Delhi

Pastponed **March 17, 2020**

Inaugural Meeting of the STS *forum* - Latin America and the Caribbean High-Level Conference

Pastponed to a later date in order to protect the participants from COVID-19.

Pastponed **April 21, 2020**

The 7th STS *forum* ASEAN-JAPAN WORKSHOP in Putrajaya, Malaysia

Pastponed to a later date in order to protect the participants from COVID-19.

May 2020 (TBA)

Council Meeting and Board Meeting (via email or by conference call)

Face-to-face meetings in Paris are cancelled due to the restrictions caused by COVID-19.

June 18, 2020

The 1st STS *forum* Russia-Japan Workshop in Moscow

October 3, 2020

Board Meeting

October 4-6, 2020

STS *forum* 2020 – 17th Annual Meeting

October 5, 2020

General Meeting, Council Meeting