Press Release



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Participants Sought for Seventh International Symposium of the 2005 World Exposition, Aichi, Japan

The Japan Association for the 2005 World Exposition each year hosts an international symposium. The theme of the seventh annual symposium to be held this year is "The Future of Humankind and the Children of the 21st Century—The Environment and EXPO 2005, AICHI, JAPAN." The relevant information on the symposium is contained below for your reference.

Official Name:

Seventh International Symposium of the 2005 World Exposition, Aichi, Japan

"The Future of Humankind and the Children of the 21st Century—The Environment and EXPO 2005, AICHI, JAPAN"

Time and Date:

Tuesday, August 19, 2003, 13:30–17:00 (Doors open at 13:00)

Location:

Yurakucho Asahi Hall Yurakucho Marion Bldg. 11F 2-5-1 Yurakucho Chiyoda-ku, Tokyo

Agenda:

(1) Opening Greeting (13:30~)

Shoichiro Toyoda, Chairman of the Japan Association for the 2005 World Exposition

(2) **Keynote Address** (13:45~)

"Plan B: Rising to the Challenge" (Tentative title) Lester Brown, President, Earth Policy Institute



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(3) Presentation (14:15~)

"The Environment and EXPO 2005, AICHI, JAPAN"

Harumi Sakamoto, Secretary-General of the Japan Association for the 2005 World Exposition

(4) Panel Discussion (15:00~)

In line with the theme "The Future of Humankind and the Children of the 21st Century—The Environment and EXPO 2005, AICHI, JAPAN," the panelists, as representatives of adults, will raise issues, and a lively discussion and debate will unfold with the goal of realizing proposed solutions to specific examples.

Moderator: Akio Morishima, Chairman, Institute of Global Environmental Strategies

Panelists: Lester Brown, President, Earth Policy Institute; Yolanda Kakabadse Navarro, President, World Conservation Union (IUCN); Qu Geping, Chair of the Board of Directors, China Environmental Protection Foundation; Shinya Izumi, Environmental Designer, Executive Producer of EXPO 2005

- Participation is free of charge.
- Simultaneous interpretation between Japanese and English available during symposium.
- See attached sheet for profiles of participants.

Profiles

Lester Brown (President, Earth Policy Institute)

Born in New Jersey in the United States in 1934. Worked as an international agriculture analyst for the US Department of Agriculture's Foreign Agricultural Service. Founded the Worldwatch Institute, which is dedicated to tackling global environmental problems, in 1974. Founded and became president of the Earth Policy Institute in May 2001. Awarded the Blue Planet Prize by the Asahi Glass Foundation in 1994.

Akio Morishima (President, Institute for Global Environmental Strategies)

Born in 1934. Appointed a professor at Nagoya University's School of Law in 1971. Served as dean of the School of Law from 1988 to 1990 and as dean of the Graduate School of International Development from 1994 to 1996. Was a professor at Sophia University from 1996 to 2000. Has served as president of the IGES since April 1997 and as chairman of the Central Environmental Council since May 2000.

Yolanda Kakabadse Navarro (President, The World Conservation Union (IUCN))

Born in Ecuador. Served as a director of WWF from 1995 to 1997. Served as the Ecuadorean Minister of the Environment from 1998 to 2000. Appointed president of the World Conservation Union in 1996. Received the United Nations Environment Program's Global 500 Award and the Golden Ark Order in 1991. Has served as a member of the EXPO 2005 International Council since 2002.

Qu Geping (Chair of the Board of Directors, China Environmental Protection Foundation)

Born in the People's Republic of China in 1930. Serves as a professor at Beijing University, Qinghua University, and the People's University of China. Appointed chair of the board of directors of the Environmental Protection and Resources Conservation in 1993. Awarded a gold medal by the United Nations Environment Program in 1987, the UNEP Sasakawa Prize in 1992, and the Blue Planet Prize in 1999.

Shinya Izumi (Environmental Designer/Executive Producer for EXPO 2005, AICHI, JAPAN)

Born in 1930. Joined Canon Camera Co., Inc. in 1955. Has won awards including the first Good Design Award. Serves as a special visiting professor at the Kanazawa College of Art, as a visiting professor at Tama Art University, and as an adviser to Keio Business School. Researched environmental and urban issues with collaborators including the late urban planner Takashi Asada. Has served as executive producer of the 2005 World Exposition since 2001.

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- Please include the name of each person who will be attending.
- Please respond no later than **Monday, August 11, 2003, (17:00)**.