PROGRAMME
Introduction

In the past years, environmental issues such as global warming have been threatening all sectors of society including civil society as it greatly affects our lives. Since the Kyoto Protocol was brought into effect in 2005, a number of concrete countermeasures to reduce the impacts of global warming have been devised and implemented including efforts to reduce greenhouse gases. One of the most recent initiatives to reduce greenhouse gas emissions is by realising a low carbon society. But what exactly do we mean by this? How can we achieve it? How does it operate?

In this International Symposium, Asia-Pacific scientists, policy-makers and stakeholders will discuss general issues and recent developments surrounding the topic of low carbon society and how it can contribute to the global effort to reduce greenhouse gases in the atmosphere and reverse the impacts of global warming. Specific measures and activities that will help promote a low carbon society will also be discussed.

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Welcome Remarks:
Mr. Yoshitaka Aoyama, Chief Executive Officer for the Environment, Hyogo Prefecture Government 12:30-12:35

Part One: Challenge 25 Beyond Borders? - Responses in Asia-Pacific


Dr. Youngsook LYU, Environmental Researcher, National Institute of Environmental Research (NIER), Republic of Korea, “The International Research Network for Low Carbon Societies (LCS-Rnet)” 13:00-13:25


Break: 13:50-14:05

Part Two: Challenge 25 Beyond Borders? - Responses in Japan

Mr. Yuji NORITAKE, Corporate Councilor, RICOH Company Ltd., Japan Climate Leader’s Partnership Member, “Towards a Sustainable Low Carbon Society: Perspectives from the Business Sector” 14:05-14:30
Dr. Koji SHIMADA, Professor, Faculty of Economics, Ritsumeikan University, Japan “Low Carbon Society and Urban Rural Conditions: Updates from NIES’ Research Projects on Low Carbon Society (Phase One)” 14:30-14:55

Mr. Naomi URAKAMI, Manager, Hyogo Prefectural Federations of Forest Owners’ Cooperative Associations, Japan, “Approach of the Forest Carbon Offset in Hyogo Prefecture” 14:55-15:20

Mr. Shigeki FUKUI, Director General, Environmental Development Bureau, Agricultural & Environmental Affairs Department, Hyogo Prefectural Government, “Hyogo’s Target Measures for Deploying Environmental Efforts towards Creating a Low Carbon Society” 15:20-15:45

Part Three: Panel Discussion

Moderator: Prof. Hidenori NIIZAWA, Professor, Graduate School of Economics, University of Hyogo, Japan, 15:45-16:30

Closing Remarks: Mr. Tetsuro FUJITSUKA, APN Secretariat Director, 16:30-16:35

Networking Session with Refreshments, 16:35-17:30

Where audience will have an opportunity to discuss Low Carbon Society issues and interact with the symposium guests and speakers