Human society is dependent on rich biodiversity and receives diverse ecosystems services from it. On the other hand, however, because of our complex lifestyles and our focus on economic growth, we, as a society, are largely responsible for species loss or extinction.

The United Nations declared 2010 as the “International Year of Biodiversity.” At the 10th Meeting of the Conference of the Parties (COP 10) of the United Nations Convention on Biological Diversity (UNCBD), to be held in Nagoya City, Japan, in October this year, rich discussions are expected to take place on crucial issues related to biodiversity and its conservation; with emphasis on how the global community can attempt to reverse the current rate of biodiversity loss.

With this background, society must collectively think of how it can take the lead in biodiversity conservation to establish and sustain harmonious coexistence with nature for future generations. The goal of the symposium is to provide a platform for understanding and discussing the importance of biodiversity and share our knowledge derived from manifold activities in our region.

**Date:** 09 September 2010 (Thursday)

**Time:** 11:00-16:50

*Registration from 10:30*

**Venue:** Hyogo House, Kobe, Japan

**Admission:** Free (maximum 300 on a first-come-first serve basis)

**Language:** English/Japanese (simultaneous interpretation available)

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Welcome Note by Organiser Representative (11:00)
Toshizo IDO, Governor of Hyogo Prefecture

Part 1
Keynote Speech (11:10~11:50): Izumi WASHITANI, Professor, Graduate School of Agricultural and Life Sciences, Faculty of Agriculture, The University of Tokyo: “Our Future and Biodiversity”

Poster Session (12:30~13:00)

Part 2
Session 1 (13:00~14:20): “Importance of Ecosystem Conservation and Services”

Coordinator: Takashi OSONO, Associate Professor, Centre for Ecological Research, Kyoto University

Presenters:
Yoshitaka TSUBAKI, Director, Centre for Ecological Research, Kyoto University: “Biodiversity and Ecological Services”
Shigeo YACHI, Member, DIVERSITAS in the Western Pacific and Asia (DIWPA): “Linking the Interest of the Local Community and the Protection of the Environment: Management and Governance of Water Resources of Lake Biwa”

James PETERS, Chief Advisor, ADB-Supported Greater Mekong Sub-Region (GMS) Core Environment Program, GMS Environmental Operations Centre: “Mobilising Ecosystem Services Markets in Support of Biodiversity Conservation and Climate Change Adaptation Strategies in the Greater Mekong Sub-Region”

Fumiko NAKAO, Fellow, United Nations University (UNU), Institute of Advanced Studies (IAS): “SATOYAMA Initiative: Advancing Sustainable Use of Biodiversity and Human Well-Being”

Part 3
Session 2 (14:20~15:40): “Involvement of Citizens and NGOs/NPOs for Biodiversity Conservation”

Coordinator: Kousuke TODA, Board Member, NPO (non-profit organisation) Learning and Ecological Activities Foundation for Children

Presenters:
Shigeru OGURA, Miki Circle of the Friends of Nature: “Environmental Education and Biodiversity at the Local Level”

Yukio YASUI, Hyogo Waterfront Network: “Conservation of Biodiversity by Collaboration among Local People, Schools, Public Administration and NPOs”
Anak PATTANAVIBOOL, Thailand Country Program Director, Wildlife Conservation Society (WCS) Thailand Program: “From Hunters to Guardians: A Story of Hornbill Conservation Community from Southern Thailand”

Part 4
Panel Discussion (15:50~16:50)
Closing Remark (16:50)

Access to Venue
Hyogo House, Kobe, Japan
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