



Satoyama International Forum

This forum will highlight the rich natural and cultural heritage of the Kurokawa area in Kawanishi City, Hyogo Prefecture, often described as one of Japan's most outstanding *satoyama* landscapes, together with community-based efforts supporting its preservation.

It will also introduce case studies of the practical application of the **Regional Circulating and Ecological Sphere (R-CES)** concept in South/Southeast Asia. Join us in reflecting on ways of living in harmony with nature, and exploring pathways towards creating a more sustainable society.



Date and time Sunday, 28 September 2025 10:30 - 12:00 (JST)

Venue Hyogo Prefectural Hyogo-no-Tsu Museum
House of Hyogo Origins (3rd Floor)
(2-2-1, Nakanoshima, Hyogo-ku, Kobe, Japan)

Capacity 150 persons

Free of charge

Programme

Japanese-English
simultaneous interpretation

Opening Remarks
Toshiyuki Yamasaki
Director, APN Secretariat

Keynote speech
“**Satoyama Forest in Kurokawa, Kawanishi City, Hyogo Prefecture, Sustained by Tea Ceremony Culture**”

Tamotsu Hattori
Professor Emeritus, University of Hyogo

Introduction of overseas case study
“**Localising Global Agendas: Regional-CES based Approach for Synergistic Local actions towards a carbon neutral, resilient society.**”

Bijon Kumer Mitra
Research Director, Institute for Global Environmental Strategies

Organisers :
Hyogo Prefectural Government,
Asia-pacific Network for Global Change Research (APN),
Institute for Global Environmental Strategies (IGES), International EMECS Center

Speaker's Profile

Tamotsu Hattori

Professor Emeritus,
University of Hyogo



After completing his doctoral studies at Kobe University, Tamotsu Hattori served as a professor at the University of Hyogo. He currently leads the Hokusetsu Satoyama Daigaku civic learning programme, coordinated by the Hanshin-kita District Administration Office, Hyogo Prefectural Government. In addition to ecological research on the conservation of *lucidophyllous* and *satoyama* forests, he is also engaged in vegetation research based on classical Japanese texts such as *Manyoshu* and *Harima no Kuni Fudoki*, as well as folk vegetation research related to the traditional rice cakes *chimaki* and *kashiwamochi*.



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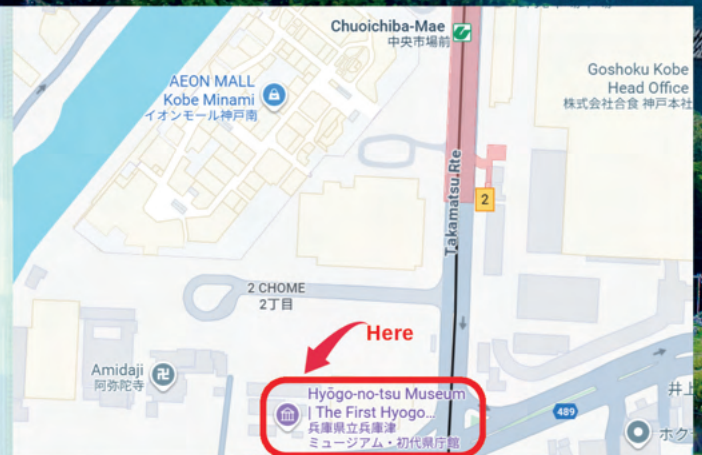


Dr Bijon Kumer Mitra has over 17 years of experience in sustainable development. His work focuses on the localisation of climate and sustainable development goals through integrated approaches such as the Regional Circulating and Ecological Sphere (Regional-CES) and the water-energy-food-climate nexus. He employs quantitative assessment frameworks and co-development approaches to support informed, inclusive decision-making. As a core member of the CES Asia Consortium, he actively promotes Regional-CES for synergistic localisation. Dr Mitra has authored over 100 publications, including peer-reviewed articles, book chapters, and policy briefs. His research bridges science and policy, aiming to deliver integrated, locally relevant sustainability solutions that supports resilient and equitable development pathways.

Venue map

Hyogo Prefectural Hyogo-no-Tsu Museum
2-2-1, Nakanoshima, Hyogo-ku, Kobe, Japan

- From Kobe City Subway Kaigan Line (Sannomiya-Hanadokeimae Station): Take the train to Chuochibamae Station. The museum is less than a 5-minute walk from the station.
- Please note that no parking is available at the venue.



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