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International Symposium

Sustainable Communities for a Sustainable Future

29^{Fri}

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18:00-19:30

On-site

Reception Hall, International Exchange Building,
National Olympics Memorial Youth Center

Language

English and Japanese (Simultaneous interpretation)

Hybrid
event

Programme

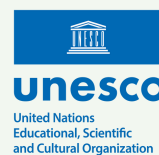
17:30-18:00	Reception/ Participants to enter the event hall
18:00-18:10	Opening Ceremony Mr. Sagisaka Katsuhisa / Senior Analyst for Cooperation Policy, Office of the Director-General for International Affairs, MEXT Mr. Oyasu Kiichi / Director, Education Cooperation Department Asia-Pacific Cultural Centre for UNESCO (ACCU)
18:10-18:30	Keynote Speech Fostering Sustainable Communities: Integrating ESD Perspectives and Local Action for Global Impact Mr. Kartikeya V. Sarabhai / Founder Director, Centre for Environment Education (CEE)
18:30-18:45	Case Study Presentation 1 Heritage for the Future Project: Preserving the Community's Traditional Culture and Natural Heritage for Future Generations Mr. Noguchi Noboru / Advisor and former President, National Federation of UNESCO Associations in Japan (NFUAJ); former UNESCO staff member
18:45-19:00	Case Study Presentation 2 Sustainable Development of Coastal Community and Building Healthy Relationship with Oceans: The Case of Ranong Biosphere Reserve in Thailand Mr. Khayai Thongnunui / Manager of Ranong Biosphere Reserve
19:00-19:25	Panel Discussion Moderator: Ms. Jonghwi Park / Academic Programme Officer, the United Nations University Institute for Advanced Study of Sustainability (UNU-IAS) Panellists (in order of appearance): Mr. Kartikeya V. Sarabhai (CEE) Mr. Noguchi Noboru (NFUAJ) Mr. Khayai Thongnunui (Ranong Biosphere Reserve)
19:25-19:30	Closing Ceremony Wrap-up and Way Forward Mr. Oyasu Kiichi (ACCU)

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Speakers' Biography

(in order of appearance)



Kartikeya V. Sarabhai

Founder Director, Centre for Environment Education (CEE)

Mr. Kartikeya Vikram Sarabhai is the Founder Director of the Centre for Environment Education (CEE). As one of the world's leading figures in education, he is associated with a number of educational and charitable trusts, several committees set up by the Government of India and other national and international organizations in the fields of environment, wildlife protection, culture and education. He served as a member of the UNESCO Reference Group for the UN Decade for Education for Sustainable Development as well as Chair of UNESCO Global Action Programme on ESD.



Noguchi Noboru

Advisor and former Director General, National Federation of UNESCO Associations in Japan (NFUAJ)/former UNESCO staff member

Mr. Noguchi joined the Ministry of Education, Science, Sports and Culture in 1961 and served at UNESCO Headquarters twice (1971-1976 and 1992-1997). Held key roles, including Special Liaison Officer at the United Nations University (1986-1989), Director of the UNESCO Beijing Office (1997-2001), and President of the National Federation of UNESCO Associations in Japan (NFUAJ) (2001-2017), contributing to UNESCO activities both domestically and internationally. Currently serves as Advisor to NFUAJ, Professor Emeritus at Bunkyo Gakuin University, Advisor to the World Federation of UNESCO Clubs and Associations, and Councilor for UNICEF Japan.



Khayai Thongnunui

Manager of Ranong Biosphere Reserve

Mr. Khayai Thongnunui is an experienced environmental leader with a Master's degree in Environment Education from Mahidol University. Over nearly two decades, he has held key roles in mangrove forest conservation, including Head of Mangrove Forest Development Station No. 10 (2005-2018) and Director of the Mangrove Forest Conservation Division (2018-2022) in the Department of Marine and Coastal Resource. Currently, he serves as the Director of the Ranong Mangrove Forest Management Division and Manager of the Ranong Biosphere Reserve. Mr. Khayai also leads impactful projects, such as the Thai-Japan Friendship through Mangrove Project and initiatives strengthening coastal communities against climate change.



Jonghwi Park

Academic Programme Officer and Head of Innovation and Education, the United Nations University Institute for Advanced Study of Sustainability (UNU-IAS)

As Head of Innovation and Education at UNU-IAS, Dr. Park promotes the innovative and inclusive use of technology to provide lifelong learning opportunities to engage everyone in sustainable development. Her team implements research and capacity building projects in various sustainability areas, including climate change displacement, net-zero transition strategies, community based education for sustainable development, teacher training and youth empowerment for sustainable development. Prior to joining the UNU, Park was a team leader of ICT in Education at UNESCO Asia Pacific Regional Bureau for Education and UNESCO Institute for Lifelong Learning in 2011-2020.



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