

UNESCO WEEK 2024

INTERNATIONAL SYMPOSIUM: *BUILDING A SUSTAINABLE FUTURE TOGETHER*

Hybrid (Onsite and Online)

Venue: National Olympics Memorial Youth Center (NYC)
International Exchange Building, 1F, Reception Hall

Participation: Free of charge!

Date & Time: 19th January 2024 (Fri) 18:00-19:30

Time	Activity
17:30-18:00	Reception/Participants to enter the event hall
18:00-18:10	Opening Ceremony: Mr. Masami Watanabe Director-General for International Affairs, Ministry of Education, Culture, Sports, Science and Technology (MEXT), Japan
	Mr. Kiichi Oyasu Director, Education Cooperation Department, Asia-Pacific Cultural Centre for UNESCO (ACCU)
18:10-18:30	Keynote Speech: Building a Sustainable Future Together - Lessons from the Pandemic Mr. Dzulkifli Bin Abdul Razak Rector, International Islamic University Malaysia
18:30-18:45	Presentation of Case Study (Domestic): From UNESCO Activities in the Private Sector to Building Collaborative Societies for the Future: The case study of Okayama, Japan Mr. Mitsuyuki Ikeda President, Okayama UNESCO Association
18:45-19:00	Presentation of Case Study (International): Rural revitalisation through cultural preservation and green tourism: The case study of Hong Kong UNESCO Global Geopark Ms. Chan Yu Nam Senior Geopark Officer, Hong Kong UNESCO Global Geopark
19:00-19:20	Panel Discussion Moderator: Ms. Maki Katsuno-Hayashikawa Director, UNESCO Jakarta
19:20-19:30	Closing Ceremony Ms. Maki Katsuno-Hayashikawa Director, UNESCO Jakarta
	Mr. Kiichi Oyasu Director, Education Cooperation Department, Asia-Pacific Cultural Centre for UNESCO (ACCU)

Speakers' Biography

(in order of appearance)

Mr. Dzulkifli bin Abdul Razak

International Islamic University Malaysia (Rector)



Prior to his current role, Dr. Dzul Razak was Vice-Chancellor of Universiti Sains Malaysia (USM, 2000 – 2011). From 2005, he also held the role of Convenor of the Regional Centre for Expertise on Education for Sustainable Development based at USM. He is a past president of the International Association of Universities (IAU, 2012 – 2016). Dzul was conferred Professor Emeritus by USM in 2018 and was an Honorary Professor at the University of Nottingham from 2014 until 2020.

Mr. Mitsuyuki Ikeda

Okayama UNESCO Association (President)



Mr. Ikeda represented Okayama City at the 2002 World Summit on Sustainable Development in Johannesburg, and served as a member of the executive committee of the 2014 UNESCO World Conference on ESD. President Ikeda currently undertakes the role of Education Policy Supervisor and Director of the Regional Education Section of the Social Education Department in the Bizen City Office of Education. Given his rich experience and involvement in UNESCO activities related to developing a sustainable society and developing human resources.

Ms. Chan Yu Nam

Hong Kong UNESCO Global Geopark (Senior Geopark Officer)



Ms. Chan has worked in the Agriculture, Fisheries and Conservation Department of the Hong Kong Government since 2003, covering different aspects of nature conservation issues and protected areas in Hong Kong. She worked on the geopark project from 2008 to 2013 and again since 2020. She was involved in the establishment of Hong Kong Geopark and has rich experience in geopark management, science popularisation, tourism promotion and local sustainable development. She is currently the head of Hong Kong UNESCO Global Geopark.

Ms. Maki Katsuno-Hayashikawa

UNESCO Jakarta (Director)



Bringing experience of nearly 30 years with UNESCO, UNICEF and JICA, Ms. Katsuno-Hayashikawa assumed her role as the Director of UNESCO Multisectoral Regional Office in Jakarta in July 2023. Prior to her current assignment, she served as the Director of the Division for Education 2030 at UNESCO Headquarters and led the global SDG4 coordination mechanism. In addition, during 2022, she served as the Executive Secretary of the Secretariat for the Transforming Education Summit convened by the UN Secretary-General in September 2022.



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