



# Challenge 25 Beyond Borders? Promoting a Low Carbon Society

## 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.



**Date:** 23 January 2010 (Saturday)

**Time:** 12:30-17:30  
*registration starts at 12:00*

**Venue:** Museum Hall, Hyogo,  
Prefectural Museum of Art, Kobe

**Admission:** Free

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



The **Asia-Pacific Network for Global Change Research (APN)** is a network of member country governments that promotes global change research in the region, increases developing country involvement in that research, and strengthens interactions between the science community and policy-makers. The APN's membership includes 21 countries (as of December 2009). Every year, the APN holds seminars and symposia in Hyogo Prefecture, with financial support from Hyogo Prefectural Government.

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# SYMPOSIUM PROGRAMME

Welcome Remarks: Representative from Hyogo Prefectural Government 12:30-12:35

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

**Mr. Kazuhiko TAKEMOTO** (tentative), Vice-Minister for Global Environmental Affairs, Ministry of the Environment, Japan (MoEJ), "Copenhagen and Challenge 25: Promoting and Realising a Low Carbon Society" 12:35-13:00

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

**Dr. Shobhakar DHAKAL**, Executive Director, Global Carbon Project (GCP), "Global Carbon Budget and Challenges for Making Low Carbon Society- Why Asia Matters" 13:25-13:50

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. Junichi FUJINO**, Senior Researcher, National Institute for Environmental Studies (NIES), 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

**Representative from 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



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