

Summary of Academy of Science Presidents' Meeting (APM)

Date: 12h30-14h00, 8 October, 2018

held for the STS Forum 2018

Venue: Room 104, KICC

Organizer: Science Council of Japan (SCJ)

Participants: Presidents or Representatives from Science Academy or Scientific Organizations in Bulgaria, Dominican Republic, Finland, France, Germany, Indonesia, Jordan, Republic of Korea, Taiwan, Thailand, Latvia, Netherlands, Poland, Senegal, Slovakia, South Africa, UK, USA and Japan.

In total 24 participants attended.

Co-chairs: Dr. Marcia McNutt, President of National Academy of Sciences, USA

Dr. Juichi Yamagiwa, SCJ President

Theme: "Threats on Marine Ecosystems and Conservation of Marine Environment"

Summary of discussion:

Followed by an opening statement by a co-chair of the meeting, Dr. Juichi Yamagiwa, President of SCJ, Prof. Kazuhiko Takeuchi, Vice-President for international activities of SCJ, briefed on the background of the theme and Prof. Yoshihisa Shirayama, Associate Executive Director of Japan Agency for Marine-Earth Science and Technology (JAMSTEC), explained the context of the theme.

Presentations by the respective participants were made subsequently. They were remarks on current scientific understandings and engagement on the theme by each academy.

In the end, another co-chair, Dr. Marcia McNutt of the National Academy of Sciences, USA, made general evaluations that "many participants pointed out issues on climate change, ocean warming and ocean changes accompanied by urbanization", "necessity to remove manifold strains the oceans encounter and continue to closely observe viable methods to solve on issues of marine resources by use of science and technology", and "policy and education are highly important on the plastic issues".

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