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26 December, 2016

President

Member Academy of

the Association of Academies and Societies of Sciences in Asia (AASSA)

Dear President,

On behalf of Science Council of Japan (SCJ), I am pleased to send you the first announcement of the AASSA - SCJ Workshop on “Role of Science for Inclusive Society,” which will be held in Tokyo on 1-3 March, 2017. This workshop will be jointly organised by the Association of Academies and Societies of Sciences in Asia (AASSA) and supported by the InterAcademy Partnership (IAP).

It is my great pleasure to invite you to attend the upcoming Workshop. The details of financial support by the AASSA and local hospitality by SCJ are described in the first announcement, which is attached to this letter.

We look forward to welcoming you in Tokyo.

Best regards,

Takashi Onishi

President

Science Council of Japan

CC: Keisuke Hanaki, Vice President, SCJ

Hiroshi Yoshino, SCJ

## FIRST ANNOUNCEMENT and CALL FOR PAPERS

AASSA - SCJ Workshop on  
“Role of Science for Inclusive Society”

Tokyo, Japan  
1-3 March 2017

Jointly Organised by:  
Association of Academies and Societies of Sciences in Asia (AASSA)  
&  
Science Council of Japan (SCJ)

Supported by:  
InterAcademy Partnership (IAP)

### Workshop Description:

Inclusiveness is an underlying concept of the 17 objectives for the Sustainable Development Goals of the United Nations. In this regard, Asian countries, which embrace very diverse regions, are faced with various problems in realising inclusive society. These are poverty, urban-rural divide, environmental pollution, aging society, lack of women's involvement, brain drain of researchers, among others. Therefore, it would be very much useful to share the best practices among the AASSA member countries in order to address the problems. The upcoming AASSA Tokyo workshop aims at deepening the scientific discussions on the interconnectedness between the social system (i.e., laws, regulations, and economic and cultural systems) and individual measures, which aim to address the aforementioned problems, such as food production, water and health management, energy supply, disaster risk reduction for vulnerable people, measures on infectious diseases, elderly health care, urban planning for the elderly, universal design, among others. Furthermore, the workshop will also focus on the issues around scientists themselves, such as women scientists, nurturing future scientists in developing countries, among others. Since Asia has a large regional diversity, the applications of sciences differ region by region. The insight and scientific knowledge on the relationship between the regional diversity and inclusiveness, which will be obtained through this workshop, will be useful for strengthening the contribution of sciences for the other parts of the globe.

**Topics of the workshop will include, but are not limited to the following:**

- Inclusive Design and Technology for Physically Handicapped People
- Innovations to Support Healthy Aging
- Sustainable Future Farm 2050
- Urban Well-being and Healthy Residential Environment
- Migration in Asia and its Cultural Aspects
- Issues on Work and Life Balance in Asia
- Infectious Diseases and Risk Communications

**Call for abstracts:**

Applicants are invited to submit a one-page abstract of their paper in English and a brief biography of the senior or presenting author (MS Word, 11 points, refer to the attached sample abstract and bio both limited up to 200 words) by email to [aassa-tokyo@pco-prime.com](mailto:aassa-tokyo@pco-prime.com) by **20 January, 2017**.

**Important dates:**

26 December, 2016	First announcement
20 January, 2017	Abstract and short bio submission due
30 January, 2017	Notification of the acceptance of the abstract
03 February, 2017	Completed registration form submission due
15 February, 2017	Submission due of presentation material

**Organising institutions:**

**The Association of Academies and Societies of Sciences in Asia (AASSA)** was established in 2012 through the merger of the Association of Academies of Sciences in Asia (AASA) and the Federation of Asian Scientific Academies and Societies (FASAS) to promote solidarity and cooperation among the scientific and technological academies in Asia and Australasia and to play a central role in cooperative efforts for further developing the region through science and technology. The AASSA currently has a total of 34 member academies and societies representing 30 countries. It is one of the four Regional Networks of the InterAcademy Partnership (IAP).

**Science Council of Japan (SCJ)** is the representative organisation of Japanese scientist community ranging over all fields of sciences subsuming humanities, social sciences, life sciences, natural sciences, and engineering. SCJ was established in January 1949 as a “special organisation” under the jurisdiction of the Prime Minister of Japan, operating independently of the government, for the purpose of promoting and enhancing the field of science, and having science reflected in and permeated into administration, industries and people’s lives. It represents Japan’s scientists both domestically and internationally with the firm belief that science is the foundation upon which a civilised nation is built.

**Tentative program of activities:**

**[Day 1]**

Tuesday, 28 February, 2017

Arrivals (to Tokyo)

**[Day 2]**

Wednesday, 1 March, 2017

08:00 Registration

09:00 Opening Session

09:10 Plenary Lectures

11:00 Session 1: Inclusive Design and Technology for Physically Handicapped People

12:30 Lunch Break

13:30 Session 2: Innovations to Support Healthy Aging

15:30 Session 3: Sustainable Future Farm 2050

18:30 Dinner (hosted by SCJ)

**[Day 3]**

Thursday, 2 March, 2017

09:00 Session 4: Urban Well-being and Healthy Residential Environment

11:00 Session 5: Migration in Asia and its Cultural Aspects

12:30 Lunch Break

13:30 Session 6: Issues on Work and Life Balance in Asia

15:30 Session 7: Infectious Diseases and Risk Communications

16:55 Closing Session

18:30 Dinner (hosted by AASSA)

**[Day 4]**

Friday, 3 March, 2017

From AM to early afternoon, Excursion for foreign participants [TBA] and  
Departures

**Language:**

English is the official language of the symposium. This language will be used for all the printed materials, presentations and discussions.

**Venue:**

Science Council of Japan, Tokyo, Japan

Address: 7-22-34, Roppongi, Minato-ku, Tokyo 106-8555, Japan

**Weather:**

Average temperature for February through March: High: 10-13°C (50-55.4°F), Low: 2.4-5.1°C (36.3-41°F). Fairly dry.

**Accommodation:**

Hotel for limited number of foreign participants will be arranged in Tokyo during the period of the workshop by SCJ. The details will be announced in due time.

**Financial Support:**

A limited number of travel grants from the AASSA are available to needy participants from AASSA member academies. Minimum requirements are (1) accepted paper for the workshop, and (2) endorsement from the President of the member Academy. The international airfare support is up to USD 600.

Local expenses (accommodation up to three/four nights in accordance with flight availability and meals) during the period of workshop for limited number of participants will be covered by SCJ.

**Visa:**

Persons coming from certain countries must have a visa issued by a Japanese embassy in their country. Please be aware that in some cases it takes more than one month to obtain a visa. For details, please contact the Japanese embassy or consulate nearest you.

[\(http://www.mofa.go.jp/j\\_info/visit/visa/\)](http://www.mofa.go.jp/j_info/visit/visa/)

**Local Organizing Committee:**

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**AASSA Tokyo Workshop**  
**1-3 March 2017, Tokyo, Japan**  
**REGISTRATION FORM**

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## Sample Abstract and Brief Biography about Main Author/Presenter

### Study on association between indoor thermal environment of residential buildings and cerebrovascular disease in a cold climatic region of Japan

Hiroshi, Yoshino<sup>1</sup>, Kenichi, Hasegawa<sup>2</sup>, and Tomonobu, Goto<sup>3</sup>

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<sup>2</sup>Professor, Akita Prefectural University, Japan.

<sup>3</sup>Associate Professor, Tohoku University, Japan.

**Purpose / Context** - The aim of this study was to determine whether the quality of the indoor thermal environment during winter could increase the risk of cerebrovascular disease.

**Methodology / Approach** - An epidemiological survey of approximately 200 elderly persons living in a cold climatic region of Japan was conducted. The survey was divided into three phases, and the investigated areas were three rural towns with different rates of death due to cerebrovascular disease.

**Results** – Results indicate that feeling a draft in the living room while operating heating equipment and the style of bathtub were positively associated with an increased rate of death due to cerebrovascular disease. The bathroom with a traditional type bathtub tends to be cold, and its indoor thermal environment during winter is poor.

**Key Findings / Implications** – Poor quality of the indoor environment during winter could increase the risk of cerebrovascular disease.

**Originality** – The findings of this study will contribute to accumulate the knowledge showing the associations between indoor thermal environment and health. [limited to 200 words in total]

### Hiroshi, Yoshino, Tohoku University



Hiroshi Yoshino is Professor Emeritus of Tohoku University (Japan), and presently President-Appointed Extraordinary Professor of the University. He is a member of Science Council of Japan as well as a Secretary General and Treasurer of Science Council of Asia. He was the President of the Architectural Institute of Japan from 2013 to 2015. He has been involved in research subjects for building science such as indoor environment and energy conservation, ventilation and indoor air quality, occupant's health and indoor environment, and passive solar system performance. He is one of the

contributors to the reports of the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC), which was awarded the Nobel Peace Prize in 2007. He is the Operating Agent at International Energy Agency's Energy in Buildings and Communities Programme, responsible to the Annex 53 Total Energy Use in Buildings. He is a visiting professor at several universities and professional institutions of international reputation. He is the author of around 30 book chapters and has more than 200 publications including articles in academic journals and conference proceedings. He has also served as chairman and director of different scholarly societies, conferences and committees, as well as editorial board member of international journals. [limited to 200 words]



(Sample format of abstract)

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