

29<sup>th</sup> January 2018 (H30)

Symposium on International Development and Cooperation hosted by  
IDEC, Hiroshima University “Our SDGs: A Dialogue between  
International Cooperation and Regional Development”

In recent years, in many of the fields for international cooperation, there have been many cases where important contributions to international communities have been made by the “players (i.e. municipal governments)” from the provincial areas of Japan. This is demonstrated by active participations by some international organizations and aid agencies as well as small and medium-sized businesses in the regional parts of Japan and local municipalities in Japan. Recent increase of diversified entities has raised the importance of cooperation even more, and now we are seeing new concerns emerging out of such trend.

In the symposium, while bearing in mind that “SDGs (Sustainable Development Goals)” form a basis of international cooperation, we will explore the topic of how an effective collaboration between “regional development” and “international cooperation” on an equal-partner basis can be achieved by sharing our thoughts with the two “top runners” who play active roles in the upfront of international cooperation.

This symposium may appeal to those who are interested in international cooperation/international aids, but also those who are actually involved with economic development projects in their municipal governments, as well as high school students who are particularly interested in overseas countries. The detail of the symposium is as follows:

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【Date】 Feb. 24th, 2018 (Sat.) 12:30-16:30 (Open from 12:00 pm)

【Venue】 International Conference Hall “Himawari,” International Conference Center Hiroshima (1-5 Nakajima-cho, Naka-ku, Hiroshima city)

【Program】

Part I (12:30-14:30)

« Keynote Speech 1 »

“The SDGs: A paradigm shift in international development?”

Sakiko Fukuda-Parr, Professor, New School University, Vice-chair of the United Nations Committee for Development Policy.

« Keynote Speech 2 »

“Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) with a focus on Goal 16”

Scott Gates, Research Professor, former-Director of Peace Research Institute Oslo (PRIO)



Part II (14:50-16:30)

Panel discussion

« Moderator »

Mari Katayanagi, Professor, IDEC, Hiroshima University

« Panelists »

Takuya Baba, Dean, Professor, IDEC, Hiroshima University

Shuichi Ikeda, Director general, JICA Chugoku

Yasufumi Tsukamura, Staff, Peace Winds Japan

Ryoji Kawamoto, Section chief, Planning and Coordination Section,  
General Affairs and Planning Division, Osaki-kami-jima Town Office, Hiroshima  
Prefecture

【Host】 Graduate School for International Development and Cooperation (IDEC),  
Hiroshima University

【Co-host】 Hiroshima Prefecture

【Co-sponsors】 Chugoku International Center of the Japan International Cooperation  
Agency (JICA Chugoku), Hiroshima branch of the Japan Academic  
Society for International Development (JASID)

【Cooperation】 Ministry of Foreign Affairs

【Language】 English and Japanese (Simultaneous interpretation service available)

【Admission】 Free of charge, No registration required.

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