



# **International Workshop “Ocean Solutions Conference”**

**The Kingdom of Saudi Arabia and Japan to Strengthen  
Partnership to Improve Marine Environment**

**Date :**

**22nd, February 2021 (Mon),**

**8:00 AM-12:00 PM KSA Time**

**2:00 PM - 6:00 PM - Japan Time**

**Hosted by:**

**Ocean Policy Research Institute, the Sasakawa  
Peace Foundation (OPRI-SPF)**

**and**

**King Abdullah University of Science and  
Technology (KAUST)**

# Program

## Opening Session:

08:00-08:05 Moderators' Introduction

**Distinguished Prof. Takashi Gojobori (KAUST)**  
**Dr. Atsushi Watanabe (OPRI/SPF)**

## Messages

- 08:05-08:08 **Mr. Takeo Kawamura**, Member, House of Representatives, Chairman, Parliamentarian Union for Japan-Saudi Arabia Friendship and Chairman, Special Commission on Space and Ocean Development of the Liberal Democratic Party, (Video message)
- 08:08-08:13 **H.E. Dr. Osama Faqeeha**, Deputy Minister, Ministry of Environment, Water and Agriculture, Kingdom of Saudi Arabia
- 08:13-08:18 **Mr. Tomohiro Kondo**, Vice Minister for Global Environmental Affairs, Japan (Video message)

## Opening remarks:

- 08:18-08:23 **Prof. Tony Chan**, President of KAUST
- 08:23-08:28 **Dr. Atsushi Sunami**, President of OPRI/SPF (Video message)
- 08:28-08:33 **H.E. Mr. Fumio Iwai**, Ambassador of Japan to KSA
- 08:33-08:38 **Dr. Tadashi Matsunaga**, President of JAMSTEC

## Special Keynote Lecture:

- 08:38-09:08 **Prof. Naoko Ishii**, Director, Center for Global Commons / Professor, Institute for Future Initiatives, the University of Tokyo
- 09:08- 09:20 Break

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## Plastics in marine ecosystems/marine resources and risk management

- 09:20-09:25 Chairs' introduction  
**Dr. Tomonari Akamatsu** (Director of OPRI/SPF)  
**Prof. Takashi Gojobori** (KAUST)

### Keynote lectures

- 09:25-09:55 **Distinguished Prof. Carlos M. Duarte** (KAUST)  
**“Fate and sinks of plastics in the Marine Environment”**
- 09:55-10:25 **Dr. Shunichi Honda** (UN-IETC)  
**“Plastic Management towards Circular Economy”**

### General speeches

- 10:25-10:40 **Prof. Daniele Daffonchio** (KAUST)  
**“The unique microbial assemblages of the deep-sea anoxic brine pools”**
- 10:40-10:55 **Dr. Tomo Shioiri** (Senior Office, Marine operations, the Nippon Foundation; Senior Research Fellow of SPF/OPRI)  
**“Social conditions to accelerate retail companies”**
- 10:55-11:10 **Dr. Katsuhiko Mineta** (KAUST)  
**“Time-series marine metagenomics of the Red Sea”**
- 11:10-11:25 **Mr. Masanori Kobayashi** (Senior Research Fellow of SPF/OPRI)  
**“Co-benefiting from fisheries, aquaculture, and marine renewable energies”**

### General Discussion

- 11:25-12:00 Introduction of draft recommendations and general discussion