

Conference held at the UN on sustainable development

**as follow up to Paris Climate Change Treaty
shows breakthrough implementation
efforts**

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Global environment

- Significant damage has been done to the global environment over the past decades despite efforts at the international and national levels
- Climate change is an accepted reality despite skepticism in some quarters

UN Office for Climate Change

- The United Nations established the UN Framework Convention for Climate Change Secretariat so as to spearhead further efforts to deal with pressing issues both at the policy making and implementation levels

Major contributions in 2014

- Large-scale demonstrations world wide to draw attention to climate change issues
- WAFUNIF and ASUA cooperated for an international conference at the UN headquarters in October 2014, followed by another conference in Nagoya, Japan in 2015

Major contributions in 2015

- WAFUNIF and ASUA cooperated with a side conference at the world conference in Paris on Climate Change
- Climate Change Treaty adopted by 196 countries; efforts involved the government leaders as well as business and NGO leaders

Landmark conference at the UN in November 2016

- WAFUNIF and ASUA along with the support of the Permanent Mission of Japan to the United Nations
- This conference is important because it showcased specific ways to implement the Paris Treaty
- It is expected that entities in all countries of the world could undertake similar efforts or even more

Broad focus

- The Conference was entitled Sustainable Environment, Clean Energy and Safe Mobility, showing the multifaceted aspects which warrant attention
- This presentation provides key elements of the conference

Main documents

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Organizing entities

- WAFUNIF (World Association of Former United Nations Interns and Fellows; think tank)
- ASUA, Japan (think tank)
- Support from The Permanent Mission of Japan to the United Nations

Endorsing entities

- Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Japan
- Ministry of the Environment,
Government of Japan

Main cooperating entities

- Alliance of Automobile Manufacturers (AAM)
- European Automobile Manufacturers Association (ACEA)
- Japan Automobile Manufacturers Association (JAMA)

Participants

- UN delegates
- UN staff members
- Business executives
- Scholars

Program Coordinator

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Opening

- Dr. Ibne Hassan, WAFUNIF
- CEO Hiroshi Maji, ASUA
- HE Mr. Hiroshi Minami, Ambassador/Deputy Permanent Representative of Japan to the United Nations
- Mr. Nobutoshi Miyoshi, Special Adviser to the Minister of the Environment, Japan

First panel: contributions of the automobile manufacturers

- Moderator: Prof. Yasuhiro Daisho
- Panel members: Chris Nevers (AAM), Petr Dolejsi (ACEA), Noboru Oba (JAMA)
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Main thrust: Automobile technology

- Manufacturers are involved in a sustained effort to reduce emission, increase fuel efficiency and develop alternative technologies, e.g. hybrid (combining electrical with traditional); natural gas; 100% electrical; hydrogen fuel-cell, with possibly more to follow based on ongoing research

Second panel: contributions of major cities

- Moderator: Dr. Frank Owarish
- Panel members: Ryuta Matsunaga (Tokyo Metropolitan Government), Allison James (New York City), Helen Chartiers (City of Paris)
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Main thrust: major cities

- Bold efforts are being made by these three major cities of the world worthy of attention by other cities

Third panel: efforts by sub-national entities

- Moderator: Dr. Donald Hsu, CEO, Chinese American Scholars Association
- Panel members: Edward McNamee, Dr. Carlisle St. Martin, Tomomasa Nohara (Okinawa Toyota)
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Outstanding contribution

- Mr. Tomomasa Nohara presented a detailed case study showing the outstanding contribution of Okinawa Toyota to EcoDrive

Main thrusts: significant efforts

- Usage of energy; use of 'oil'
- Human factors in driving (EcoDrive)
- EcoDrive efforts in Japan

Fourth panel: EcoDrive Declaration

- Presenters: Dr. Frank Owarish and CEO Hiroshi Maji
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EcoDrive Declaration

- Guidelines so that millions of drivers can contribute by making driving more eco-friendly, more pleasant to each other avoiding road rage and recklessness
- <https://docs.google.com/document/d/14U0HoANkCkYeVih6vwi4qzgeLWzJUmc6275HOKizSc/>

Closing

- Philosophical statement by Walter Szykitka (Global Consultants)
- Frank Owarish: what's next; spreading the words, this conference to be an example of efforts worth undertaking; need for sustained effort via national, regional and global cooperation
- ASUA to continue efforts with other conferences/workshops at international, regional and national levels
- Chiaki Takahasi (ASUA), Closing address