

Rio +20 Japan Day Program

Seminar

■ **Date and Time:** Wednesday, June 20, 2012

Part I: 11:15–12:30 / Part II: 12:45–13:35 / Part III: 13:35–14:30

■ **Venue:** Rio+20 Japan Pavilion, event space (in Athletes' Park)

■ **Theme:** Reconstruction of Sustainable Societies after the Great East Japan Earthquake

■ **Hosted by:** Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Japan, Ministry of the Environment of Japan

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➤ **Part I:** 11:15–12:30 (Hosted by Ministry of the Environment of Japan)

“Building Sustainable Societies through Reconstruction—Working with the International Community for Regenerating Japan—“

Lecture 1: “Report of GEA International Conference 2011”

Wakako Hironaka

Director General, Global Environmental Action (GEA) and
Former Minister of the Environment

Lecture 2: “Sustainability through Post-Disaster Rebuilding: Living in Harmony with Nature”

Kazuhiko Takeuchi

Vice-Rector of UNU and Director of IR3S, The University of Tokyo

➤ **Part II:** 12:45–13:35 (Hosted by Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Japan)

“Rebuilding the Tohoku Region in the Context of Sustainable Development”

Lecture 1: “Our Challenge for Sustainable Fukushima through Its Revival and Development”

Takao Kakizaki

Professor, Department of Mechanical Engineering, College of Engineering,
Nihon University

Lecture 2: “Restoration of Coastal Forest in Natori, Miyagi Prefecture”

Eiji Suzuki

President, Association for Rehabilitation of Coastal Forest in Natori

Lecture 3: “UNEP International Experience-sharing Mission to Tohoku, Japan, on Managing Disaster Debris”

Matthew Selwyn Gubb

Director, UNEP International Environmental Technology Centre

➤ **Part III:** 13:35–14:30

Lecture: “The Revitalization for Japan—The Platinum Society”

Hiroshi Komiyama

Chairman of the Institute, Mitsubishi Research Institute, Inc. and
President Emeritus, The University of Tokyo

Discussion/Wrap-up:

Discussants:

Hiroshi Ohki

Advisor, Global Environmental Action (GEA), and Former Minister of the
Environment

Hiroshi Ogino (Moderator)

Senior Assistant to Board Director, Project Team on Climate Change, The
Asahi Shimbun

Japan Evening —Tohoku Forward—

■ **Date and Time:** Wednesday, June 20, 2012 17:00–19:00

■ **Venue:** Rio+20 Japan Pavilion, event space

■ **Hosted by:** Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Japan

■ **In cooperation with:**

Iwate Prefecture, Miyagi Prefecture, Fukushima Prefecture, The Japan Foundation,
Associação Iwate Kenjinkai do Brasil, Associação Miyagui Kenjinkai do Brasil,
Associação Fukushima Kenjin do Brasil, Associação Cultural e Esportiva
Nipo-Brasileira do Estado do Rio de Janeiro, Associação Nikkei do Rio de Janeiro,
Câmara de Comércio e Indústria Japonesa do Rio de Janeiro, Instituto Cultural
Brasil-Japão, Associação Civil de Divulgação Cultural e Educacional Japonesa do Rio de
Janeiro

■ **Program:**

➤ Message from Koichiro Gemba, Minister for Foreign Affairs of Japan

➤ Presentation of Messages of Encouragement

Students from the Associação Civil De Divulgação Cultural e Educacional
Japonesa do Rio de Janeiro and the Associação Cultural Nipo-Brasileira
Sulmatogrossense Escola Modelo de Língua Japonesa present
representatives of Iwate, Miyagi, and Fukushima Prefectures with
Tanabata bamboo decorated with messages of encouragement for Tohoku.

➤ Kagami-biraki Ceremony (ceremonial opening of a cask of sake) and toast
Minister for Foreign Affairs Gemba and representatives of Iwate, Miyagi,
and Fukushima Prefectures perform the Kagami-biraki and Minister
Gemba gives the toast.

➤ Socializing and Sampling of Tohoku and Other Japanese Cuisine and
Japanese Sake

The pounding of steamed rice into rice cake dough is demonstrated, and a

short video of the Tohoku Rokkon Festival held in Morioka City, Iwate Prefecture in May this year is shown

➤ Messages from Iwate, Miyagi, and Fukushima Prefectures

Iwate Prefecture:

A presentation is given on the prefecture's reconstruction plan and the special features of Iwate. (Presenter: Hiroshi Ono, Director of planning, Planning Division, Bureau of Reconstruction, Iwate Prefectural Government)

Miyagi Prefecture:

There is a video message from the prefectural governor, and a presentation of the prefecture's vision for reconstruction and of the Miyagi Prefecture Message booth. (Presenter: Hiroo Sato, Senior Assistant Director, International Affairs Division, Commerce, Industry and Tourism Department, Miyagi Prefectural Government)

Fukushima Prefecture:

A video message of people working toward reconstruction is presented. (Presenter: Takao Kakizaki, Professor, Department of Mechanical Engineering, College of Engineering, Nihon University which is located in Fukushima Prefecture)

➤ Socializing and Sampling of Tohoku and Other Japanese Cuisine and Japanese Sake

PR videos on reconstruction and a video of the Tohoku Rokkon Festival shown against the backdrop of the word "TOHOKU FORWARD", a powerful work by calligrapher Takuya Takahashi, a junior high school student living in Iwate Pref., are screened.

➤ Wadaiko Performance by *Wadaiko Sho*, a São Paulo Japanese Drumming Group

The program incorporates the folk music of Iwate, Miyagi, and Fukushima Prefectures.

- "Soma-bon-uta": a bon dance folksong from the Soma region of Fukushima Prefecture.
- "Nambu-ushioi-uta": a cow-herding folksong from the Shimohei and Waga regions of Iwate Prefecture.
- "Saitaro-bushi": a fishing folksong found particularly in the Sanriku region of Miyagi Prefecture.
- "Hyuga": a song that expresses the gradual rise of the great orb of the sun from beyond the ocean and that is filled with happiness and joy as it envisions a bright future filled with dreams.