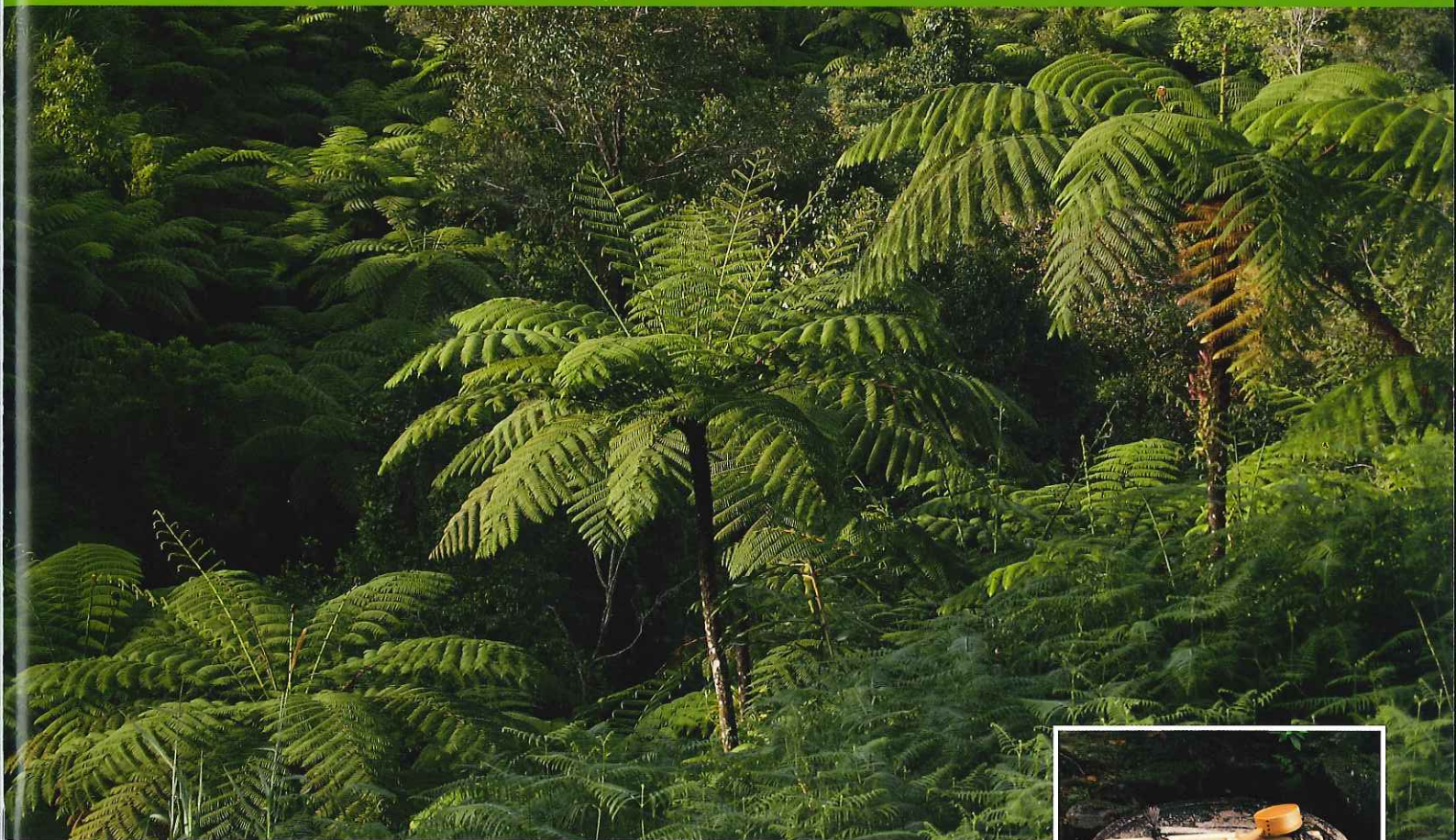




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'Sustainability' has been established as an international slogan concerning measures regarding nature conservation. Its meaning concerns securing the global environment, that is, sustainability of the earth's ecosystems against development by human beings. Above all, the reproducibility of natural resources represents the core of its implication. Both sustainability and reproducibility seem to be plausible slogans when we consider that human activities are destroying nature to the point of non-recoverability.

However, the achievement of sustainability of the global environment does not mean only to prevent the over exploitation of natural resources and indiscriminant land development, which are clearly observable. Problems such as climate change and damage to the earth's ozone layer teach us that casual activities in our daily lives lead to the destruction of sustainability, and that environmental issues will not be solved unless we change our lifestyles. We now face a period in which such change is essential in order to achieve a sustainable global environment.

When we think in this way, our mental attitudes are put into question, because an improvement in our lifestyles will not be accomplished without changing our thinking. At this symposium, we will pay attention to, for example from Japan, the word 'Mottainai' as a mental attitude which has been handed down among Japanese from old times, and confirm that this spirit is prevalent throughout the orient, while seeking countermeasures based on this spirit in relation to the present conditions regarding natural resources.

The implication of 'Mottainai' in our lives is taught in the doctrines of Buddhism; for example "Learn to be content", which is found in Shakyamuni's dying words, in the teachings of Priest Dogen and also in the principle of 'honest poverty.' The Chinese philosopher Lao-Tzu also left the aphorism "A contented mind is a perpetual mind." It is only on the basis of the oriental wisdom of 'Mottainai' concerning nature conservation and oriental consciousness, that the global environment can be sustained. At the symposium, we would like to address the issue of forests as concrete examples of natural resources, but we will also acknowledge that human beings can improve themselves for the sake of the environment only when we acquire the spirit of 'Mottainai'.

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General Information

Date

Saturday, December 13 – Tuesday, December 16, 2008

Place

- (Dec. 13) Hotel Rubino Kyoto Horikawa
Horikawa Shimochojamachi, Kamigyo-ku, Kyoto 602-8056, Japan
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Official Language

English and Japanese
Simultaneous interpretation will be provided between English and Japanese.

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Timetable

	morning	afternoon	evening
December 13 (Sat) at Rubino Horikawa		Open Forum “Reflection on Forest –Fusion of Nature and Forest”	Welcome Reception at Rubino Horikawa
December 14 (Sun) at ICC Kyoto	Session 1 Forest and environmental protection I	Session 2 Forest and environmental protection II	
December 15 (Mon) at ICC Kyoto	Session 3 Nature conservation and culture	Excursion to Shimogamo shirine, Ryoanji temple and Nijo castle	Banquet at ICC Kyoto
December 16 (Tue) at ICC Kyoto	Session 4 General discussion		

Open Forum, KIF 2008

December 14, 2008 (Sunday)

Room C-2

9:00-9:10 Opening Address

*Ken Takeshita**Chairman of KIF 2008, and Professor of Law, Kansai University, Osaka, Japan*

9:15-12:15 Session 1:

Forest and environmental protection I

Chairperson: *Kei Karasawa**Professor Emeritus, Ritsumeikan University, Japan*

- 1. Nature our Culture – Reflection on Cultural Relationship between Papua New Guinea Communities and Their Local Forests** 40 min

*Jane Mogina**Biology Department, University of Papua New Guinea, Papua New Guinea**PNG Mama Graun Conservation Trust Fund, Pt. Moresby, Papua New Guinea*

- 2. Significance and Roles of Tropical Satoyama (Anthropogenic Forest-based Land-use) in Tropical Rain Forests of Southeast Asia** 20 min

*Masahiro Ichikawa**Research Institute for Humanity and Nature, Kyoto, Japan*

- 3. The Impact of Climate Change on Mountainous Area in Central and Southern Europe** 40 min

*Reinhold Steinacker**Department of Meteorology and Geophysics**Faculty of Geosciences, Geography and Astronomy, University of Vienna, Austria*

Discussion between speakers and floor

13:30-16:45 Session 2:

Forest and environmental protection II

Chairperson: *Ken Takeshita*

School of Law, Kansai University, Osaka, Japan

1. Chinese Forest Legislation and Its Cultural Background 40 min

Chang, Ji-wen

Institute of Law, Chinese Academy of Social Sciences, Beijing, China

2. The Role of Sciences for Sustainable Society: From Economic Man to Total Man 40 min

Yasuhiro Sakai

Faculty of Economics, Ryukoku University & Shiga University,

Professor Emeritus, University of Tsukuba, Japan

3. The Rupture and Continuity of Indigenous Forest Knowledge in the Philippines 20 min

Bao, Maohong

Beijing University, Beijing, China

4. Japan's Forest Culture: Threats and Opportunities 20 min

Takuya Takahashi

School of Environmental Science, University of Shiga Prefecture,

Hikone, Shiga, Japan

Discussion between speakers and floor

December 15, 2008 (Monday)

Room C-2

9:00-12:00 Session 3:

Nature conservation and culture

Chairperson: *Joao V. de Assuncao**School of Public Health, Department of Environmental Health
University of Sao Paulo, Brazil.***1. From Sustainability to “Mottainai” – With the Help of an “Extended View”** 40 min*Walter Kofler¹, David Schnaiter²**¹International Academy of Science – Health and Ecology, Innsbruck, Austria**²Section Social Medicine, Medical University of Innsbruck, Austria***2. On the Way to the Unity: The International Moscow Declaration for the Ecological Culture 10th Anniversary** 40 min*Stanislav Glazachev, Oleg Glazachev**M.A. Sholokhov Moscow State Humanitarian University, Russia**Russian Section of the International Academy of Science, Russia***3. Sato-yama (Forests Adjacent to Villages) in Beautiful Japan and Its Problems Which Confront Us Now to Be Solved** 20 min*Yoshifumi Yabushita**Division of Corporate Planning, Shidax Corporation, Tokyo, Japan***4. Health Promotion, Culture and Forest Conservation in Norway** 20 min*Gunnar Tellnes**Department of General Practice and Community Medicine**University of Oslo, Norway*

Discussion between speakers and floor

13:00-17:00 Excursion to
Shimogamo shrine & its primeval grove, Ryoanji temple
and Nijo castle

Course: Conference Center – Shimogamo shrine – Ryoanji temple –
Nijo castle - Conference Center

13:00 A bus departs from the main entrance of Kyoto International Conference Center
13:15-14:00 Visit to Shimogamo shrine and its primeval grove
14:30-15:20 Visit to Ryoanji temple
15:40-16:30 Visit to Nijo castle
17:00 Return to Kyoto International Conference Center

18:00-20:00 Banquet

Kyoto International Conference Center
All participants are cordially invited.

December 16, 2008 (Tuesday)

Room C-2

9:00-11:50 Session 4

General discussion

Co-chairperson: *Sun, Xin**Chinese Academy of Social Sciences, Beijing, China*Co-chairperson: *Ikujiro Wakai**Faculty of Human Environment, Osaka Sangyo University, Japan***1. Reflective Recurring to Forest**

20 min

*Kuminobu Kitao**Faculty of Bioenvironmental Science, Kyoto Gakuen University, Kyoto, Japan*

Discussion among participants

11:50-12:00 Closing Remarks

*Ken Takeshita**Chairman of KIF 2008***Social Programs**

Welcome Reception

Date: Saturday, December 13, 2008, 17:00-19:00

Place: Hotel Rubino Kyoto Horikawa, Room Amour (3F)

Banquet

Date: Monday, December 15, 2008, 18:00-20:00

Place: Kyoto International Conference Center (ICC Kyoto)

Excursion

Date: Monday, December 15, 2008, 13:00-17:00

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All participants are cordially invited to the Welcome Reception, Banquet and Excursion.