

“International Symposium on Cities and *Satoyama* Landscapes”

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In recent years, satoyama landscapes have been ravaged as a result of depopulation and the aging of populations. Meanwhile, in the midst of all this, our awareness about the socio-cultural benefit of satoyama landscapes, the contribution they make to biodiversity and the way in which positive natural resource management should function has been rapidly heightened. If we take a look at the global situation, landscapes like satoyama (here in after we call “socio-ecological production landscapes”) that were formed and maintained mainly through agriculture and forestry exist in most parts of the world. Unfortunately, however, the survival of these landscapes is currently under threat for a number of reasons. Based on this situation, the *Satoyama* Initiative has been initiated, which is the international efforts to promote a concept on sustainable management and utilization of natural resources with worldwide application. The core vision of the initiative is to realize societies in harmony with nature. At the Tenth meeting of the Conference of the Parties to the Convention on Biodiversity (CBD COP10), which will be held in Nagoya, Aichi Prefecture in October 2010, broader support for the Initiative and establishment of an international framework to accelerate the efforts will be proposed.

Whilst also bearing in mind the outcomes from URBIO, we will discuss the following issues at the symposium:

- socio-ecological production landscapes in countries where populations are expected to decline, such as Japan
- how proper management of the peripheral zones of cities or green spaces within cities should function in the event that cities change as a result of populations decreasing

We thus aim to seek new directions for research at the symposium.

Programme (tentative)

13:00-13:10	Opening Remark Hiroshi Maruyama , <i>Chair, Executive Committee for the Annual Meeting, JILA</i>
13:10-13:30	Keynote Speech 1 “Ecosystem Services and Resilience in Urban Landscapes” Thomas Elmqvist , Professor, Department of Systems Ecology, and Stockholm Resilience Centre, Stockholm Q & A
13:30-13:35	
13:35-13:55	Keynote Speech 2 “Cities and Satoyama Landscapes in Japan” Kazuhiko Takeuchi , <i>President, Japanese Institute of Landscape Architecture (JILA), Vice Rector, United Nations University</i>
13:55-14:00	Q & A
14:00-14:10	<i>Coffee Break</i>
14:10-15:30	Panel Discussion * Facilitator: Masayuki Wakui , <i>Chair, Committee on Support for CBD COP10, JILA</i> Tadayoshi Inoue , <i>Co-chair, URBIO2010/ Chair, Chapter of Central Region, JILA</i> Isao Nakase , <i>University of Hyogo/Museum of Human and Nature Activities, Hyogo</i> Kazue Fukamati , <i>Kyoto University</i>
15:30-15:40	<i>Coffee break</i>
15:40-15:55	Summary Kazuhiko Takeuchi
15:55-16:00	Closing Remark Masaaki Takanashi , <i>Vice President, JILA</i>