

[Commemorative Symposium]

The 70th Anniversary of Foundation of the University of Kitakyushu

“Sustainable Development and Asian Civil Society” —Toward the Hydrogen Energy Society—

When: Friday, September 30, 16:20~17:50

Where: Kitakyushu International Conference Center, Conference Hall

Language : Japanese & English (simultaneous translation)

Host: The University of Kitakyushu

➤ Background and Aim:

The City of Kitakyushu has conquered its serious air and water pollution which stemmed from economic growth in the 1950s and 1960s, and is now taking steps to create “Future Environmental City”, where the city’s development takes place by balancing environment, society and economy. Some of the current examples include manufacturing wisdom with decreased environmental impact and establishing a society where everybody takes proactive role to be environmentally friendly.

This symposium will be titled “Kitakyushu-Session” and people in Kitakyushu report first their various activities, both from theoretical and practical perspectives of their visions: “Environmental Capital” and “Hydrogen Town Concept”, leading up to the establishment of the “Future Environmental City”. In combination with the reports, we would like to think over the “sustainable future” for every citizen, exchanging opinions with the keynote speaker.

➤ Program:

[Panelists]

Yoshikazu Tanaka (Key-note speaker/Chief Engineer of MIRAI, Toyota Motor Corporation)

Yukiko ODA (Researcher, Kitakyushu Institute on Sustainability)

Shinichi IWANAGA (Facilitator, MANABITO ESD Station)

Makoto IIZUKA (Director, ARGREEN Co. Ltd)

[Moderators]

Yoshiaki Uchifusa (Associate Professor, Faculty of Economics and Business Administration,
The University of Kitakyushu)

Keiko Tsuji-TAMURA (Professor, Faculty of Law & Dean, Graduate School of Ph.D. Program
in Social System Studies, The University of Kitakyushu)