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National Museum of Emerging Science and Innovation

Announcement of International Advisory Board Meeting and Public Symposium “Miraikan Forum 2010”

The National Museum of Emerging Science and Innovation (Miraikan) (Director: Mamoru Mohri, Address: Aomi, Koto-ku, Tokyo) will mark its 10th anniversary in the next fiscal year. In commemoration, Miraikan will hold an international advisory board meeting and a public symposium, “Miraikan Forum 2010- The Future: Reclaimed through Science and Technology-” on October 2 (Sat.), 2010, inviting leading experts in science, technology, and science museum around the globe.

The invited members of the international advisory board will include seven overseas and five domestic high-profile intellectuals, including Dr. Bruce M. Alberts, Editor-in-Chief of “Science” (AAAS), and astronaut Dr. Claudie Haigneré, President of Cité des Sciences et de l’Industrie, a leading science museum in France. They will evaluate the past achievements and future action plans of Miraikan from an international perspective, and, by discussing how science and technology could contribute to the sustainable development of humankind and the role of the science museum, they will also give advice about the future role and direction of Miraikan.

Japan's future depends on how to tackle urgent issues common to all humankind, such as global environmental problems, because Japan’s advanced science and technology could help contribute to the world and also lead to its own further development. What is needed for that is a common understanding in the society about the current situation and future potential of advanced science and technology research. In this situation, looking at the next decade, Miraikan will work viewing science and technology as a culture and show the world a new direction for the role that a science museum should play.

On October 2, the international advisory board will announce a “Miraikan Message” to the world and its members will have a panel discussion in the public symposium “Miraikan Forum 2010.”

*See the next page for the members of the international advisory board.

[Outline]
International Advisory Board Meeting
Date: October 2 (Sat.), 2010 Morning
Venue: National Museum of Emerging Science and Innovation (Miraikan) (Address: 2-3-6, Aomi, Koto-ku, Tokyo)

Public Symposium “Miraikan Forum 2010 -The Future: Reclaimed through Science and Technology-”
Date: October 2 (Sat.), 2010 13:30-15:30
Venue: 1F Symbol Zone, National Museum of Emerging Science and Innovation (Miraikan)
Panelists (scheduled):
- Dr. Bruce Michael Alberts, Editor-in-Chief of "Science" (AAAS), U.S.A.
- Dr. Claudie Haigneré, President of Cité des Sciences et de l'Industrie, France
- Dr. Shang-Hi Rhee, Director General of Gwacheon National Science Museum, R.O.K.
- Dr. Keiko Nakamura, Director General of JT Biohistory Research Hall
- Dr. Mamoru Mohri, Director of the National Museum of Emerging Science and Innovation (Miraikan)
Capacity: 300 people
Admission: Free (Advance reservation required. Applications will be accepted in late August on the Miraikan website.)
Organizer: National Museum of Emerging Science and Innovation (Miraikan)
Supported by: Tokyo Techno Forum 21
*Details of “Miraikan Forum 2010” will be announced as soon as they are determined.

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