Science Centre World Summit 2017 to be Held in Tokyo!
Hosted by Miraikan
November 14 – 17 2017

The National Museum of Emerging Science and Innovation (Miraikan) (Chief Executive Director: Mamoru Mohri) will host the Science Centre World Summit (SCWS) in November 2017. This summit is an international conference of science centre networks around the world (*annotation reference below), held once every three years in a different region. The first summit in 2014 was held at Technopolis®, a science centre in Belgium, representing Europe, and the second will be held in 2017 at Miraikan, representing the Asia-Pacific region.

The theme for SCWS2017 is “Connecting the World for a Sustainable Future.” Focusing on the “connections” between the multitude of lifeforms on Earth and ourselves, the goal of the summit is to reexamine the relations between human activities and issues facing humanity, such as climate change and loss of biodiversity. Miraikan is acting as host in cooperation with other science centres in the Asia-Pacific region. An international foundation will be established to develop innovative and long-term strategies based on new perspectives to deal with issues on a global scale, and the results will be presented to the world. SCWS2017 will create opportunities to discuss how to preserve the bountiful Earth of today for the future.

<What is the Science Centre World Summit (SCWS)?>
The SCWS is successor to the Science Centre World Congress, which was convened six times starting in 1996. In 2014 the congress was renamed to the Science Centre World Summit with a new goal of spreading the results of information exchange and increased cooperation between science centres and those outside the science centre community. The SCWS is more than just a place for science centres to exchange information, it’s also a place for strategic discussions on the new role of science centres in society. Science centre representatives will broaden discussions beyond scientists and educators to include politicians, members of industry, and local communities. By collaborating with stakeholders from every aspect of society, participants will work to build cooperation towards new solutions to solve global issues.

*Science Centre Networks around the World
There are regional science centre networks throughout the world. Science centres in a network exchange information and cooperate with each other to improve efficiency.

- ASPAC (Asia Pacific Network of Science and Technology Centres)
- ASTC (Association of Science-Technology Centers)
- Ecsite (European Network of Science Centres and Museums)
- NAMES (North Africa and Middle East Science centers network)
- RedPOP (Network for the Popularization of Science and Technology in Latin America and the Caribbean)
- SAASTEC (South African Association of Science and Technology Centres)

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