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Building Pan-Pacific Partnerships: Transcending boundaries towards collaborative rehabilitation of wetlands and their communities

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SYMPOSIUM WILL BE IN ENGLISH

Wetlands in all corners of the globe are in crisis. While many environmental issues gain increasing attention worldwide, the degradation and destruction of wetlands is often a silent phenomena, overlooked by many. In the 20th Century 60% of global wetlands were lost, despite a growing awareness of the crucial role that wetlands play in delivering key ecosystem services upon which many communities rely.

Alongside the environmental degradation of wetlands often runs social degradation. Time is running out both on the local level and global level and the call for collective action to reverse the adverse trends of socio-ecological degradation of wetlands and the people who depend on them is one of urgency.

This symposium aims to provide a forum to transcend geopolitical and academic boundaries to explore the building of partnerships between Japan and Colombia to revitalize wetlands and their incumbent communities. Further, this forum hopes to make steps forward in collaborative research and educational activities linking Japan with Colombia and other Latin American countries to build a Pan-Pacific Partnership of wetland community revitalization towards achieving SDGs related to wetland conservation and their communities.

Part I: Putting SDGs on researchers' agendas: perspectives from wetlands

SPEAKER 1: Contributing to SDGs through Sophia Research Branding Project: Transdisciplinary rehabilitation of wetlands in Japan

- Prof. Guangwei Huang, Sophia University

SPEAKER 2: Rehabilitating Colombia's Wetlands: a socio-ecological case study

- Prof. Sebastian Restrepo Calle, Javeriana University

SPEAKER 3: Notes from the field: interdisciplinary research in post-conflict Colombia

- Prof. Juan Ricardo Gomez Serrano, Javeriana University

Part II: SDGs as an integral part of the Pan-Pacific wetland dialogue

Moderator:

- Prof. Anne McDonald, Sophia University

Panelists:

- Prof. Guangwei Huang
- Prof. Juan Ricardo Gomez Serrano
- Prof. Sebastian Restrepo Calle
- Prof. Akemi Ori, Sophia University
- Prof. Noriko Hataya, Sophia University