



SOPHIA UNIVERSITY
ISLAND SUSTAINABILITY UNIT (SISU)
SYMPOSIUM
12 DECEMBER 2018

HOST ORGANIZATION: Sophia University Environment Research Institute
CO-ORGANIZED BY: Sophia University, Pontificia Universidad Javeriana and
the Association for the Promotion of International Cooperation (APIC)
SUPPORTED BY: Sophia University Graduate School of Global Environmental Studies

**EXPLORING PAN-PACIFIC
PARTNERSHIPS
and the
JST SAKURA SCIENCE
PROGRAM 2018**

**DATE: DECEMBER 12
WEDNESDAY**

TIME: 1:30 to 5 PM

**PLACE: BUILDING 6
FACULTY CLUB**

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With over 6,850 islands making up the Japanese Archipelago, Japan shares the vulnerabilities, challenges and possibilities of small island nations.

The Island Sustainability Unit (SISU) was established in October 2018 to develop island-relevant place and context specific solutions through research and education activities from a base at Sophia University in Japan.

As Darwin identified, islands are a laboratory for change. Sitting on the frontlines of climate change, in-depth studies of islands may lead to developing sustainability solutions for the greater global community. Island sustainability focused research at Sophia University may be an opportunity to create a unique niche with institutions like Pontificia Universidad Javeriana and other overseas institutions, government organizations, community leaders and practitioners committed to solution driven interdisciplinary collaborative research and education.

Towards building an interdisciplinary research unit that is committed to developing action-oriented tangible outputs in their research activities that are sensitive to the multiple and diverse needs of islands, the foundations will be built on the following two pillars:

- disaster resilience and risk management (DRR)
- bio-cultural diversity use and conservation, land-to-sea ecosystem based management

This symposium aims to share diverse perspectives and co-learned experiences between Sophia University and Pontificia Universidad Javeriana visits during the Sakura Science Program field visits to Oshima Island and Kabukuri Wetlands, Osaki, Miyagi prefecture.

OPENING REMARKS:

- Juro Otsuka, Sophia University, Vice President
- Amb. Shoji Sato, Association for the Promotion of International Cooperation (APIC), Executive Director
- Luis Miguel Renjifo, Pontificia Universidad Javeriana, Vice President

**ISLAND SUSTAINABILITY UNIT (SISU)
INTRODUCTORY REMARKS:**
Anne McDonald, Sophia University, SISU leader

PANEL I: exploring the 4Rs of island sustainability
MODERATOR: Guangwei Huang, Sophia University, Professor

PANEL II: bio-cultural diversity through the lens of invasive species
MODERATOR: Akemi Ori, Sophia University, Professor

PANEL III: diversity as an integral part of community-based resource management
MODERATOR: Anne McDonald, Sophia University, Professor

PANEL IV: student voices from Pontificia Universidad Javeriana and Sophia University
MODERATOR: Iain Hall, Sophia University, PhD candidate, Micronesian Conservation Trust (MCT) Intern

CLOSING REMARKS:

- María Adelaida Farah Q., Pontificia Universidad Javeriana, Dean
- Guangwei Huang, Sophia University Environment Research Institute, Director