

Sophia University Island Sustainability Symposium JST Sakura Science 2019 Wrap-up

Thursday, 3 October 2019

TIME: 13:30 to 16:00

PLACE: Sophia University, Building 2, 17th Floor, Room 1702



Islands are on the frontlines of many of the most serious environmental challenges of the 21st Century. Climate change, biodiversity loss, invasive alien species, water scarcity, food security, poverty alleviation, the list of challenges is long. Finding that balance between ecological and socio-economic viability poses challenges to all. If islands are the canary in the mines, the very solutions to island sustainability is the critical key to achieving global sustainability. This is an interdisciplinary symposium that brings together differing disciplines, approaches and perspectives towards building Pan-Pacific Island Sustainability.

This symposium is also a wrap-up of the Sakura Science 2019 field trip between Sophia University and Javeriana University that took students and professors to the field in Izu-Oshima and Hegura Island. Building on the field-based experiences and lessons co-learned in Japan, this wrap-up symposium intends to share experiences and perspectives on island sustainability challenges and potentials.

Opening Remarks

- i) Sophia University Environmental Research Institute, Director G. Huang
- ii) Javeriana University Representative Maria Adelaida Farah Q.

MC: Erika Salazar, Sophia University, PhD student; graduate of Javeriana University

Discussion Group 1: What do scientists have to say about applying science tourism to islands?

Moderator: Prof. M. Suzuki

Topic Introducer: Prof. J.R. Gomez, Javeriana University

Discussion Group 2: Gender in resource management – why is it something we need to talk about?

Moderator: Prof. A. McDonald

Topic Introducer: Prof. Pablo Ramos, Javeriana University

Discussion Group 3: Student Voices: What does it mean to be an islander? What is island identity?

Moderator: Henry Dinayen, Sophia University, MA student

Snapshots from the Sakura Science Field:
Javeriana University Sakura Science Participants

Sakura Science 2019 Closing Remarks

Sophia University Graduate School of Global Environmental Studies, Dean A. Ori

Closing Opening Remarks the next step in Island Sustainability Studies

- i) Javeriana University, Sakura Science 2019 Coordinators, Prof. J.R. Gomez and Prof. P. Ramos
- ii) Sophia University Island Sustainability Unit, Prof. A. McDonald