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Greetings from the Director

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I was appointed as director of the Operating Unit Ishikawa/Kanazawa (OUIK) in April 2012 and would like to take this opportunity to introduce my vision as I assume my duties in this new role.

In 2008, OUIK was established with the aim of providing local input into international cooperation efforts in the framework of UNU's research activities. In the research field of *satoyama* and *satoumi*, OUIK has conducted case studies on sustainable resource management in Nanao Bay. In regards to research related to cities and biodiversity, it has shed light on the links between the region's nature and culture and has presented these research results to the international community.

As shown below, OUIK has further clarified its two objectives. To achieve these objectives, it is committed to collaborating with international organizations and cooperating with local academic and research institutions to enhance these studies while presenting research results to the international community. Specifically, OUIK will advance research activities for conservation and sustainable use of biodiversity in *satoyama* and *satoumi*. In regards to sustainable primary industries, OUIK will develop research activities that take into consideration the local knowledge of the Noto region, which was designated as a Globally Important Agricultural Heritage Systems (GIAHS) site in June 2011. OUIK will also conduct intensive study on cities and biodiversity focusing on the case of Kanazawa City to provide research results to the international community, because biodiversity in urban areas was recognized as an important field of study at the tenth meeting of the Conference of the Parties to the Convention on Biological Diversity (CBD/COP 10).

Thus, in cooperation with people in Ishikawa/Kanazawa, as well as local research institutions and government agencies, OUIK will be committed to promoting research activities based on our achievements.

In addition, OUIK will contribute to the international community by providing local input and building networks with stakeholders while sharing information regarding international trends toward CBD/COP 11, which will be held in India in October 2012. We invite everyone to learn more about our activities, and promote further cooperation.

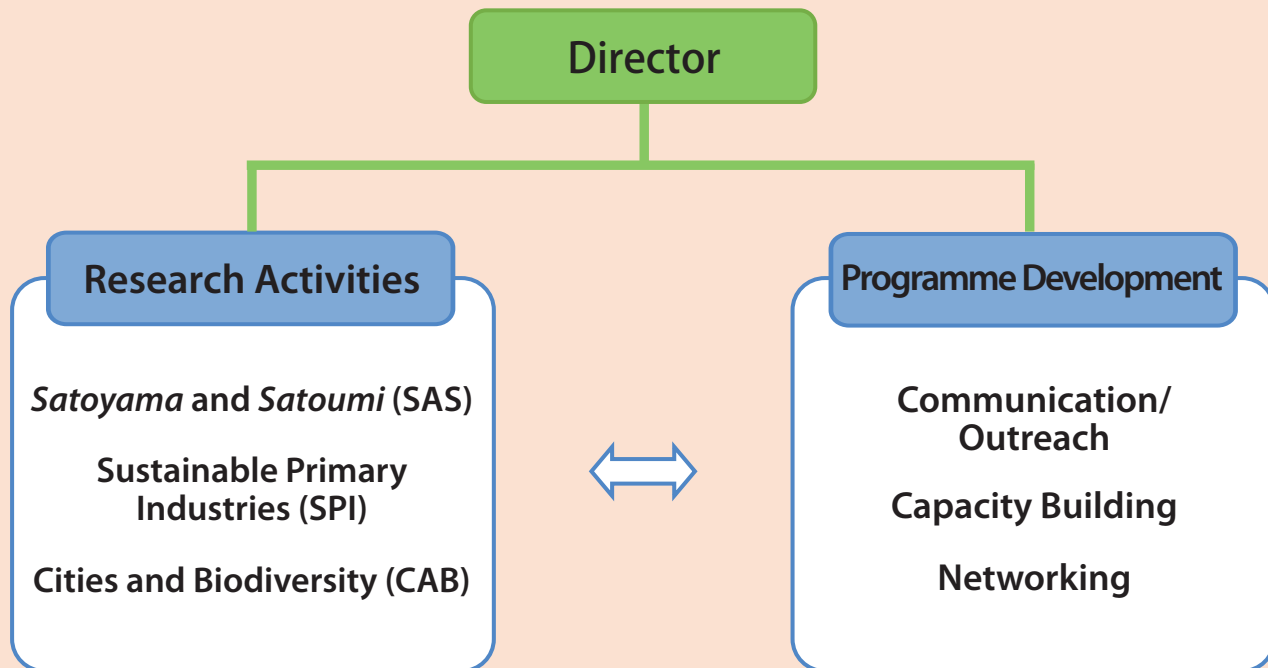


Mr. Kazuhiko Takemoto was appointed as Senior Fellow of UNU-IAS in October 2010. He also holds a position as Senior Advisor to the Minister of the Environment. Prior to these appointments, he served as Vice-Minister for Global Environment Affairs (2008-2010), Director-General of Environmental Management Bureau, and Deputy Director-General, Global Environment Bureau, Ministry of the Environment. He also served for CBD/COP10 as its Alternate President (2010), and as Vice Chair of OECD/EPOC (2004-07). He received a Master of International Public Policy from the Johns Hopkins University SAIS and Bachelor of Engineering in Environmental Planning from the University of Tokyo.

OUIK's Objectives:

1. To contribute to international research activities, in collaboration with local partners, towards a sustainable society, and
2. To develop communication and networks with local stakeholders through public outreach and capacity building, while sharing information on international trends.

Organizational Framework



Overview of the eleventh meeting of the Conference of the Parties to the Convention on Biological Diversity (CBD/COP 11)

CBD/COP 11 will be held in Hyderabad, India for a period of two weeks starting from October 8, 2012.

This conference will focus on discussion of the following topics:

- (1) The status of implementation of the Strategic Plan for Biodiversity 2011-2020 for achieving the Aichi Biodiversity Targets;
- (2) Progress towards enforcement of the Nagoya Protocol;
- (3) Strategy for resource mobilization;
- (4) The status of implementation of the United Nations Decade on Biodiversity.

Japan attends the conference as the host country of CBD/COP 10 (Nagoya, Aichi) and contributes to the progress of the conference as a member of the Conference of Parties.

The International Partnership for the *Satoyama* Initiative (IPSI) was established at CBD/COP 10, and its secretariat is located in the United Nations University Institute of Advanced Studies. The Third IPSI Global Conference (IPSI-3) will be organized back-to-back with the CBD/COP 11 in Hyderabad. Members of IPSI from around the world will participate in this conference to discuss strategies for sustaining and enhancing human-influenced natural environments, for example *satoyama* in Japan, that people have developed and maintained sustainably over a long period of time. Ishikawa Prefecture and Kanazawa University are also expected to actively participate in IPSI-3 as IPSI members.

* For details about IPSI, visit the website <http://satoyama-initiative.org>.



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