

TSUKUBA Declaration

PREAMBLE

In the face of the emerging global issues that are increasingly dire, the international community must respond by developing sustainable solutions.

One nation by itself cannot tackle these global challenges nor can these challenges be solved by a single discipline. Solidarity among scientists regardless of borders and disciplines is imperative to achieve sustainable development and prosperity. Tsukuba Global Science Week aims to contribute to this endeavor by bringing together prominent researchers across borders and disciplines to Tsukuba Science City, the largest science and technology hub in Japan, and by providing a platform to deepen understanding of global and regional issues and to constructively discuss goals and strategies for the future.

Adhering to the philosophy of respect for people, nature and diversity, the TSUKUBA Declaration affirms and proclaims to the world the resolve of the community of scientists brought together by Tsukuba Global Science Week to work hand in hand to solve the global challenges that we face today. We will continue to do so annually.

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The Tsukuba Communiqué, released by the G7 Science and Technology Ministers' Meeting in Tsukuba in May 2016, emphasized the role of innovation for sustainable social and economic growth, and for addressing global challenges such as health, energy, agriculture, and the environment. Fully endorsing this emphasis, this year's Tsukuba Global Science Week focused on innovation through collaboration across industry, government and academic sectors to pioneer future industries and societies.

We, a community of researchers gathered here in Tsukuba, strongly believe that we must actively enhance "trans-border" collaboration across sectors, disciplines, and cultures to give rise to new interdisciplinary research fields and to nurture creative next-generation leaders who can drive feedback cycles of innovation. With this belief in mind, we hereby declare as follows:

Article 1.

We, as researchers, strive to make greater efforts to engage in dialogue across borders and disciplines and to act together towards the creation of new knowledge required for the resolution of global issues.

Article 2.

We, as educators, endeavor to contribute to the development of global leaders who will bravely tackle global issues.

Article 3.

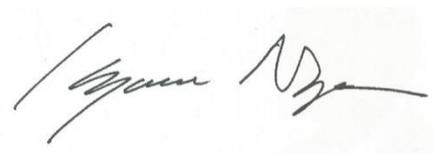
We, as supporters of equality, seek to appreciate our own and each other's cultures, and will work to break the barriers imposed by race, gender, sexuality and other differences.

Article 4.

We, as drivers of innovation, commit ourselves to 'trans-border' collaboration across industry, government and academia, and will pioneer new industries and shape the next society.

19 September, 2016

On behalf of the community of
scientists hereby assembled in
Tsukuba,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Kyosuke Nagata', written on a light-colored rectangular background.

Kyosuke Nagata