



Institute for Diversity & Inclusion Inauguration Ceremony and Commemorative Lecture
 &
 Hiroshima University and National Institute of Special Education Joint Symposium
Building the Future of Well-Being through Diversity & Inclusion:
 Towards the Formation of a Symbiotic Society Realizing Human Happiness and Sustainable Growth

March 24, 2024 (Sunday)

12:30-16:00

Doors open 12:00 close at 16:30

Venue:

Hiroshima International Conference Center "Himawari" (1-5 Nakajima-cho, Naka-ku, Hiroshima)

Organizer:

Hiroshima University Diversity & Inclusion

Co-host: National Institute of Special Needs Education

Sponsorship: Ministry of Education, Culture, Sports, Science and Technology, Hiroshima Prefectural Board of Education, Hiroshima City Board of Education, Higashi-Hiroshima City Board of Education, The Chugoku Shimbun, NHK Hiroshima Broadcasting Station, RCC Broadcasting, Hiroshima Television Broadcasting, Hiroshima Home Television, TSS-TV, Hiroshima FM Broadcasting, Society of Well-being, Hiroshima Council of UNESCO Associations, Nippon Life Insurance Foundation

Objective:

The concept of well-being demands a transition beyond traditional growth indicators, emphasizing subjective happiness and social cohesion. This symposium brings together experts engaged in education and research on well-being from around the world to discuss and explore ideas and initiatives centered around the concept of well-being. The goal is to deliberate on the approach Japan should adopt to achieve sustainable growth, acknowledge diversity and foster a richer, harmonious society.

Programme:

I. Institute for Diversity & Inclusion Inauguration Ceremony 12:30~12:55

- Welcome Address by Mitsuo Ochi, President, Hiroshima University
- Greeting by Guest of Honour Shinichi Nakamura, President, National Institute of Special Needs Education
- Address by Director, Professor Yumiko Suzuki
- Closing Address by Vice Director, Professor Yoko Ishida

II. Institute for Diversity & Inclusion Commemorative Lecture 12:55~13:50

Professor K. Vish Viswanath (Director, Lee Kum Sheung Center for Health and Happiness, Harvard University)

III. Joint Symposium by Hiroshima University and the National Institute of Special Needs Education 14:00~16:00

- Address by Shinichi Nakamura, President, National Institute of Special Needs Education
- Guest of Honour Address by Mr. Yoshiaki Ishida, Director, Special Needs Education Division, Elementary and Secondary Education Bureau, Ministry of Education, Culture, Sports, Science and Technology

Symposium Speakers

- Dr. K. Vish Viswanath Harvard University
- Dr. Antti M. Kauppinen University of Helsinki
- Mr. Tetsuya Munekata National Institute of Special Needs Education
- Mr. Joe Hironaka UNESCO Regional Office in Bangkok
- Dr. Toshiyuki Yasui Eikei University of Hiroshima



Who should attend: Business owners, entrepreneurs, researchers, government officials and members of the public with an interest in wellbeing

Capacity: 400 (first-come-first-served basis)

Registration: Pre-registration is required.


After completing your application, you will automatically receive a leaflet (PDF) offering free admission to Hiroshima Peace Memorial Museum from 23-25 March. (Opening hours: 8:30-18:00)

Registration

Please apply via the website on the right.

Application deadline: Friday 15 March 2024

※Applications may be closed when capacity is reached due to limited seating.



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Dr. K. Vish Viswanath (Harvard University)

Dr. K. "Vish" Viswanath is Lee Kum Kee Professor of Health Communication in the Department of Social and Behavioral Sciences at the Harvard T. H. Chan School of Public Health (HSPH) and in the McGraw-Patterson Center for Population Sciences at the Dana-Farber Cancer Institute (DFCI). He is also the Faculty Director of the Health Communication Core of the Dana-Farber/Harvard Cancer Center (DF/HCC). Other additional administrative and scientific leadership positions held by Dr. Viswanath include: Director of the Center for Translational Communication Science, DFCI; Director, Harvard Chan India Research Center and Director, Lee Kum Sheung Center for Health and Happiness, Harvard Chan. He is the founding Director of DF/HCC's Enhancing Communications for Health Outcomes (ECHO) Laboratory.



Dr. Antti M. Kauppinen (University of Helsinki, Finland)

Dr. Antti Kauppinen is Professor of Practical Philosophy at the University of Helsinki, Finland. He works on a wide range of issues in ethics and epistemology, including well-being, moral emotions, responsibility, equality, and the ethics of belief. He currently participates in the Kone Foundation project - The Many Faces of Inquiry- and the Helsinki Inequality Initiative (INEQ). He is also an Editor at the journal *Philosophy and Phenomenological Research*.



Mr. Tetsuya Munekata (National Institute of Special Needs Education)

Mr. Munekata is Research Director, Center for Promoting Education for Persons with Developmental Disabilities, The National Institute of Special Needs Education (NISE). His research interests include Assistive Technology, International Comparison Study in Special Needs Education. He joined NISE in 1990 as Researcher in the Department of Educational Technology, then served Senior Researcher. In 2021 he was appointed Research Director of the Center for Promoting Education for Persons with Developmental Disabilities. He has been Visiting Scholar at Peabody College, Vanderbilt University and C.N.E.F.A.S.E.S. in France. In terms of professional contributions, he is one of the panel members for the project, "Towards Cohesive Society Through Lifelong Learning", a commissioned project for MEXT. He also serves a member of the National Committee for Revising ISO/C173/SC2 and the Editorial Board for the *Japan Journal of Educational Technology*.



Mr. Joe Hironaka (UNESCO Regional Office in Bangkok)

Mr. Joe Hironaka is regional advisor and chief of Communication and Information (CI) at the UNESCO Regional Office in Bangkok, Thailand. The CI unit offers policy and capacity building support on Open Educational Resources, Media Development, Freedom of Expression, Safety of Journalists, Documentary Heritage, safeguarding Indigenous languages, AI and Digital Innovation and Transformation, Media and Information Literacy, and Universal Access to Information. He has previously served as Natural Sciences Programme Coordinator at UNESCO Hanoi Office (2014-16); Programme Coordinator for Post-Conflict and Post-Disasters at UNESCO Paris Headquarters (2008-2014); and Liaison Officer at UNESCO New York Office (2002-2008). Mr Hironaka is a graduate of Harvard University (AB cum laude) and the Johns Hopkins University School of Advanced International Studies (MA).



Dr. Toshiyuki Yasui (Eikei University of Hiroshima)

Dr. Yasui is a Professor and Dean of the Department of Social System Design, Eikei University of Hiroshima, and Visiting Professor, Graduate School of System Design and Management at Keio University. After graduating from the University of Tokyo in 1985, Dr. Yasui joined in the Ministry of Finance, the Government of Japan and achieved distinguished services for 35 years in that Ministry and also in the Financial Services Agency. He served as member of the board of REVIC, the government-affiliated sovereign wealth fund of Japan, and represented Japan and other five countries at the Inter-American Development Bank, an international financial institution for Latin America and Caribbean Region. Since April 2021, Toshiyuki has been serving as the first-ever Dean of the Department of Social System Design (SSD) for Eikei University of Hiroshima.