

Brief Introduction of the Speakers

Mr. Masahiro Akiyama

(Chairman, Ocean Policy Research Foundation)

After graduating from Tokyo University, he joined Ministry of Finance. He has held a number of positions such as Counselor of Embassy of Japan in Canada, Budget Bureau of Ministry of Finance, Chief of Nara Prefectural Police Headquarters, Administrative Vice Minister of Defense Agency, and Visiting Scholar of J.F. Kennedy School of Government & Asia Center, Harvard University.

Ambassador Hiroyuki Ishi

(Professor, Tokyo University of Agriculture)

World renowned environmental scientist and journalist. After graduating from Tokyo University with a degree in biology, he began his career as a science journalist at Asahi Shimbun. He has held a number of important positions, including that of Professorship at the Graduate School of Frontier Sciences at the University of Tokyo, Special Advisor to the Executive Directors of the United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP), the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) and Japan's Ambassador to Zambia. He is the recipient of numerous awards, including the Boerma Award from the Food and Agriculture Organisation (FAO), the Global 500 Award from UNEP and the Mainichi Book Award.

Ms. Ulamila Wragg

(Coordinator, Pacific WAVE Network, Fiji)

Currently coordinator of Pacific WAVE Network as well as Cook Islands' correspondent for ABC including Radio Australia. She has a wealth of experience in the field of journalism such as acting Editor and confirmed Deputy Editor Cook Islands News, acting Editor to Fiji Sun, sub-editor to The Fiji Times and senior reporter to Daily Post newspaper in Fiji.

Dr. Jane Mogina

(Executive Director, Mama Graun Conservation Trust Fund, Papua New Guinea)

After obtaining her PhD in Resource Management from the Australian National University in 2002, she worked for the University of Papua New Guinea for 20 years and was appointed to the Deputy Dean of the School of Natural and Physical Sciences. She joined Mama Graun Conservation Trust Fund in 2006 as deputy Executive Director and currently is Executive Director.

Ms. Charlene Mersai

(Regional Coordinator, Micronesian Challenge, Palau)

Currently regional coordinator of Micronesian Challenge as well as researcher of Research Department of Palau International Coral Reef Center (PICRC). She has also experienced many positions such as Coastal Resources Management Officer of

Department of Conservation & Law Enforcement of Koror State Government and ethnobotanist and head of natural history section of Belau National Museum.

Ms. Naomi Auvae

(Senior Development Officer, Ministry of Natural Resource & Environment, Samoa)

She will present the paper on the theme of marine pollution caused by waste products pouring into the sea and the efforts to address the issue in Samoa.