



## **EU-Japan Prevention of Natural Hazard's and Disaster's Research**

**Date: Friday 20 January, 2012**

**Time: 15:00-17:00**

Venue: Auditorium, Delegation of the European Union to Japan  
Europa House, 4-6-28, Minami-Azabu, Minato-ku, Tokyo

On 11 March 2011, natural forces demonstrated their immense power to impact the lives of people and to trigger industrial accidents. The world around observed how Japan was hit and people and governments across the globe are calling for more scientific research on disaster prevention and mitigation. A few projects are ongoing but a reinforcement of the cooperation between Japan and Europe would be beneficial for both sides. Both Japan and the EU, are facing similar challenges, but they are embedded in different cultures, science systems and traditions and thus could bring more knowledge and a deeper understanding of mitigation strategies for both sides.

We are very pleased that on the occasion of her visit to Japan, Dr. Soares, Director for environmental research in the EU, will come to Tokyo and explain exiting and future collaboration opportunities that are open to Japanese researchers and give details regarding topics and instruments in the area of natural hazards prevention.

**14:30** coffee and registration

## **Programme**

**Master of Ceremony:** Barbara Rhode

**15:00-15:10** **Welcome Speech**  
Ms. Maeve Collins, Deputy Head of Delegation, Delegation of the EU to Japan

**15:10-15:25** **Introduction to EU-Japan cooperation on Disaster Prevention**  
Prof. Takako Ueta, Ambassador, former Deputy Chief of the Mission of Japan to the EU

**15:25-15:55** **Japanese Natural Hazard R&D with Special Reference to International Cooperation**  
Prof. Yoshimori Honkura, Professor Emeritus, Tokyo Institute of Technology

**15:55-16:05** **Discussion**

**16:05-16:15** **FP7, Horizon 2020, instruments of research Cooperation with Japan**  
Dr. Barbara Rhode, Head of S&T Section, Delegation of EU to Japan

**16:15 -16:45** **Overview of EU activities in the field of Natural Hazard research and cooperation opportunities with Japan.**  
Dr. Manuela Soares, Director, Environmental Research, DG Research and Innovation, European Commission, Brussels

**16:45-17:00** **Discussion**

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**17:15 -19:00** **Reception at the EU Delegation**

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## Short biography

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### **EDUCATION :**

MSc in Chemical Engineering, University of Porto (Portugal), Faculty of Engineering – 1974

PhD in Chemical Engineering, University of Porto (Portugal) - 1983

### **WORK EXPERIENCE :**

From 1974 to 1987 : Assistant and Auxiliary professor (since 1983) of the Department of Chemical Engineering, Faculty of Engineering of the University of Porto.  
Responsible for courses in Thermodynamics, Physical Chemistry and Chemical Technology.  
Head of the research group "Modelling of Separation processes".  
Promoted in 1990 to the post of Associate Professor of the Faculty of Engineering.

In 1987: joined the European Commission as Scientific Officer in Directorate "Stimulation of Development S/T" in DG Research.

In 1993: was promoted to the post of Head of Unit in the Directorate "Human Capital and Mobility" in DG Research.

In January 2001: was promoted to the post of Adviser in charge of the Reform in Directorate "Resources" in DG Research.

In May 2002: was promoted to Director "Resources" in DG Research.

Since October 2006: is Director of the Environment Programme in DG Research.

**Takako UETA(Ms.)**

Ph.D. in International Relations, Professor, International Christian University

1989-2008, 2011 to present

International Christian University, Tokyo, Japan  
Full Professor in 1996

2003-2008

Director, Social Science Research Institute,  
International Christian University

1982-1989

Full time Lecturer, Assistant Professor, Faculty of Law and Politics,  
Seikei University, Tokyo

2003-2008

Visiting Professor, Graduate School, University of Tokyo

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Visiting Professor, Institute of European Studies, Free University  
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1985-1987

Guest Research Fellow, Graduate Institute of International  
Studies, Geneva, Switzerland (HEI)

Foreign Ministry of Japan

2008-2011

Ambassador, Deputy Chief, Mission of Japan to the EU(Political and Security Affairs)

1993-1995

Analyst (European Security), First Analysis Division

1992-2001

Advisor of the Delegation to the CSCE/OSCE Summit  
and Ministerial Council

1990-1993

Special Advisor, Political Affairs Section(European Security and NATO), Embassy of  
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Recent Publications in English

T.Ueta and E.Remacle, eds., Japan and Enlarged Europe:  
Partners in Global Governance, P.I.E.PeterLang,Brussels,2005.

T.Ueta and E.Remacle, eds., Tokyo-Brussels Partnership:  
Security,Development and Knowledge-base Society,

P.I.E.Peter Lang, Brussels,2008.

## **Professor Yoshimori Honkura**

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### **Education & Employment**

1969 Department of Geophysics, University of Tokyo

1971 Master Degree Course, Department of Geophysics, Graduate School of University of Tokyo

1974 Doctor Degree Course, Department of Geophysics, Graduate School of University of Tokyo

1974-1975 Post-Doctoral Fellow, Department of Energy, Mines and Resources (Canada)

1975-1980 Research Associate, University of Tokyo

1980-1993 Associate Professor, Tokyo Institute of Technology

1993-2011 Professor, Tokyo Institute of Technology

1999-2001 Dean, Faculty of Science, Tokyo Institute of Technology

2003-2008 Science Advisor, Ministry of Education, Culture, Sports, Science and Technology

2004-2007 Vice President, Tokyo Institute of Technology

2008- Program Officer, Japan Science and Technology Agency

2011- Professor Emeritus, Tokyo Institute of Technology

### **International Activity**

1982-1997 Journal of Geomagnetism and Geoelectricity: Editor

1997-1998 Journal of Geomagnetism and Geoelectricity: Editor-in-Chief

1990 Western Pacific Geophysics Meeting: Program Committee Chairman

1994-2002 International Association of Geomagnetism and Aeronomy, WG I-2: Member

1996 13<sup>th</sup> Workshop on Electromagnetic Induction in the Earth: Local Organizing Committee Chairman

1996-1997 American Geophysical Union, Regional Advisory Committee: Member

1998-2004 Earth, Planets and Space: Editor-in-Chief

2006-2007 OECD, Global Science Forum "Earthquake Science and Its Contribution to Society": Delegate