

Executive Summary

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FINDING A FORMULA FOR A CULTURE OF PEACE

FREEDOM AND SUSTAINABLE PROSPERITY FOR ALL

Japan, the United Nations System, and the International Year of Planet Earth

Japanese Perspectives and Opportunities in Foreign Affairs

BACKGROUND:

It is very clear to leading Scientists, and National and Multilateral Policy Makers that as a Planetary Species Humankind is on a Critical Path requiring radical evolution in all spheres of universal and Planet Earth activity.

Japan has a many millennia traditional culture of respect and sensibility for the Natural Environment from which all our Wealth of Nature springs.

As the second most vibrant and robust economy on Planet Earth, and the second largest donor to the United Nations System, Japan also has a premier history in modern times of sharing financial resources, technology and expertise through generous Overseas Development Assistance (ODA) and other Civil Society, Private and Philanthropic Partnership outreach programs.

This has been especially noticeable in the core investments in areas of Education, Peace Building, Education for Sustainable Development, and for example, the \$15 Billion ODA Japanese Government commitment announced at the Okinawa July 2000 G8 Summit for Information Communication Technology Infrastructure Development in Developing Nations, so called “Digital Bridging for Sustainable Development”.

As President of the Group of 8 for 2008, Japanese Prime Minister Yasuo Fukuda announced at the Davos World Economic Forum in late January 2008 the commitment by the Japanese Government of a “\$10 Billion aid package to support developing countries efforts to counter Global Warming”, plus the creation of a Japanese, British and United States multilateral fund for Global Warming assistance in developing nations. (Reported in the January 28, 2008 Japan Times).

THE OPPORTUNITY:

There currently exists a unique strategic Opportunity to bring the deep Resource Bank of Scientific Expertise incorporated under the Partnerships of the International Year of Planet Earth “Earth Sciences for Society” Initiative into this Critical Path process. Please see www.yearofplanetearth.org for in depth information.

The IYPE was formed with a partnership with UNESCO and a United Nations General Assembly Resolution A 60/192 instituting an Official UN system wide YEAR of Planet Earth.

Japan, in a pioneering leadership role, formed the first IYPE National Committee in 2005, even before the GA resolution was passed, in a Member State Committee structure that now includes 65 National Committees and growing Regional Alliances.

The Chairman of the Japanese National Committee, and a leader in the IYPE formation was Prof. Satoru OHYA. Prof. Ohya also accurately predicted the Sumatra Earthquake of December 2004, which triggered the tsunami resulting in massive loss of life and the recognition for enhanced early warning systems and massive natural disaster planning and recovery strategies. Prof. Ohya subsequently died in an auto accident, but the legacy of his profound Scientific and Cultural commitment lives on in the activities of the current Japanese IYPE National Committee.

In addition, the Japanese leadership at UNESCO in Paris, particularly in the Decade of Education for Sustainable Development, and in Japanese leadership in cross cultural integration of the UN Mission of a Culture of Peace and formulation of Peace Building and Sustainable Development/Environmental Responsibility/Climate Change issues into a unified strategy for action provides hope for a viable Future. .

At the recent Global Launch Event for the International Year of Planet Earth, February 12-13 at UNESCO in Paris, France, H.E. Ambassador Seiichi Kondo, Japanese Permanent Delegate to UNESCO attended the proceedings, and gave valuable synergetic insights in an intervention and interviews recorded for interactive media.

PROPOSED:

It is respectfully proposed that the Japanese Government and Private and Philanthropic Sectors take further action to commit financial and technical support to integrate and take advantage of the Scientific Expertise and Organizational Enterprise of the International Year of Planet Earth International Governing Corporation into the unique leadership role that Japan is playing on the world stage at this critical evolutionary time.

THE 1+1=11 FORMULA refers to the unique evolutionary and synergetic opportunity before us to unify state of the art connectivity, “Knowledge Management Training” and coordinated education systems, and to place the best Expertise and Collective Wisdom in

front of public policy makers, the consuming public, and civil society and business leaders, through innovative Mass Media and Digital Delivery Systems.

Japanese traditional leadership in advance planning for long range millennia and future generations is more than ever appropriate. Working with the International Year of Planet Earth Partnership Consortium can have far reaching scientific, engineering, cultural and social impact.

Respectfully Submitted,

To H.E Ambassador Seiichi Kondo February 25, 2008

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