

A Symposium Promoting The Forested Coastal Embankments

Part of Public Forum
The 3rd UN World Conference on
Disaster Risk Reduction (WCDRR)

Rallying the Japanese wisdom—the nation's tradition of living at one with nature comes back to life

March 17 (Tue) Admission Free
14:00 p.m.

Venue: **AER 5F** Multi-Purpose Hall
Sendai City Information & Industrial Plaza
1 Chome 3-1 Chuo, Aoba-ku, Sendai City

Reducing Disaster Risks with the Power of the Forest

Four years have passed since the Great East Japan Earthquake. Among the lessons we have learned at great cost is the knowledge that there is a limit to what uniform man-made structures can do to prevent a natural disaster. This symposium is an attempt to address the challenges of disaster prevention and mitigation with world authorities from diverse fields—vegetation ecology, history, philosophy, brain science, studies on connectivity of hills, humans and oceans (CoHHO), religion, and even sushi business—shedding light on the subject while respecting the ways the Japanese have coexisted with nature since time immemorial. It is our belief that disaster prevention stems from our hope for tomorrow and that it is therefore a matter concerning how we live today.

Doryu Hioki
President of Tohoku Life-Saving Green Embankment Promotion Council



Program

- 14:00 Doors Open
- 14:30 Message from the Host Doryu Hioki
- 14:40 Short Movie Presentation: "Legend of the Forest—Akira Miyawaki, 87, Plants Trees with Children" Toshinori Tanabe, President of Shobi University

Part I Keynote Talks

- Creating the Forest That Nurtures the Brains of Children by Hideaki Koizumi, Hitachi Fellow, Vice President of The Engineering Academy of Japan
- "I am the one to live"—That's the Nature of Living Organisms by Tatsuo Motokawa, Professor Emeritus of Tokyo Institute of Technology

Part II Creating the Life-Saving Forested Coastal Embankments

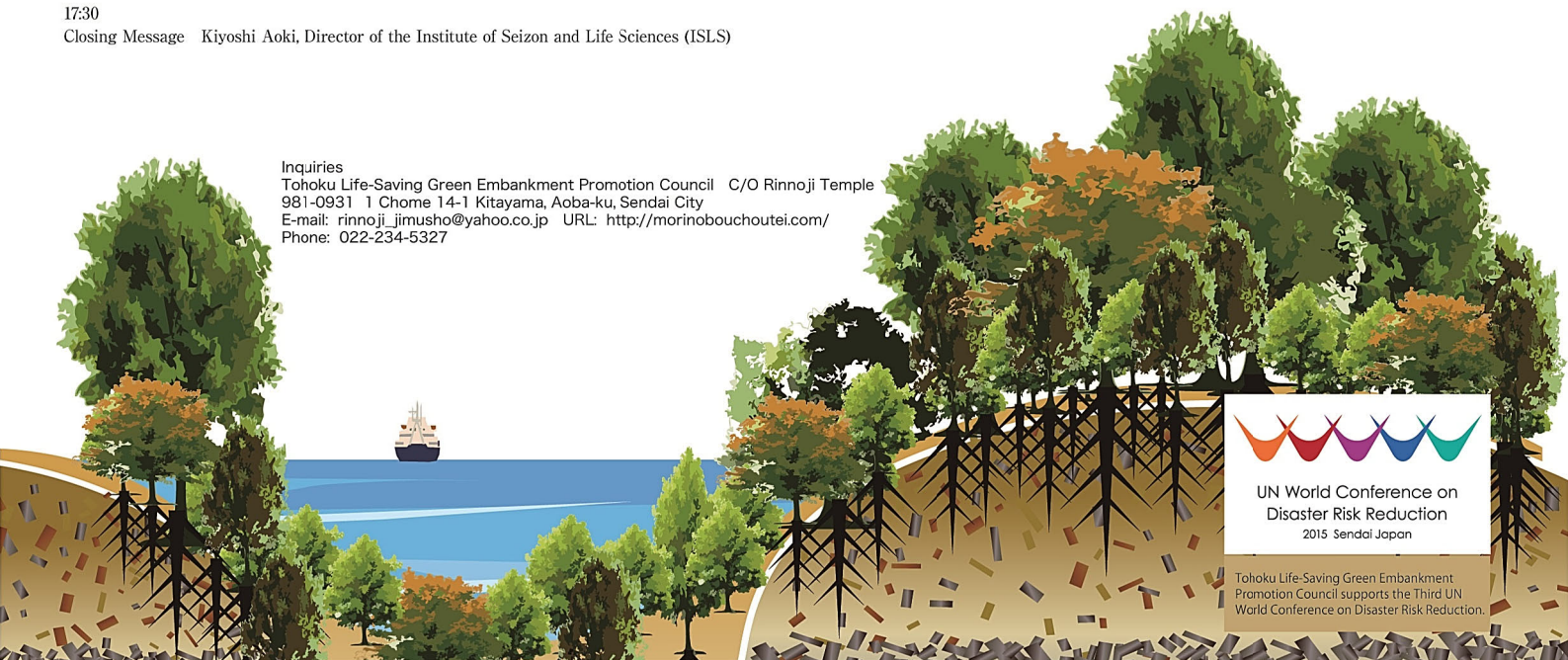
- Restoring Coastal Forests and Rebuilding of Hometowns in Tohoku by Kunio Suzuki, President of Yokohama National University
- Coastal Protection: Concrete vs. Forested Embankments by Yoshinori Yasuda, Director of Research Center for Pan-Pacific Civilizations at Ritsumeikan University
- Society in Partnership with the Sea, the Cradle of Life: A Challenge for Studies on Connectivity of Hills, Humans and Oceans (CoHHO) by Masaru Tanaka, Professor Emeritus of Kyoto University
- Protecting Against the Nankai Megathrust Earthquake in Central Japan—Sango Company's Forested Embankment by Kaoru Takano, Safety and Environment Division of Sango Co., Ltd.
- Short Movie "Legend of the Forest—Akira Miyawaki, 87, Plants Trees with Children" (Rerun) by Jun Asakawa, Professor of Shobi University

Part III Millennium Hope Hills of Iwanuma City—A Challenge

- The Millennium Hope Hills Project by Hiroo Kikuchi, Mayor of Iwanuma City
- Millennium Hope Hills from the Perspective of Studies on Earthquake Disaster by Shunzo Sasaki, Vice President of Tohoku Gakuin University
- The Reason Why a Sushi Monger Plants Trees by Satoshi Ueno, President of Sushi-Kan, a Revolving Sushi Bar Chain

- 17:30 Closing Message Kiyoshi Aoki, Director of the Institute of Seizon and Life Sciences (ISLS)

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