On behalf of Nagoya University, we would like to convey our sincerest gratitude to all of the AC21 members for their support and active engagement in the 11th AC21 International Forum, which was a tremendous success. Being the first physical AC21 event since the outbreak of the pandemic, the Forum not only celebrated the 20 years of AC21’s achievements but also marked the last event before the program’s closure at the end of 2022. Upholding the theme of “International Higher Education for a Sustainable Society,” the International Forum 2022 provided the participants with a venue to discuss the role of higher education by focusing on academia-industry collaboration as well as post-pandemic engagement in education. In addition to onsite participants from six countries, the event welcomed virtual presenters for a special student session that centered on SDGs learning and practices.

These topics were a perfect fit with the principal theme of AC21 that was set out during its inaugural forum 20 years ago in June 2002, “The Role of Universities in the 21st Century.” This theme reflected AC21’s primary vision, which set forth that institutions of higher education must take the initiative in responding to the rapidly transforming needs of society, and that an international university network, with a common pool of knowledge, expertise and experience, would be well suited to accomplishing this goal. 20 years has passed since then, and the International Forum 2022 became a platform to delineate this vision, where the participants actively shared their knowledge and experiences gained during the prolonged impact of the pandemic, which has prompted all of us to reimagine and redefine higher education.

With AC21 having come to a close in December 2022, we wish to thank all the AC21 members once again for their significant contributions over the past 20 years. We are truly grateful to be a part of this community where we worked together to promote cooperation in education and research, bridging between different disciplines, societies, and countries. It was a great honor to be the General Secretariat of this invaluable consortium, and we are looking forward to the next stage of our bilateral and multilateral relationships.

January 2023

AC21 General Secretariat
Nagoya University
11th AC21 International Forum 2022

Program

Day 1 – December 7, 2022

10:30 20th Steering Committee Meeting
13:00 Opening Remarks I  Daniela Kleinschmit (University of Freiburg)
13:10 Opening Remarks II  Seiichi Matsuo (Tokai National Higher Education and Research System)
13:35 Opening Remarks III  Naoshi Sugiyama (Nagoya University)
14:00 Keynote Lecture I  Hiroshi Amano (Nagoya University)
                      Actual Mission and Role of Universities in the 21st Century
14:30 Panel Discussion I  Academia and Industry in a Global Society
16:15 Keynote Lecture II  Takeshi Uchiyamada (Toyota Motor Corporation)
                      Innovating for Our Future
18:00 Welcome Dinner

Day 2 – December 8, 2022

9:30 Student Session  SDGs Learning and Practice from the Student Perspective
11:00 Campus Tour  Nobel Prize Exhibition Room
                      Idea Stoa
                      Disaster Mitigation Research Building
13:30 Panel Discussion II  Higher Education in the Post-COVID Era
16:00 11th General Assembly Meeting and Closing
18:30 Dinner

Day 3 – December 9, 2022

Excursion to Atsuta Shrine and Toyota Commemorative Museum of Industry and Technology
Opening Remarks I 13:00-13:10

Daniela Kleinschmit
Vice-President for Internationalization and Sustainability
University of Freiburg
Day 1 – Wednesday, December 7, 2022

Opening Remarks I 13:10-13:35

Looking Back and Beyond the Academic Consortium 21
Seiichi Matsuo
Chancellor, Tokai National Higher Education and Research System

Opening Remarks II 13:35-13:55

Nagoya University’s Challenge to Internationalization
Naoshi Sugiyama
President
Nagoya University
Keynote Lecture I 14:00-14:20

Actual Mission and Role of Universities in the 21st Century (Pre-recorded video)

Hiroshi Amano
Professor, Institute of Materials and Systems for Sustainability
Nagoya University

Coffee Break 14:20-14:30
Panel Discussion I 14:30-16:00

Academia and Industry in a Global Society

Moderator

Greg Metha  Professor, School of Physical Sciences  The University of Adelaide

Panelist

Thomas Stieglitz  Professor, IMTEK  Faculty of Engineering  University of Freiburg

Etheresia Pretorius  Distinguished Professor and Chair, Department of Physiological Sciences  Stellenbosch University

Akihiro Sasoh  Vice President for Industry-Academia-Government Collaboration  Nagoya University

Anita Nel  Chief Director, Innovation and Commercialisation  Stellenbosch University  CEO of US Enterprises (Pty) Ltd
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Keynote Lecture II  16:15-17:00

Innovating for Our Future

Takeshi Uchiyamada
Chairman of the Board of Directors
Toyota Motor Corporation

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Day 2 – Thursday, December 8, 2022

Student Session 9:30-11:00

SDGs Learning and Practice from the Student Perspective

Moderator
Melissa Hu
Deputy Director
Office of International Cooperation and Exchanges
Nanjing University

Student Participants
Zi Ye
Nanjing University

Enkhsuvd Zorigt
Nagoya University

Tetta Watari
Nagoya University

Chavisa Kratornklang
Kasetsart University

Yanatorn Bunnag
Kasetsart University

Pantarak Yamjun
Kasetsart University
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Campus Tour 11:00-12:20

Nobel Prize Exhibition Room

Idea Stoa

Disaster Mitigation Research Building
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Panel Discussion II 13:30-15:00

Higher Education in the Post-COVID Era

Moderator

Bailian Li
Professor, Special Advisor to the Provost for Global Partnerships
North Carolina State University

Panelist

Nyambura Mwagiru
Head, Tygerberg International Office
Stellenbosch University

Panelist

Dina Grib
Lecturer
Graduate School of Engineering
Nagoya University

Panelist

Tikwiza Silubonde
Lecturer, CREST
Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences
Stellenbosch University
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