

# Towards the Future of Civilization

- 3 Science Fiction Novelists Dialogue at the R.I.H.N -

Guest speakers (SF novelists)

Hideaki Sena ("Parasite Eve")

Paolo Bacigalupi ("Calorie Man")

Housuke Nojiri ("Claimer of the Sun")

## Session 1

### 'What is Life?'

Hideaki Sena (Novelist), Kazunobu Ikeya (National Museum of Ethnology), Hiroyuki Takaoka (Kohchi Women's College), Andrew Cochrane (Sainsbury Institute of Japanese Arts), Yo-ichiro Sato (RIHN)

## Session 2

### 'The Future of Resources'

Paolo Bacigalupi (Novelist), Takashi Ogawa (Translator), Hiroshi Nawata (RIHN), Takashi Kurata (RIHN)

## Session 3

### 'Capacity of the Earth'

Housuke Nojiri (Novelist), Ken'ichi Shinoda (National Science Museum), Christopher Gillam (South Carolina University), Junzo Uchiyama (RIHN)

Admission free  
advance booking required

Language: English/Japanese  
(simultaneous interpretation provided)

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Friday, 28 August – Saturday, 29 August 2009

At: The Lecture Hall, Research Institute for Humanity and Nature (RIHN)



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## The Objective of the Symposium

To solve 'Global Environmental Problems', on the first stage we need to have a clear view of what the civilization is and what the world is, because it leads to clarify what the problems to solve are. We can never reach the real solution by only accumulating objective data for, for example, preventing green-house effects or protection of animals. Today, we are required to discuss civilization, the earth and humanity, and the world, from a fundamental level. Science Fiction novels are products of novelists' own concepts of history, civilization and future. For this symposium, we invited SF novelists whose works have shown particular interests in environmental issues and human future. Creating a new scope for the future out of collaborative discussion of scholars and SF novelists; This is the objective of the symposium.

### 28 August (Fri.)

#### Session 1

#### 'What is Life?'

13:00	Opening remark and outline of the symposium (30 min.) Narufumi Tachimoto (Director General, RIHN) Junzo Uchiyama (RIHN)
13:30	Presentation (60 min.) Hideaki Sena (Novelist)
14:30	Presentation (30 min.) Kazunobu Ikeya (National Museum of Ethnology)
	Break
15:15	Presentation (30 min.) Hiroyuki Takaoka (Kohchi Women's College)
15:45	Presentation (30 min.) Andrew Cochrane (Sainsbury Institute of Japanese Arts)
	Break
16:30	Discussion I (40 min.) Yo-Ichiro Sato (RIHN), Hideaki Sena, Kazunobu Ikeya, Hiroyuki Takaoka, Andrew Cochrane

### 29 August (Sat.)

#### Session 2

#### 'The Future of Resources'

9:30	Presentation (60 min.) Paolo Bacigalupi (Novelist)
10:30	Presentation (30 min.) Hiroshi Nawata (RIHN)
	Break
11:15	Presentation (30 min.) Takashi Ogawa (Translator)
11:45	Discussion II (40 min.) Takashi Kurata (RIHN), Paolo Bacigalupi, Hiroshi Nawata, Takashi Ogawa
12:25	Lunch

#### Session 3

#### 'Capacity of the Earth'

13:30	Presentation (60 min.) Housuke Nojiri (Novelist)
14:30	Presentation (30 min.) Ken'ichi Shinoda (National Science Museum)
	Break
15:15	Presentation (30 min.) Christopher Gillam (South Carolina University)
15:45	Discussion III (40 min.) Junzo Uchiyama, Housuke Nojiri, Ken'ichi Shinoda, Christopher Gillam
16:25	Closing remark Yo-Ichiro Sato

■ Application period: 25 July – 17 August 2009

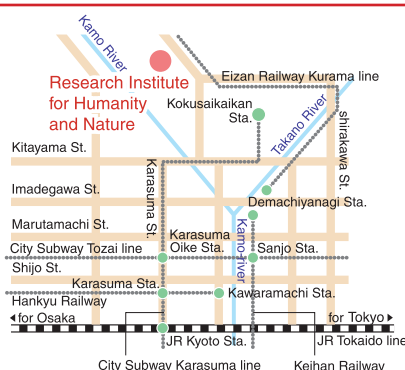
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