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The 14th SYMPOSIUM
on
Personal and Spiritual Development
in the World of Cultural Diversity

Chairs:

Prof. Kensei Hiwaki (Organizer), IIAS & Tokyo International University, Japan
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Our world today is changing rapidly into an “explosive and inhuman” direction, as personal, social, spiritual, cultural and natural values have been devastated by the lopsided/distorted free market ideology that asserts “Money is might that makes right”. It is about the time for us all to reflect on our personal, spiritual and mental development in view of diverse holistic cultures and social value systems across the world. It is most meaningful today to deliberate on more reasonable and decent personal-spiritual maturing that corresponds to our aspiration for peace, harmony and a sustainable human future. This common aspiration calls for a shift from the prevailing “explosion paradigm” to an alternative—“sustainability paradigm”. Such a paradigm shift may prove to be, by far, the better alternative for personal integrity, maturity and mental-material well-being, as well as for empathetic, tolerant and harmonious lifestyles in the prospective global community. Also, “sustainability paradigm” is highly conducive to enriching diverse native holistic cultures, as well as to making diverse social value systems reasonably sound.

Our International Symposium on Personal and Spiritual Development has been continuous since 2004, and all the personally delivered contributions have been peer-reviewed and published in the books, *Personal and Spiritual Development in the World of Cultural Diversity* (Volumes

I~XIII), edited by Prof. George E. Lasker and Prof. Kensei Hiwaki for the IAS Publication.

Our 14th **Symposium** invites **your contribution** that relates to **personal and spiritual development** in historical, social, cultural, political, economic, scientific, artistic, aesthetic, ethical, philosophical, psychological, environmental, complex and other frameworks, particularly relevant to the existing diverse society-specific cultures and social value systems. **The Symposium** also welcome **your contribution** that relates critically and constructively to the ideas, theories and strategies presented in the book, ***Culture and Economics in the Global Community: A Framework for Socioeconomic Development***, by Kensei Hiwaki; Gower Publishing Ltd., U.K. (2011).

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If you are interested in presenting a paper at our 14th **International Symposium**, please contact **Prof. Hiwaki** as soon as possible by E-mail. Also, please send by E-mail attachment an **Abstract** of approximately 200 English words to **Prof. Hiwaki** and **Prof. George E. Lasker**, respectively, no later than **March 30th**, 2017. Notification of Acceptance will be sent you by April 9th, 2017.

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Your **final paper** (by E-mail attachment of **standard** Word file) must reach **Prof. Lasker**, **Prof. Hiwaki** and **Prof. Andreas Tinsz** (Chief Administrative Officer, E-mail: office@ias.info), respectively, by **May 9th**, 2017.

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Important Dates:

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