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The 18th Symposium on
Sustainable Development:
Theories, Strategies and Global Governance Systems

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The “**Paris Agreement**” of COP 21, coming into effect on November 4th, 2016, is providing us a good opportunity to review and evaluate the half-century course of international grappling with the environmental problems under the growth-centered economic activities worldwide. The **Declaration of the United Nations Conference on the Human Environment** in 1972 stimulated the formulation of idea for Sustainable Development, followed over time by its definitions, principles, strategies, methods and processes. Nevertheless, we have faced increasingly the predicaments of inordinate instability, uncertainty and insecurity, in addition to the deterioration of human and natural environments under the plutocratic power structure, as well as under the Civilization’s “reckless run” toward human self-destruction. More than ever, we need to act more seriously and substantively for a sustainable human future.

Our Symposium has been continuous since Year 2000, and all the personally delivered papers up to 2016 have been peer-reviewed and published in the books, ***Sustainable Development and Global Community (Volume I ~ Volume XVII)***, edited by Prof. George E. Lasker and Prof. Kensei Hiwaki. In our Symposium, we have adhered to the **definition** of Sustainable Development provided by the World Commission on Environment and Development in its book, ***Our Common Future*** (1987). This is to avoid unnecessary definitional confusion. The concept of Sustainable Development was defined as “the development that meets the needs of the present without compromising the ability of future generations to meet their own needs”. Also, Sustainable Development means “a process of change in which the exploitation of resources, the direction of investment, the orientation of technological development, and institutional change are made consistent with future as well as present needs”. The 1987 definition was consistently broadened by the 2002 World Summit on Sustainable Development in Johannesburg, South Africa: i.e., “Sustainable

Development is built on three interdependent and mutually reinforcing pillars—economic development, social development and environmental protection — which must be established at local, national, regional and global levels”. To make it clearer and simpler, our consistent working definition goes: Sustainable Development is a perpetual process of balanced socioeconomic development harmonious with the global environment.

Our **18th Symposium** invites **your contribution** that relates to reviews and evaluations of the worldwide grappling with Sustainable Development, in view of its principles, theories, strategies, methods and processes and other related issues, such as: diverse cultures, social value systems, personal maturation, human ethos, human resources, demography, roles of government, education, business, mass media and consumers. Also, you are welcomed to relate critically and constructively to the ideas, theories and strategies contained in the book, entitled *Culture and Economics in the Global Community: A Framework for Socioeconomic Development*, by Kensei Hiwaki; Gower Publishing Ltd., U.K. (2011).

Please contact **Prof. Hiwaki** as soon as possible by E-mail, if you are interested in presenting a paper at our 18th Symposium on Sustainable Development. Also, please send an **Abstract** of approximately 200 English words to *both* **Prof. Hiwaki** and **Prof. George E. Lasker** (Conference Chairman), by E-mail attachment no later than March 30th, 2017. Notification of acceptance will be sent you by April 9th, 2017.

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Your **final paper** must reach Prof. Lasker, Prof. Hiwaki and Prof. Andreas Tinsz (Chief Administrative Officer, E-mail: office@iias.info), respectively, by E-mail attachment no later than May 9th, 2017.

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