

FOREWORD

Organizing Committee of Conference on Sustainability Science 2020

Interconnectedness is one of the keywords to understand sustainability. This is particularly true in the context of achieving sustainable human and nature relation. Interconnectedness is not only about interrelation of different systems (natural and social systems), but more than that it is also about interdependency. This is what ecology all about. Without recognizing the meaning of interconnectedness, the discussion on sustainability will end up nowhere. In fact, ecological sustainability is the foundation of much of sustainability thought and science.

To discuss sustainability issues, it is imperative to use the science of ecology as the platform. Despite ecology as the backbone of sustainability science is still developing and forming new theories and concepts that are important to advancing sustainability science, its practicality should be emphasized since sustainability science as an emerging science needs theories integrated with practices. Sustainability science needs this integration because it is a use-driven and solution-base science.

On the basis of the rationales mentioned above, the theme of the 4th Conference on Sustainability Science is „Sustainability Science Post COVID-19 : Social Distancing Life, Approaching Natural Life“. Through this theme, this global issue will be discussed from different perspectives in relation to the practices of sustainability science. Scholars, government officials, non-governmental organizations, medias and general public will be expected to take part in the conference. These parties will share scientific and experiential knowledge on various issues related to:

1. Sustainable health, livelihood, and well-being
2. Sustainable rural-urban linkage, equity, and equality
3. Sustainable industry, SMEs, transportation and supply chain
4. Sustainable governance, business, and policy
5. Sustainability of indigenous knowledge, spirituality, and gender
6. Conservation, resilience, environmental vulnerability and hazard

It is not too exaggerating to expect that the 4 th Sustainability Science Conference held on October 8, 2020 through Zoom Video Conference (GMT+7) is part of the pathway in achieving sustainable human and nature relation. Moreover, the conference is expected to provide opportunity to build common and better understanding among different parties about sustainability science in theories and practices.

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