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Press Release

Mikiko Kainuma, IGES Research Advisor, selected as one of the 15th Group of Inductees into the Earth Hall of Fame Kyoto

Mikiko Kainuma, IGES Research Advisor, has been selected as one of the 15th Group of Inductees into the Earth Hall of Fame Kyoto. The induction ceremony will be held on 14 October 2024.

The Earth Hall of Fame Kyoto is an award to honour in perpetuity those who have made significant contributions to preserving the global environment. It is given in the name of Kyoto, the host city of the Third Conference of the Parties (COP3) to the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC) in 1997, where Parties agreed on the Kyoto Protocol, setting the world's first international greenhouse gas reduction target. The inductees selected for this honour will have their achievements displayed at the National Kyoto International Conference Center, the venue for COP3.

There have been two previous Earth Hall of Fame inductees from IGES: the late Akira Miyawaki, Honorary Director of IGES – Japanese Center for International Studies in Ecology (JISE) in 2014, and Shuzo Nishioka, Senior Research Advisor at IGES, in 2022. Mikiko Kainuma becomes the third member to receive this honour.

Mikiko Kainuma has been conducting long-standing research on global warming and climate change since 1990, and served as a lead author for the IPCC 1.5°C Special Report in 2018. The Earth Hall of Fame Kyoto selected her in recognition of her contributions to “indicating the comparison between global warming of 1.5°C and 2°C above pre-industrial levels, and disseminating insights that strengthened the global long-term goal from 2°C to 1.5°C.”

The Earth Hall of Fame KYOTO: <https://www.pref.kyoto.jp/earth-kyoto/en/index.html>