**STS forum Future Leaders Program**

The “Future Leaders Program” aims to invite as many as 100 young, promising leaders to attend the STS forum Annual Meeting. They can attend all the sessions of the forum and enjoy interactive dialogues in the sessions. They will also reap the benefit of building their network with top world leaders (scientists including Nobel laureates, academics, policy makers, business leaders, journalists and others) as well as their peers.

It is expected that they will be a part of the emerging movement to resolve the problems stemming from the application of science and technology in the future through this experience.

◆ Co-Orgnaizers

- Science and Technology in Society forum (STS forum)
- Japan Science and Technology Agency (JST)
  * In Cooperation with
    - Japan Society for the Promotion of Science (JSPS)

◆ Participants

Approximately 100 professors, researchers, engineers, government officials and business leaders recommended by national organizations or foundations (Maximum 5 from each organization, maximum 20 in total from each country)

◆ Participation Conditions

Professors, researchers, engineers, government officials and business leaders must:
1. be able to debate and discuss in English
2. have a strong leadership
3. have conducted excellent applied research that offers exciting new solutions for pressing global problems. The excellence of work will be determined based on such factors as publications, the nature of the recommendations and the quality of the recommenders, and any early indications of success.
4. have an explicit interest in the social dimension of their research and a vision of how their work will improve well-being globally
5. have earned a terminal degree (PhD, MD)
6. be 40 years or younger on the day of October 1, 2016
7. have never attended at previous STS forum
8. be available to attend the entire program of the STS forum, and the Orientation Meeting from Saturday, October 1, 2016, 12:00 (Kyoto time) through to Tuesday, October 4, 2016, 13:30 (Kyoto time). * Lunch will be prepared by the STS forum on October 1, and then Networking
among Future Leaders will be followed by lunch.

9. Participants are required to submit a report about their impressions and what they’ve learnt through participating in the 2016 STS forum.

10. Two representatives of Future Leaders Program will review about STS forum at “Key Messages from Concurrent Sessions”. (3 minutes each)

◆ Information regarding Attendance

1. Participation fee (JPY 50,000 per person), travel expenses and accommodation fee should be covered by the organizations, foundations or research institutes which recommended them.

2. Participants are expected to attend an Orientation Meeting, a Dialogue (see below) and a Networking Plaza on Saturday, October 1. The Networking Plaza starts from 18:00.

◆ Dialogue between Future Leaders and Nobel Laureates

“Dialogue between Future Leaders and Nobel Laureates” is a session where future leaders will have fruitful and productive discussions with about 10 Nobel Laureates in a friendly atmosphere.

- Date: October 1, 2016, from 15:30 to 17:30
- Venue: Kyoto International Conference Center
- Session Style: Round Table Discussion

In 2015, 77 young scientists from 25 organizations in 18 countries were divided into groups and had lively discussions with 7 Nobel Laureates.