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Young Asian Researchers to Discuss Energy Security at Honda Y-E-S Form 2016

The Honda Foundation (President: Hiroto Ishida) is to hold the Honda Y-E-S Forum 2016 on Saturday November 19, 2016 at Fukutake Hall, on the University of Tokyo campus in Bunkyo-ku, Tokyo. The Forum will invite the awardees of the Honda Young Engineer and Scientist's Award (Y-E-S Award) from various countries in Asia to engage in discussion with experts in various fields on issues in modern society examined from the perspective of young scientists and engineers.

The Honda Y-E-S Award was started in 2006 to celebrate the 30th anniversary of the establishment of the Foundation. It is an award program for students studying science and engineering in various Asian countries, aimed at fostering future leaders in these disciplines. The Award currently covers the five nations of Vietnam, India, Cambodia, Laos and Myanmar and grants incentive awards to university students who have shown high levels of academic performance.

The Honda Y-E-S Forum has been organized as an extension of the award program to promote friendly exchanges among the Y-E-S Awardees and Japanese university students, interaction with academic experts and researchers in Japan, feedback to countries covered by the program and ultimately to contribute to the development of young scientists and engineers in Asian countries who are expected to lead the science and technology fields in the future. This initiative, which is open to the public, started in 2015 and this year marks its second time.

The theme of this year's Forum is "Achieving Energy Security through Ecotechnology." It will feature presentations by the Y-E-S Awardees on the energy security issues in their respective countries, along with keynote addresses by Dr. Yoshiaki Nakano, Professor of the University of Tokyo, and Mr. Nobuo Tanaka, former Executive Director of International Energy Agency (IEA). In the later part of the program, a panel discussion involving audience will be held with Dr. Hirohisa Uchida, professor of Tokai University and Executive Director of the Honda Foundation, serving as facilitator.

Alongside the Forum, a research poster contest on the theme of energy security will be held. It is aimed at sharing Japan's research results and knowledge on pollution countermeasures for emerging countries and at expanding the network of participants in tackling these issues.

Through these programs, the Foundation hopes to explore, from the perspective of young scientists and engineers, what roles science and technology can play in the face of the energy security issues in emerging countries. Also it endeavors to search for the path to problem-solving, including identifying what research, technologies and ideas in Japan can contribute to the subject in transnational cooperation. This year's Forum is supported by the Japan Science and Technology Agency (JST).

The Honda Foundation was established in 1977 by donations from Honda Motor's founder Soichiro Honda and his brother Benjiro, aiming to contribute toward the creation of a truly humane civilization. For further information, please contact :

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