

MESSAGE FROM PACON GENERAL CHAIR

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Dear PACON Members ,

Konnichiwa, Yokoso Minasan!! (Welcome to Japan for All!!)

It is my great honor to serve as the General Chair for PACON (Pacific Congress on Marine Science and Technology) and on behalf of PACON International. We welcome you all to the 24th international conference of the Pacific Congress on Marine Science and Technology. For those of you who are visitors to Tokyo, modern city in Japan, you will have gained the appreciation for very classic style of Japan and unique modernized Tokyo in both sides. In the meeting, we will provide you overarching theme “Sustainable uses of ocean resource and development” for PACON 2014, which is based on the partnership for improving Pacific Rim relations and management of resources. In the spirit of the conference theme, PACON 2014 has a number of sessions and some keynote session that have been jointly organized by the colleagues from around Pacific Rim countries. Actually, bays and harbors located in the Pacific Rim have some of the greatest natural risks from earthquake, tsunami and industrialized hazard which are common in the rim side regions. In addition, key coastal area and rim side are at the risk of sea level rise resulting from the global warming. During our sessions, we suggest a number of successful and international partnerships relating to marine science, technology, and specific models that may be considered for implementation in the other region of the world. Often, such partnership was built upon the close ties and cooperative relationships. PACON 2014 will also highlight the value of Pacific countries approach for long term sustainable use of marine resources that blend historical and cultural uses with conservation and ecosystems. PACON 2014 includes oral speeches and poster presentations and journal publication. Themes widely cover all of aspects of marine science technology, resource management, engineering, new energy, life science, policy-making and marine education and business. Please embrace the Japan culture and legacy with “Omotenashi spirit” and PACON 2014 theme of international marine science partnerships and professional collaboration to promote joint efforts for ocean technology in future.

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