

Opening Session

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He completed his doctoral coursework at the University of Tokyo Graduate School of Medicine in 1989. He has been a Professor of Human Ecology at the University of Tokyo Graduate School of Medicine (since 2005) and President of the National Institute for Environmental Studies (since 2017). He is also a Professor and Special Assistant to the President (Planetary Health) at Nagasaki University's Graduate School of Tropical Medicine and Global Health, and the first Dean of the Graduate School of Planetary Health. He is a Professor Emeritus at the University of Tokyo and holds a PhD in Health Sciences. He holds positions in the Japan Society for Health Sciences, the Environmental Science Society, the Society for Human Ecology, and the Ecological Society of America (Human Ecology Section), among others. He is an associate member of the Science Council of Japan and a steering committee member of the Planetary Health Alliance. He has consistently conducted research on the interaction between the environment and human populations in Southeast and South Asia.

