

September 5, 2006

**2006 Australia-Japan Year of Exchange**

**Open Symposium on Diversity and Preservation of  
Marine Resources in the Pacific Ocean**

The Pacific Ocean lying between Japan and Australia is the largest ocean on Earth and contains enormous resource potential to be utilized for the development of human communities, in particular mineral, fisheries, aquacultural, and biological resources. Both Australia and Japan have made numerous achievements in the scientific research, application, management, and conservation of marine resources through unique approaches.

To understand the diversity, distribution, and abundance of life in the Pacific Ocean, marine bio-resources management, and the role of marine education, prominent experts on marine issues from the two countries will gather in Yokohama for the Australia-Japan Marine Forum, a symposium on "Marine Resources: Their Diversity and Preservation." The Japan Foundation will hold the event in commemoration of the 2006 Australia-Japan Year of Exchange. There will also be a Closed Roundtable Meeting on July 11 in Yokosuka; inquiries are welcome.

Date and time: **Tuesday, September 12, 2006, 6:30 PM to 8:30 PM**

Venue: **Yokohama Symposia**

Language: Simultaneous interpretation will be provided.

Admission and booking: Admission is free. **Media booking is required.**

Speakers: Koki Horikoshi, Director-General, Extremobiosphere Research Center, Japan Agency for Marine-Earth Science and Technology

John Tanzer, Executive Director, Great Barrier Reef Marine Park Authority

Participants: Chris Battersill, Marine Biotechnology Group Leader, Australian Institute of Marine Science

John Gunn, Deputy Chief, CSIRO Marine and Atmospheric Research

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