

Online seminar “Japan-Russia Interregional Cooperation in the Arctic and North – Theory and Practice” (co-hosted by Hokkaido University Arctic Research Center and HaRP)

March 3, 2021 (15:00-18:00 Japan Standard Time, GMT +9) (total 180 min):

15:00 Welcoming words (moderator Juha Saunavaara, 5 min)

15:05 – 16:40 PART 1 (English; simultaneous interpretation to Japanese and Russian):

- Dmitry Streltsov, MGIMO University (Moscow State Institute of International Relations) (15 min): *Russia – Japan cooperation in the Arctic region: motivations, problems and prospects*
- Alexander Sergunin, St. Petersburg State University (15 min): *Japan-Russia interregional cooperation in the frame of the Northern Forum: past, present and future*
- Akihiro Iwashita, Hokkaido University (15 min): *Japan and Russia: Natural partners for Northern Cooperation*
- Fujio Ohnishi, Hokkaido University (15 min): *International cooperation in the Arctic: formation, development and challenges*
- Q&A/discussion (35 min)

16:40 – 16:55 Break

16:55 – 17:55 PART 2 (Japanese, Russian or English; simultaneous interpretation to Japanese, Russian and English):

- Irina Zikunova, Speaker of the Legislative Duma of Khabarovsk Krai (10 min): *Balanced economic regulation of the Arctic zone of the Russian Federation. Issues of public-private interaction*
- Diana Stepanova, Deputy Minister of External Relations and Ethnic Affairs of the Sakha (Yakutia) Republic (10 min): *Cooperation between the Sakha (Yakutia) Republic and Japan : History and Prospects*
- Yoshihiro Takada, Hokkaido International Exchange and Cooperation Center (HIECC) (10 min): *Japan-Russia Interregional Cooperation in the Arctic and North : From Hokkaido Perspective*
- Hirofumi Arai, Economic Research Institute for Northeast Asia (ERINA) (10 min): *Japan-Russian regional cooperation in the North (TBC)*
- Commentary speech/comments from: Yoshihiko Okabe, Kobe Gakuin University (10 min)
- Q&A/discussion (10 min)

17:55 – 18:00 Closing (5 min, moderator Juha Saunavaara)