

# Japan-Russia Interregional Cooperation in the Arctic and North – Theory and Practice

ONLINE Seminar

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

Interpretation available: English/Japanese/Russian

Seminar is free of charge but registration is required .

This seminar focuses on the interregional cooperation involving Japanese and Russian actors and searches for the increased understanding concerning the important and meaningful issue areas for cooperation and awareness concerning the possibilities/limitations different actors and forums of cooperation may have. Practical questions to be discussed include: What can and should be done at the subnational level; Can top-down initiatives lead to fruitful cooperation at the regional or local level; How national and regional actors can support local initiatives; What are the possibilities does public-private partnerships offer; What can be achieved through multilateral cooperation and what kind of role do bilateral ties play?

15:00 Welcoming words (moderator Juha Saunavaara)

15:05 – 16:40 PART 1:

Dmitry Streltsov, MGIMO University (Moscow State Institute of International Relations): *Russia – Japan cooperation in the Arctic region: motivations, problems and prospects*

Alexander Sergunin, St. Petersburg State University: *Japan-Russia interregional cooperation in the frame of the Northern Forum: past, present and future*

Akihiro Iwashita, Hokkaido University: *Japan and Russia: Natural partners for Northern Cooperation*

Fujio Ohnishi, Hokkaido University: *International cooperation in the Arctic: formation, development and challenges*

Q&A/discussion

16:40 – 16:55 Break

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16:55 – 17:55 PART 2:

Irina Valerievna Zikunova, Chairman of the regional legislative assembly, Khabarovsk Krai: *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: *Cooperation between the Sakha (Yakutia) Republic and Japan : History and Prospects*

Yoshihiro Takada, Hokkaido International Exchange and Cooperation Center (HIECC): *Japan-Russia Interregional Cooperation in the Arctic and North from the Perspective of Hokkaido*

Hirofumi Arai, Economic Research Institute for Northeast Asia (ERINA): *Practice of Japan-Russia Interregional Cooperation: A Report from Niigata*

Commentary speech: Yoshihiko Okabe, Kobe Gakuin University

Q&A/discussion

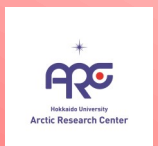
17:55 – 18:00 Closing

## HOW TO REGISTER:

Follow the link below and fill in the registration form by February 28, 2021

URL: <https://forms.gle/zj75BZRgkxHoGwTj9>

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