# Kobe PCRC International Workshop on the Future of Antarctic Governance

# Antarctic Environmental Liability and Lawyers' Role in Consensus-building

## Date & Venue

December 1 (Fri), 2023 15:00-18:00 (JST) Kobe University GSICS Building, Main Campus, Japan Live broadcast available through ZOOM Webinar

The future of Antarctic governance under the Antarctic Treaty and its Environmental Protocol faces several challenges today, many of them involving intricate legal issues. One of them is the long-overdue entering into force of Annex VI on Environmental Liability adopted back in 2005. Lawyers and policy experts from four Asian Consultative Parties will gather in Kobe to discuss how they can assist in overcoming those challenges and strengthening the Antarctic governance under the Rule of Law.

#### **Speakers** (TBC)

#### NAKAMURA Kazuhiko

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#### Himanshu GOENKA

Legal Officer, Ministry of External Affairs, India LI CHEN

Professor of International Law, Fudan University Law School, China

#### Yitong CHEN

Associate Professor of International Law, Ocean University of China, China

Hyoung Chul SHIN Vice President, KOPRI, Republic of Korea

### Won Sang SEO

Principal Research Scientist (Legal), KOPRI, Republic of Korea

Akiho SHIBATA Professor of International Law, Kobe PCRC, Japan

#### Program (TBC)

**Opening:** Hyoung Chul SHIN/Akiho SHIBATA Opening Speech: NAKAMURA Kazuhiko "Japan's preparation towards 2026 ATCM" Keynote Speech: Himanshu GOENKA "Indian Antarctic Act 2022 and Implementation of Annex VI on Environmental Liability"

## Views and Progresses:

- China: Li CHEN & Yitong CHEN;
- Korea: Won Sang SEO;
- Japan: Akiho SHIBATA
- Australia; Germany; Turkiye; Malaysia; etc

(Experiences and Views from other Antarctic Treaty Parties)

#### Discussion

If you are planning to attend this workshop in-person, please inform by Email as soon as feasible. KOBE PCRC Symposium Secretariat ⊠ pcrc.symposium@gmail.com Pre-registration for online auditing via ZOOM Webinar will commence through our website around November 1, KOBE PCRC HP [www.research.kobe-u.ac.jp/gsics-pcrc/index.html]

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