

Shaping the Future beyond Modernity

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Foreword



The International Institute for Advanced Studies (IIAS) was founded in 1984 in Kansai Science City (or Keihanna Science City) with the basic philosophy described in Chapter 1. Thirty years have elapsed since its founding, and in this time great changes have taken place in society, the world, the global environment, and other areas. For IIAS to look back on the reasons for its inception and work towards truly embodying its fundamental philosophy while continuing to fulfill its role and responsibility to today's society and future generations, the IIAS Strategic Committee (ISC) was established in October 2013 as an advisory body for IIAS's chairman Yoshio Tateishi and given the task of creating a medium- to long-term master plan and putting in place a foundation from which to implement this plan.

In developing its medium- to long-term plan, ISC, building on the achievements of IIAS researches, discussed the following items:

- To identify and interpret the changes that will be occurring in the coming ages
- To identify what views and understanding need to be shared in order to achieve a peaceful and sustainable coexistence of the global community
- To determine new areas of IIAS research that are required towards the above goal
- To develop measures to present the fruits of our research to the society and thereby pave the way for their implementation





IIAS has made many achievements in the thirty years since its foundation, but today, as the global community faces numerous challenges, the institute needs to address the following:

- 1) Redefining IIAS's vision and direction
- 2) Reestablishing itself as an intellectual hub and a core institution of the Kansai Science City—a role it is now playing below expectations
- 3) Exploring and determining, from the perspective of IIAS's founding philosophy, the social issues to be addressed—at a time when the world stands at a crossroads—and activities to be carried out to resolve those issues
- 4) Increasing the recognition of IIAS in the world while continuing to fulfill its mission based on the above explorations.

From the perspective outlined above, ISC held five meetings up to summer 2014 to take forward the discussion, and the results of these meetings have been compiled as an interim report. To further refine the details of the interim report, ISC considered it necessary to form a number of working groups at IIAS, and went on to hold discussions on three occasions regarding the kind of issues that they should address, before compiling the final report in which the results of these discussions were incorporated.

We are presenting this report not only to parties involved with IIAS but also to the general public in order to gain opinions, incorporate such opinions into discussions at the working groups established at IIAS, and enrich the discussion.

We hope that this report serves as a guideline when considering the future of humanity on this planet with its finite resources.