

International Year of Glass (IYOG) 2022 International Closing Ceremony

Date and time: December 8, 2022, 9:30-18:20 and December 9, 9:00-19:00

Venue: Yasuda Auditorium, University of Tokyo (7-chome, Hongo, Bunkyo-ku, Tokyo) + Zoom webinar

Organizer: International Year of Glass Japan Executive Committee

Supported by: Ministry of Education, Culture, Sports, Science and Technology, Ministry of Economy, Trade and Industry, Ministry of Foreign Affairs

Participation fee: 10,000 yen for adults, 5,000 yen for students (both onsite and online)

Number of participants: 258 (including 68 online participants)

Overview:

On December 8-9, 2022, the International Year of Glass 2022 International Closing Ceremony was held. We could achieve the purpose of summarizing the various activities of the International Year of Glass held in Japan and overseas, and declaring that we could build a new glass-related network that transcends the boundaries between industry and academia, science and art. The Ministry of Education, Culture, Sports, Science and Technology, the Ministry of Economy, Trade and Industry, and the Ministry of Foreign Affairs can be found on the website of (International Year of Glass Japan Executive Committee) (<https://iyog2022.jp/>) and the closing ceremony pamphlet as supporters.

There were 258 participants (including 68 online participants) over the two days. 56 overseas speakers and participants from 19 countries: USA, South Korea, Italy, Germany, Turkey, Uzbekistan, China, France, Netherlands, UK, Spain, Czech Republic, Ireland, Estonia, Belgium, Russia, India, Indonesia, Thailand.

Details of the closing ceremony are reported below.

At the ceremony held in the morning of the first day, Professor Tabe, chairman of the executive committee, gave a speech of welcome to the guests, and introduced the background to the adoption of the International Year of Glass and the events held in each country. After that, Mr. Naohito Kimura, Deputy Director-General of the Minister's Secretariat, Ministry of Education, Culture, Sports, Science and Technology, Dr. Akira Tsuneto, Deputy Director-General, Minister's Secretariat, Ministry of Economy, Trade and Industry gave congratulatory addresses, followed by Professor Reinhard Conradt, President of the International Commission for Glass (ICG), and Dr. Teresa Medici, the International Association of Museums (ICOM Glass) Chair, and Professor Arun Varshneya, Chair of the British Society for Glass Technology (SGT) gave greetings at the site. Following the opening remarks, there were two keynote speeches. Professor Alicia Durán (CSIC, Spain), chairman of the IYOG

International Committee (former chairman of the ICG), gave a speech on the theme of "Welcome to the Glass Age" with passionate words about the charm of glass, which will continue to be indispensable for the development of humankind. After that, Professor Manoj Choudhary, Chairman of the North American IYOG Committee (Professor at Ohio State University), gave an online presentation on the subject of "Glass: Indispensable Material for Sustainable Development", discussing how glass as a material can contribute to the SDGs and how it can contribute to the environment and energy. During the one-and-a-half-day conference that followed, 23 people, including experts in their fields, young researchers, and young artists, gave lectures on the five sessions below.

Session 1: Glass structure from advanced simulation and characterization

Session 2: Characterisation & Application

Session 3: Biomedical Glass

Session 4: Sustainable Glass Production

Session 5: Glass Art & Museum

In addition to the above sessions, from the Japanese glass industry, Dr. Yoshinori Hirai, Representative Director and President of AGC Corporation, Mr. Motoharu Matsumoto, Representative Director and President of Nippon Electric Glass Co., Ltd., and Mr. Michael Greenall, Chief Technology Officer of Nippon Sheet Glass Co., Ltd. and Mr. Yasuya Nakano, President and CEO of Corning International K.K. gave lectures on the efforts of the glass industry from the perspective of top management. In addition, from neighboring Korea, Professor Yong Gyu Choi of Korea Aerospace University gave a lecture on the characteristics and applications of chalcogenide glass.

In addition to the lectures, an exhibition of glass works was held in the corridor of the Yasuda Auditorium on both days, and in the afternoon of the first day, a guitar concert was held using a quartz glass guitar pick developed by Professor Fujino of Kyushu University. On the morning of the second day, there was Award Ceremony of "Seven Glass Wonders," which were solicited and selected by the International Committee for the International Year of Glass. Furthermore, at the closing ceremony on the second day, an awards ceremony was held for the "World With and Without Glass – Still Image and Video Contest", which was planned by the Executive Committee. The International Closing Ceremony was a fitting end to the year's event. The invited speakers and chairpersons was 14 women and 22 men.

Funding from the International IYOG 2022 could be used to support travel and accommodation expenses for young invited speakers.