

2026 Blue Planet Prize Commemorative Lectures

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Dr. Linda S. Birnbaum



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Science that uncovers hidden risks and economics that reveals the overlooked value of nature. Drawing on their respective perspectives, the two laureates will explain in accessible terms how we can protect the global environment and build a healthy and prosperous future.

**Simultaneous interpretation between English and Japanese will be provided.*

Persistent Pollutants: The Case for Control

Dr. Linda S. Birnbaum

Former Director of the National Institute of Environmental Health Sciences (NIEHS)
Former Director of the National Toxicology Program (NTP)



The Green Race: Balancing Prosperity and Sustainability

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Q&A Moderator : Professor Noriko Osumi

(Visiting Professor, Tohoku University/
Executive Director, The Japan Society for the Promotion of Science)

Q&A Moderator : Professor Kenji Takeuchi

(Professor, The Graduate School of Global Environmental
Studies, Kyoto University)

Tokyo

Date : October 29, 2026

Time : 16:00 - 18:20 (Doors open at 15:30)

Place : The Tokyo Shoken Kaikan 8F
(1-5-8 Nihonbashi Kayaba-cho,
Chuo-ku, Tokyo)

Kyoto

Date : October 31, 2026

Time : 13:20 - 15:40 (Doors open at 12:50)

Place : Event Hall, the Kyoto International
Community House (2-1 Torii-cho,
Awataguchi, Sakyo-ku, Kyoto)



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