International Symposium on COVID-19 Countermeasures in Islands Regions



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This symposium focuses on the difficulties and limitations during the pandemic in different islands regions to serve as a reference for countermeasures against future pandemics.

Date & Time: January 28th, 9:30 AM – 11:50 AM (JST)On Line:ZOOM (click here to participate)Language:English



9:30 Opening Greeting

9:35 "Sri Lanka's strategy on COVID19 pandemic: 'test, track, isolate' and treat & vaccination" Prof. Chandika Gamage, Head Department of Microbiology, Faculty of

Prof. Chandika Gamage, Head Department of Microbiology, Faculty of Medicine, University of Peradeniya, Sri Lanka

10:05 "COVID-19 in the Caribbean: the Dominican Republic Experience" Dr. Eddy Perez-Then, Dominican Republic Health Cabinet, COVID-19 Health Advisor for the Ministry of Health, Dominican Republic

10:35 "Variants in Paradise: Steps and Missteps in Responding to SARS-CoV-2 in Hawaii" Dr. Tim Brown, Senior Fellow, East-West Center, Hawaii

11:05 "A recommendation from the small southern island in Japan:

- Why has Okinawa been able to avoid medical collapse and social unrest during COVID-19 pandemic despite limited resources?" Prof. Jun Kobayashi, Dean, Graduate School of Health Sciences, University of the Ryukyus, Okinawa
- 11:35 Panel Discussion
- **11:50 Closing** Kazuhiro Kogure, Vice President, University of the Ryukyus



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