

Converting the Chemical Industry into a Circular Economy

Lecture and Panel discussion

Objectives

Chemistry is one of the most important industries and fields of research in both Germany and Japan. As such it holds high potential to contribute to a sustainable transformation of key sectors like energy, health or manufacturing.

In this lecture event experts from research and development and the industry provide insight into novel solutions, cutting edge research and new approaches in chemistry for the transformation into a circular economy.

Date/time	Tuesday, October 3, 15:00 – 18:00 (doors open: 14:30)
Place	The Auditorium, Roppongi Academyhills (49F Roppongi Hills Mori Tower, 6-10-1 Roppongi, Minato-ku, Tokyo, Japan)
Organizer	Deutsche Forschungsgemeinschaft (DFG, German Research Foundation), Centre for Research and Innovation Tokyo (DWIH Tokyo)
Co-Organizer	German Chamber of Commerce and Industry in Japan (AHK Japan)
Support	RIKEN, The Chemical Society of Japan
Language	English / Japanese simultaneous translation

Programme

- 14:30 Doors open
- 15:00 Opening remarks
Axel Karpenstein, Director, German Academic Exchange Service (DAAD) Regional Office Tokyo; Director, German Centre for Research and Innovation Tokyo (DWIH Tokyo)
Marcus Schürmann, Chief Executive Officer, German Chamber of Commerce and Industry in Japan (AHK Japan); Delegate of German Industry and Commerce in Japan
Greetings
Dr. Heide Ahrens, Secretary General, Deutsche Forschungsgemeinschaft (DFG, German Research Foundation)
- 15:15 Keynote Lecture
Professor Dr. Peter H. Seeberger, Vice President, Deutsche Forschungsgemeinschaft (DFG, German Research Foundation)
- 15:45 Inputs
Professor Dr. Zhaomin Hou, Deputy Director, RIKEN Center for Sustainable Resource Science
Dr. Carola Richter, President, South & East Asia, ASEAN & Australia / New Zealand, BASF East Asia Regional Headquarters Ltd.
- 16:15 Coffee break
- 16:30 Panel Discussion and Q&A
Moderator: **Dr. Heide Ahrens**, Secretary General, DFG
Panelists:
- **Professor Dr. Peter H. Seeberger**, Vice President, DFG
 - **Professor Dr. Zhaomin Hou**, Deputy Director, RIKEN Center for Sustainable Resource Science
 - **Dr. Carola Richter**, President, South & East Asia, ASEAN & Australia / New Zealand, BASF East Asia Regional Headquarters Ltd.
- 17:00 Option for Networking
- 18:00 End