**The Background of the AEPM\* Kyoto Declaration at the STS *forum*\*\***

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\*AEPM: Academy of Engineering Presidents’ Meeting. The AEPM Kyoto Declaration is as follows:

<https://www.eaj.or.jp/app-def/S-102/eaj/wp-content/uploads/2019/02/PP-20181125EJ.pdf>

\*\*STS *forum*: Science and Technology in Society forum

<https://www.stsforum.org/>

The STS *forum* held at the Kyoto International Conference Center was established in 2004. In 2018, 1,400 leaders (including 11 Nobel laureates) from 80 countries gathered in Kyoto, Japan. Ten plenary sessions; 24 concurrent sessions under eight themes; and 12 side meetings, such as the Science Ministers Round Table (22 ministers in 2018), the University Presidents Meeting, the CEO/CTO Meeting, the Academy of Science Presidents’ Meeting and the Academy of Engineering Presidents’ Meeting, were held.

At the STS *forum*, the Prime Minister of Japan gives a plenary talk. The results of the discussions are announced in an STS *forum* Statement.

All attendees are invited from the STS *forum* committee. Frequently, presidents, vice presidents or persons on behalf of presidents of engineering academies are invited and attend the Academy of Engineering Presidents’ Meeting as well as other events at the STS *forum*.

In the AEPM, we have discussed Engineering Education and Engineering Ethics for the past three years. The declaration reflects the results of these discussions.

The aforementioned is a brief background for the AEPM Kyoto Declaration.

On behalf of the Engineering Academy of Japan, I would like to express our sincere gratitude to the AEPM attendees for giving us great wisdom and generous cooperation.