

Dr. Jun'ichi Sato

Chair of the WECC2015 Organizing Committee

President of the Japan Federation of Engineering Societies

Dr. Jun'ichi Sato succeeded Dr. Ayao Tsuge as Chair of WECC2015 and President of the Japan Federation of Engineering Societies on January 15, 2014. The JFES consists of around 100 engineering and scientific societies.

Dr. Sato completed the doctoral program in aeronautics at the University of Tokyo in 1976, and started his career as a researcher at IHI Corporation. He was awarded a doctorate by the University of Tokyo in 1979. In 2006 he was promoted to the positions of IHI Board Director and Managing Executive Officer, and Director General of Corporate R & D, and in 2008 he became President of IHI Inspection & Instrumentation Co., Ltd. He is now back on the management team of IHI Corporation as an advisor. Beside his corporate career, he has also been engaged in education as a guest professor at the University of Bremen, Germany (1997-1998), Tohoku University, Japan (2004-2005), and Tsinghua University, China (2000-present).

Dr. Sato served as President of the Combustion Society of Japan from 2007 to 2008, and President of the Japan Society of Mechanical Engineers from 2011 to 2012. In 2008 he was elected a member of the Science Council of Japan.

The flagship mission of WECC2015 is to lead the world toward sustainable societies through innovation based on creativity. Our experience and expertise in engineering are the driving force for the development of societies. Engineering for Society is a key theme of the conference. WECC2015 will also provide an arena for reviewing the role of Engineering in Society. Dr. Sato cordially invites all world engineers and researchers to Kyoto, a city representing Japan's long traditions and cutting-edge technologies.

In assuming the JFES presidency, Dr. Sato will address the demanding challenge of restoring public trust and reliance on engineering and technologies following the Great East Japan Earthquake and subsequent incidents in Fukushima. Engineers and researchers learned very important lessons about creating good societies and these will be presented and discussed at WECC2015.