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Born in Otsu, Yosuke Alexandre Yamashiki, attended the Kyoto University where he earned his B. Eng. in Civil Engineering in 1990. From Kyoto he went to the University of São Paulo, Brazil, earning his Master of Engineering. in 1994, and then studying Global Environment Engineering in Kyoto in Graduate School of Engineering where he earned Doctor of Engineering in 1999. During his doctoral course, he worked in international NGO (ILEC) as researcher. Then he worked at UNEP-DTIE-IETC as Associate Programme Officer for two years, contributing establishment of La Plata River Basin Environmental Management Network (RIGA) and 3<sup>rd</sup> La Plata River Basin Workshop held in the City of Posadas, Argentina in 2001.

Yosuke then joined the Department of Urban Environmental Engineering at the Kyoto University as Assistant Professor in 2001 and then, in 2004 moved to Nihon University where he has been Lecturer in Civil Engineering. He also worked at Faculty of Science, the University of Tokyo as visiting lecturer. After his promotion to Associate Professor at Nihon University, he joined again to Kyoto University, Disaster Prevention Research Institute. During the period of research, he worked on disaster mitigation for flood and

sediment disaster, environmental monitoring focusing on radioactive contaminants, and water resource management. Yosuke then joined Graduate School of Advanced Integrated Studies in Human Survivability, Kyoto University since 2013, where he got current position. Yosuke has received Best Paper Award in 2014 for his research in monitoring of environmental radioactivity through Japan Society of Hydrology and Water Resources. In Jul 2015, he was nominated as Chairperson of the UNESCO-IHP International Initiative of Water Quality (IIWQ) Experts Advisory Group for the next two years.

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Dr. Shuichi Kawai is a professor of the Graduate School of Advanced Integrated Studies in Human Survivability (GSAIS), Kyoto University. He was appointed to be the first dean of GSAIS (2013-2017). He was the vice president, Kyoto University (2009-2012) and the director of Research Institute for Sustainable Humanosphere, Kyoto University (2005-2010).



Over his 30-year career after getting his Ph.D at Kyoto University in 1980, Dr. Shuichi Kawai developed a strong research program in forest and wood science fields and humanosphere science. Some of his other noteworthy accomplishments include the president of the Japan Wood Research Society (2003-2005), the vice president of the Society of Material Science, Japan (2005-2007), and the fellow of the International Academy of Wood Science (1996- present). He received Japan Prize of Agricultural Science (2012) and Yomiuri Prize of Agricultural Science (2012).

Dr. Kawai has published over 220 refereed publications, 150 international conference proceeding articles, 25 reviews in books, and 12 patents.



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**Education**

Master of Landscape Architecture, Harvard University Graduate School of Design

PhD. in Urban Planning and Design, Kyoto University

**Academic Experience**

1990-2001 Associate Professor, Department of Landscape Architecture, Chiba University

2001-2016 Professor, Department of Residential Architecture and Environmental Science, Nara Women's University

2017- Professor, The Open University of Japan

**Professional Experience**

1992- Founding Partner, PLACEMEDIA Landscape Architects Collaborative

2001-2009 Executive Director, Byodoin Temple

2010- Representative Director, Byodoin Temple

Mr. Miyagi has been professionally practicing in the field of landscape architecture and urban design as a founding partner of PLACEMEDIA, a Tokyo based landscape and urban design firms for over 25 years. Among his extensive career and works both domestic and overseas are landscape design of numerous urban redevelopment and restoration projects in Tokyo Metropolitan District and other areas in Japan and some East Asian nations, premier hotels and resorts including The Peninsula Tokyo, The Capital Hotel Tokyu, Tokyo Garden Terrace Kioicho, GINZA SIX and renowned museums of fine arts and history including those of

Grand Shrines of Ise and Byodoin Temple in Kyoto. Also, some of his recent works are collaboration with prominent architects in Japan such as Yoshio Taniguchi and Kengo Kuma. Some of those works were acknowledged by a number of design awards and prizes.

Born and raised in Uji, a small ancient city south of Kyoto, Mr. Miyagi has been exposed to traditional architectures, gardens and urban spaces of supreme quality from his childhood. In particular, those experiences throughout his life have enhanced his sensibility, inspired his ideas and developed design skills to integrate traditional value into physical space and built environment in contemporary context.

Mr. Miyagi is currently appointed representative director of Byodoin Temple, where he was born and has been in charge of management for numerous restoration projects of its cultural heritages and historical landscape. He also has been extending his fields of professional activities in tourism development in and around the temple and local community in the old town area Uji. He also continues to teach design and planning of landscape primarily in graduate school level throughout Japan. His recent engagements include The University of Tokyo and Tokyo University of Fine Arts and Music.