

**Congratulatory Address**  
to  
**The 40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of French-Japanese Society of  
Oceanography**

Mr. President of SFJO, all of the participants, ladies and gentlemen, I would like to start by saying that it is a great honor for me to make a congratulatory address for the 40th anniversary of SFJO and to express my sincere appreciation to the great contribution of SFJO to the world ocean science and related fields.

Today we have to share many problems related to the ocean such as warming, coastal pollution, overfishing, habitat destruction, acidification and so on. However, since the solution of every single issue is not easy, we have to cooperate, collaborate and activate international network and linkage beyond national border.

From these points of view, SFJO has 40 years of great experiences and achievements in ocean science of not only France and Japan but world ocean science. During the past 40 years, SFJO has dealt many issues and has made clear many problems. However, new problems such as microplastic issue are now increasing. I hope SFJO will continue to challenge new problem regardless of the border of natural sciences and social sciences.

*Satoumi*, relatively new concept of coastal management originated in Japan, is holistic and inclusive idea towards human well-being through coastal marine activities. I hope not only *Satoumi* but also many new ideas will be implemented anyplace in the world.

Once again, I would like to offer my warmest congratulation and express my sincere thanks to all of you and hope that this memorial meeting will be very fruitful and successful.

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