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**Honorary doctorate awarded to Professor Charles Hopkins from York University, Canada**

On November 22, Okayama University conferred an honorary doctorate on Professor Charles Hopkins from York University, Canada.

The conferral ceremony was held during the opening ceremony of the “2019 Global Conference on Teacher Education for ESD.” President MAKINO Hirofumi handed the certificate to Professor Hopkins, witnessed by approximately 160 researchers and educators both from Japan and around the world.

The honorary doctorate is conferred to recognize a person who has made an especially outstanding contribution to the advancement of science and culture and is considered appropriate by Okayama University to receive it, or a person who has made an outstanding contribution to the development of education and research at Okayama University. Professor Hopkins is a world authority on Education for Sustainable Development (ESD) and offered great cooperation for the promotion of the SDGs at Okayama University. It has been decided to award an honorary doctorate to Professor Hopkins for his especially outstanding contribution to the advancement of science and culture.

Professor Hopkins is the sixth person to whom Okayama University has awarded an honorary doctorate. Among the six awardees, Professor Hopkins is the second person selected as a recipient by his “especially outstanding contribution to the advancement of science and culture,” following Dr. Ei-ichi Negishi, Herbert C. Brown Distinguished Professor at Purdue University, who was awarded the Nobel Prize in Chemistry in March 2011.



President MAKINO (left side) handed the certificate to Professor Hopkins



The photo of President MAKINO and Professor Hopkins (Right side)

### Further information

Encouragement Letter from Prof. Hopkins  
<https://sdgs.okayama-u.ac.jp/en/sdgs/detail.php?seq=3>



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