

24th, June 2024

Dear Susann Warnecke,

Agenda on "JPS withdrawal from IPS"

As you know, JPS (Japan Peatland Society) has been no activity from 2022 because of covid-19, and JPS closed also office. So, we decided that JPS member fee is no charge from 2022. Then we never joint IPS events anymore from 2022.

We paid IPS fee of 2022, using stock money, however we cannot pay IPS fee in 2023 because of no activity in both IPS and JPS.

According to these situations, we concluded in recent general meeting of JPS by internet that JPS withdrawal from IPS from 2023. I appreciate you to consider our decision and situation.

It is great thanks that IPS support greatly JPS. Now JPS renew organization, and focus more on tropical peatland issues, collaborating with ASEAN, Congo basin countries, and Amazon basin countries. I hope IPS and JPS will be able to collaborate in future on tropical peatland issues.

With regard,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Osaki' with a stylized flourish at the end.

Mitsuru Osaki  
The President of Japan Peatland  
Society (JPS)

Dear Mitsuru,

we are very sad to hear about your decision. I have informed our Board today. Of course you and your colleagues are welcome to rejoin the IPS any time.

Please note that IPS activities did continue in 2022-2023 (Annual Report at <https://peatlands.org/document/annual-report-2023>) but it seems that many of your email addresses / servers did not accept mails from us. You are right in saying that activities in the tropics have decreased, as we do not have enough volunteers to carry out these tasks.

We truly hope to meet some of you in China at IPC 2024.

Kind regards

Susann Warnecke

IPS Secretary General