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PROFESSOR HIDEAKI AOYAMA BOOSTS REF TECHNICAL TEAM

The Renewable Energy Foundation (REF) is pleased to announce that Professor Hideaki Aoyama of Kyoto University has agreed to become REF's Principal Advisor on Physical Science.

Professor Hideaki Aoyama, is one of Japan's leading theoretical physicists, though his interests span many areas, and he has also published groundbreaking work in both language study and his current focus, econophysics, the new field that hopes to move economics closer to being an exact science.

After studying physics as an undergraduate at Kyoto University, Professor Aoyama took his Ph.D. at Caltech, subsequently continuing his research as a postdoctoral fellow at the theory group of the Stanford Linear Accelerator Center (SLAC) before taking up a position as lecturer at Northeastern University and visiting scholar at Harvard.

Since 1988 he has held various positions in Kyoto University and is currently Professor of Physics in the Graduate School of Science.

Amongst his many publications are *Classical Mechanics* (2005), *Pareto Firms* (2007), *Econophysics* (2008), all in Japanese, and a new study forthcoming from the Cambridge University Press, *Econophysics and Corporations, -Statistical Life and Death in Complex Business Networks*.

Professor Aoyama is already working on several projects with REF, and one of them, "A Statistical Examination of Onshore Wind Power Load Factor in the United Kingdom", will shortly be published in *Oxford Energy Forum*, the journal of the Oxford Institute for Energy Studies.