

Henk Rogers Bio – MoonBase Focus

Henk Rogers is one of the world's leading advocates and activists for permanent human colonization of the Moon and, eventually, Mars.

He is the founder of the International MoonBase Alliance, which has brought together the most prominent, progressive and ingenious scientists, futurists, engineers and business people from the private sector, government agencies, universities, and research labs to make space colonization a reality.

The International MoonBase Alliance is already developing a prototype base in Hawaii that will serve as a platform for developing the necessary technologies and standards for the eventual MoonBase. Henk's vision for the initial MoonBase is a spaceport built robotically on the Moon long before the first settlers arrive.

Henk is also proud to serve as chairman of the Pacific International Space Center for Exploration Systems (PISCES), a nonprofit organization working to bring the business of space exploration to Hawaii. HI-SEAS, a Mars-like habitat on Mauna Loa that NASA uses as a research facility, is one of PISCES's most prominent projects.

When he is not working on his plans for space colonization, Henk is advocating for reducing humankind's dependence on fossil fuel. He is the founder and chairman of the board at Blue Planet Foundation, whose mission is to lead Hawaii's transition to clean energy. His tireless efforts helped pave the way for Hawaii to enact a policy that calls for electric utilities throughout the state to rely on 100% renewable energy by 2045.

Henk is perhaps best known among video game enthusiasts who know him as the founder and chief executive officer of Blue Planet Software, which owns the worldwide rights to the Tetris franchise. Tetris is one of the most popular video games in history, with more than 35 million units sold for the Nintendo Game Boy alone.

Raised in Holland until age 11, Rogers spent his teen years in New York City. He went on to study computer science at the University of Hawaii. He currently resides in Hawaii with his wife, and they spend as much time as possible with their beautiful children and grandchildren.