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Japan-ASEAN Online Program Towards SDGs

Intercultural Exchange Online Workshop

Action Students Can Take on Environmental Issues

Overview:

As part of the mutual exchange between the Six National Universities and AUN, a four-day online training will be held for students from AUN member universities and the Six National Universities. In this training, students will share ideas on actions that can be taken by students on "environmental issues," focusing on Goals 7, 11, 12, 13, 14, and 15 of the SDGs. Through group work among university students from ASEAN countries and Japan with diverse backgrounds, the training will enhance cross-cultural communication skills in the process of achieving the issues and provide an opportunity for multicultural understanding.

Theme:

Intercultural Exchange Online Workshop: Action Students Can Take on Environmental Issues

Objectives:

As extreme heat and abnormal weather caused by global warming have become global problems, interest in environmental issues is growing toward the realization of a sustainable society. The discussion will focus on the environmental goals of the SDGs, such as Goal 7 (energy), Goal 11 (urban air pollution, greenery), Goal 12 (waste, food loss, plastic problems, etc.), Goal 13 (climate change), Goal 14 (oceans), and Goal 15 (forests). This will deepen mutual understanding and empathy by recognizing differences in cultures and values among countries and respecting each other as individuals.

Organizers:

Chiba University, Okayama University, SUN/SixERS, and AUN

Targeted participants:

Students from AUN and SUN/SixERS member universities who are interested in SDGs.

Language:

English

Schedule:

February 17th (Mon) -20th (Thu), 2025

16:45~18:45 (JST)

Date	Time (JST)	Activities
Day 1 Feb 17	16:45 17:00 17:30 17:45 18:05 18:40 18:45	Opening Ceremony Ice-breaking activities in 10 groups Lecture Individual Work (Environmental Issues at Universities) Group Work Summary & Homework (Come up with actions that students can take to address environmental issues in their countries) End
Day 2 Feb 18	16:45 17:00 17:05 17:15 18:15 18:35 18:45	Ice-breaking Review of previous day's work Individual work (Actions students can take as solutions to environmental challenges in their countries) Group Work Narrow down the topics to be handled by the group Summary & Homework End
Day 3 Feb 19	16:45 17:00 17:10 18:35 18:45	Ice-breaking Review of previous day's work Group work (Creation of presentation) Summary & Homework End
Day 4 Feb 20	16:45 18:30 18:45	Presentation (9 minutes per group) + comments (1-2 minutes) Closing ceremony End

Platform:

Zoom and Miro (<https://miro.com/ja/>)

Certification:

After completing the program, participants will receive certificates issued by AUN and SixERS if their attendance rate is more than 80%.

Registration:

Application Deadline January 31st

Registration Form: <https://forms.office.com/r/a2gy6LTjEy>

Criteria for recruitment:

The program will admit 50 students, with 30-40 from AUN and 10-20 from SixERS. In the event of an excess of applications, participants will be selected based on their reasons for applying and their English language proficiency. Successful applicants will receive a confirmation email by February 7, 2025 (Fri).