

2020 Kyoto Prefectural WWL High School Students Summit Report

- (1) Date: Saturday, October 24, 2020
- (2) Location: Toba High School and other partner schools connected online
- (3) Participants: 41 students (Toba High School, Fukuchiyama High School, Rakuhoku High School, Kunori Gakuen High School, Okinawa Prefectural Naha Kokusai High School, Akita Prefectural Akita Minami High School)
- (4) Teaching Assistant: one graduate student (Kyoto University Graduate School)
- (5) Content

The students researched in advance one theme selected from the three areas listed below for achieving the SDGs goals. At the summit, based on the information they had researched, they formed groups of about five students, mainly from other schools, and engaged in lively discussions in Japanese or English. For high school students in remote areas, NTT West Kyoto Branch provided support, and they participated online through an ICT-based distance learning system. The students actively discussed social issues such as employment, environment, and gender disparity with students from other schools online, and in the end, many proposals were presented like using SNS and Youtube. The academic advisor, Associate Professor Hidenori Sugioka of Fukuchiyama Public University, commented on the importance of "dialogue" and the attitude of taking social issues as one's own.

Area I "Creation of a vibrant future society through the strategic use of cultural heritage

[in Japanese or English]

Area II "Creating a prosperous future society where science and technology are in harmony with nature

[in Japanese]

Area III "Creating a peaceful and secure future society through multicultural conviviality [in Japanese]

(6) Program

- 10 : 25 Opening ceremony
- 10 : 35 Division of Role: Group moderator, timekeeper, and presenter to be decided
- 10 : 45 Group work I: Presentation of each idea in the group, Q&A session (5 minutes for presentation + 3 minutes for Q&A)
- 11 : 30 Group work II: Organize ideas in groups, prepare for presentation
- 12 : 00 Lunch
- 12 : 55 Group work III: Preparation for presentation of proposals, rehearsal for presentation
- 13 : 45 Presentation: Presentation of proposals by each group (10 groups, 5 minutes each)
- 14 : 50 Comments: by Associate professor. Sugioka

(7) Participant's comments

‘I was nervous about presenting my own opinions at first, but once the summit started, I was surprised that I was able to express my own opinions and thoughts actively.’

‘I found it helpful to exchange opinions with people who live in different places and have completely different values, ideas and opinions.’

‘I think we did very well because we were able to have such active discussion with people I had never met

before.'

'I felt that it was a very meaningful time for me to be able to do something that can only be done remotely.'

'There were some things I didn't understand at first, and I was worried about them, but I was able to make new discoveries in the group, so it was good. I also want to keep learning and do my best to contribute to the creation of the sustainable future society.'