

## 2021 Kyoto Prefectural WWL High School Students Summit Report

- (1) Date: Saturday, November 13, 2021
- (2) Location: Connected online by Zoom
- (3) Participating schools: Toba High School (HS), Fukuchiyama HS, Rakuhoku HS, Sagano HS, Rakusai HS, Nishiotokuni HS, Higashiuji HS, Mineyama HS, Akita Prefectural Akita Minami HS, Kunori Gakuen HS, Okinawa Prefectural Naha Kokusai HS (11 schools in total)
- (4) Participants: Japanese discussion 40 students (9 groups)  
English discussion 27 students (9 groups)
- (5) International students: 9 students (Kyoto University Graduate School, Kansai University, Kansai University Graduate School, Kyoto University of Foreign Studies)

### (6) Content

Based on the main theme as “Creating a sustainable vibrant society in the future, reconsidering the values of richness”, the students researched in advance one theme among the five areas listed below for achieving the SDGs. At the summit, based on the information they had researched, they formed Japanese groups or English ones with students from other schools, and discussed what issues we have and what we can do to solve the issues. Finally, each group made presentations about what they discussed. NTT West Kyoto Branch provided support, and they participated online through an ICT-based distance learning system. The academic advisors, Associate Professor Hidenori Sugioka, the University of Fukuchiyama, and Associate Professor Steven Herder, Kyoto Notre Dame University, evaluated each presentation and commented on their proposals. Other academic advisors also recognized this summit as a very meaningful project. In addition, Professor Kenichi Abe of Research Institute for Humanity and Nature made a keynote speech.

✓ Area I / Area IV [discussed in Japanese (Area I) or in English (Area IV)]

"Creating a vibrant society in the future, making strategic use of cultural heritage"

✓ Area II [discussed in Japanese]

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

✓ Area III / Area V [discussed in Japanese (Area III) or in English (Area V)]

"Creating a secure and peaceful society where people from various backgrounds and origins can live together in the future"

### (7) Program

10:10 Opening ceremony

10:15 Keynote speech given by Professor Kenichi Abe

10:50 Icebreaker (Self-introduction, Division of Role)

11:20 Group work I: Presentation of each idea in each group, Q&A session (5 minutes for presentation & 3 minutes for Q&A)

12:00 Lunch break

13:00 Group work II: Choosing one of the issues given by members of each group and organizing what they can do to solve the problem

13:50 Group work III: Preparation for presentation of proposals

14:25 Presentation: Presentation of proposals by each group (5 minutes each)

15:35 Review and Comment: by Associate Professor Hidenori Sugioka and Associate Professor Steven Herder

15:50 Closing

(8) Comments from students

- It was very enjoyable and meaningful to have active discussions with high school students from different cultures.
- Discussing SDGs in English was difficult and we had some trouble with Zoom, but it was a good opportunity to interact with students from other schools. It was also good that I was able to realize what we can do to create a sustainable society. I would like to participate for the next time.