

## 2024 Kyoto Prefectural WWL High School Students Summit Report

- (1) Date: Saturday, October 26, 2024
- (2) Location: Connected online by Zoom
- (3) Participating schools: Rakuhoku HS, Toba High School HS, Sagano HS, Rakusai HS, Momoyama HS, Higashiuji HS, Jonanryoso HS, Nanyo HS, Fukuchiyama HS, Mineyama HS, Akita Prefectural Akita Minami HS, Akita Prefectural Akita HS, Okinawa Prefectural Naha Kokusai HS, Kunori Gakuen HS, Mansfield State HS, Kirwan State HS (16 schools in total)
- (4) Participants: Japanese discussion 38 students (9 groups)  
English discussion 25 students (6 groups)
- (5) International students: 6 students
- (6) Content

Under the main theme of "Creating a sustainable vibrant society in the future, reconsidering the values of richness", students chose one of the three discussion themes based on the SDGs goals, researched in advance what the issues are for creating a sustainable future society, and thought about "what we can do" to solve the issues.

At the summit, based on the information they had researched, they formed groups, mainly with students from other schools, and discussed the issues in either Japanese or English. The summit was conducted online, utilizing ICT.

After the group presentations, academic advisors, Associate Professor Hidenori Sugioka of Fukuchiyama University and Professor Steven Herder of Kyoto Notre Dame Women's University gave comments.

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

"Creating a rich society where technology is in harmony with nature"

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

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

(7) Program

10:00 Opening ceremony

10:05 Introduction of reviewers

10:15 Icebreaker (Self-introduction, Division of Role)

10:30 Group work I: Presentation of each idea in each group

11:10 Group work II: Decide the best solution and summarize reasons

12:00 Lunch break

13:00 Group work III: Preparation for presentation of proposals

14:00 Presentation: Presentation of proposals by each group  
(5minutes each)

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

15:30 Closing

(8) Comments from students

- This summit allowed me to interact with a variety of high school students and was a great opportunity to experience different values. I think this kind of experience is rare, so I will take this experience to heart and try to make the most of it so that I can step up to the next level in the future.
- It was my first time to interact and work in a group with a team, and although some areas did not go well, I think I was able to give a satisfactory presentation. If there is an opportunity like this next time, I would like to challenge myself by working on my impromptu skills more. Thank you very much for today.
- I was very worried about whether I would be able to interact well and be useful, but everyone, including the group members, were very kind and easy to work with. I am very glad that I was able to participate today, as I believe that this experience will definitely help me when I go out into the world. Thank you very much.