

WSEN 2018 Global Summit in Kyoto

Guidelines for Student Applicants

◆Purpose

The 1st World Student Environmental Summit in Kyoto was started by a group of students of Doshisha University with the aim of submitting students' proposal to the 34th G8 Summit in Touyako held in July 2008. The summit has since been held annually in different countries, as a summit "by the students" and "for the students," and Doshisha University has been sending student delegates every year.

Hosted by Doshisha University for the second time after a decade, WSEN 2018 will discuss issues including "water environment and environmental measures," "disaster: measures and resilience," "technology and creation of industry," and "symbiosis of culture and nature" with the main theme "revisit it."

The term "environment" covers quite a broad field and the circumstances vary with each participating country. It is our belief that students from around the world exchanging opinions will produce great ideas toward sustainable development of social environment. We aim to make the conference a unique one taking the advantage of the location in Japan, Kyoto and Doshisha University.

Our goal of this summit is to prepare students' proposal concerning different kinds of "environment" and submit it to international organizations, with the hope of returning the results of our discussion to the world and passing them on to the next generation. We hope that the 10th summit will not only be a journey back to the origin but also an opportunity filled with energy for the future.

◆Breakout Sessions

0. Symbiosis of culture and nature:[conference for all participants]

Sustainability of "invisible environment"

As a whole of this environmental summit, the conference will review the contents of discussions in three breakout sessions (water environment, disaster countermeasures, technology and industry) from the perspective of sustainability of the invisible environment of "tradition and culture," as well as re-examine the familiar environment of "daily life" and seek ways for "symbiosis of culture and natural environment." Through these discussions, the conference will issue its conclusion on the sustainability of the broader global environment.

1. Water Environment and Environmental Measures

Relationship between human activity and water environment

Drinking, Cultivating, Creation of Energy...Water is essential for human.

As we use enormous amount of water every day, maintaining its supply and quality is also essential. In addition, water is deeply related with local traditional industries like fabrics and sake in Kyoto, where this summit is held.

Through discussions on various water issues by students with different backgrounds from the perspective of sustainability, ideas for future global sustainability are expected to emerge.

2. Disaster: Measures and Resilience

Symbiosis of Culture and Countermeasures against disaster in terms of protection and reduction

Japan is one of the countries with most natural disasters in the world, and its culture shows how the people have coexisted with them through history. Earthquakes do not occur in some countries, while other countries suffer their own unique natural disasters. In every country, its countermeasures against disasters are a part of its culture.

This breakout session will regard natural disasters as “inevitable” and discuss ways to protect each country’s own culture from them on the basis of “protection” and “reduction.”

3. Technology and Creation of Industry

Double face of Science and technology

Science and technology have been developed for improvement of our lives and global future, but is the future beyond the development of technology really looking bright? The more advanced technology is applied in our lives, the more likely it gets to affect nature and culture in both good and bad ways. While technology is essential in leading a cultured life, its background are the risks of damaging environment or disappearance of culture. We must therefore discuss these issues and where the limit of using technology is. With the rapid technological improvement happening in all fields, now is the time to face its positive and negative aspects and discuss with students from different countries about the usage and presence of future technology as well as its relation with society and industry in hopes of finding a key to realize a safe and prosperous global future. At the same time, students will attempt to use their unique perspective for proposing a plan to create new industry using science and technology.

◆Number of delegates from each University

1. Up to 2 persons (if a supervising teacher is accompanying, he/she should be included)

◆Schedule

Aug.26 th	Arrival in Kyoto 1pm – 2:30pm Opening Ceremony Keynote Lecture 7p.m – Reception (Imadegawa Campus, Doshisha Biwako Retreat Center)
Aug.27 th	8:30am – 6pm Summit and breakout sessions (Doshisha Biwako Retreat Center)
Aug.28 th	8:30am – 6pm Summit and breakout sessions (Doshisha Biwako Retreat Center)
Aug.29 th	8:30am – 5pm Field Survey and Visit (Kyoto City) 6pm – Farewell Party (Doshisha Biwako Retreat Center)
Aug.30 th	11am – 12:30pm Closing Ceremony Dissolution (Imadegawa Campus)

◆Qualifications

1. Be able to participate in the summit at Doshisha University from Aug.26th to 30th,2018
2. Be capable of communication in English. (All materials and discussions in breakout sessions will be in English, so a certain level of ability to read and write is also required)
3. It is desirable that the student can obtain an official recommendation from head or other leading official of the University.
4. It is desirable that team members from the same university have enough communication between each other.

◆Costs

1. Accommodation, meals, transportation and insurance fees during the summit will be covered by the budget of the summit.
2. Other costs (including round-trip travel expenses between your house and Doshisha University Imadegawa Campus) will be the responsibility of each participant.

◆Obligations of Participants

1. Participants of the summit are required to communicate frequently with committee's staff in Japan from the point they receive the offer for participation until the end of the summit.
2. Participants are required to submit the prescribed assignment (sent along with the official offer for participation) for the breakout session they will join, and to be actively involved in the activities of the breakout session on a regular basis.

◆Notes

1. Students wishing to participate in this summit should apply to their university by the end of April 2018
2. Those who require special arrangements (helper etc.) should indicate so on their application form.
Based on that information, the student committee will check the availability of facilities and other matters and decide whether to approve the applicant's participation.
3. Participants will share a communal bath with other delegates during the summit period.

◆Contact

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