

# World Student Environmental Network 2018

## Global Summit Prospectus

WSEN 2018 Global Summit Student Committee,  
Doshisha University, Kyoto, Japan

The World Student Environmental Network 2018 Global Summit (WSEN2018) will be held at Doshisha University, Japan.

As described in more detail below, WSEN 2008 was an international conference held in June 2008 when students from all over the world gathered at Doshisha University to discuss environmental issues and submit a proposal for improvement and solution.

WSEN Global Summit has been held annually at universities in different countries. Students of Doshisha University have been actively involved in various social activities dealing with domestic and international environmental issues.

Firstly, the student-led Doshisha Eco Project (DEP) started in 2007 has made certain achievements in its activities including energy conservation measures and recycling.

Also, Doshisha students who are members of the World Student Environmental Network (WSEN) have participated in the World Student Environmental Summit every year, contributing their ideas and opinions to the discussions and proposals on environmental issues.

Furthermore, Doshisha University has launched the Science Communicator (SC) minor course in 2016, the first one of this kind in Kansai area. This course aims at equipping students with both the ability to understand science deeply and make their own judgment (so-called scientific literacy) and proper and clear communication skills. Many of the students taking this course are participating in the operation of this summit as core members, putting their skills into practice.

For WSEN 2018, members of the above three student organizations comprise the student committee and are working together to prepare for the summit in the “All Doshisha” spirit.

Your kind perusal of this prospectus and support to the WSEN 2018, our students’ new endeavor, is highly appreciated.

### **1 . WSEN 2018 Global Summit**

The 1st conference 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. It was the world’s first such student event, gathering students from 14 universities in 11 countries.

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.

This year, Doshisha University won the competition with an Indian university to host the WSEN 2018 Global Summit, hosting the event for the second time after a decade. With the main theme “revisit it”, 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.”

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 (specific destinations are to be decided), with the hope of returning the results of our discussion to the world and passing them on to the next generation. Doshisha University is currently planning and preparing for the summit as a whole, hoping that the 10th summit will not only be a journey back to the origin but also an opportunity filled with energy for the future, and that student leaders developing themselves as global citizens will be nurtured through the summit based on Doshisha University’s “education of conscience.”

## **2 . Theme, Concept and Flow of the summit**

### **(1)Theme of the Summit “Revisit it”**

- Revisit Doshisha: The summit is held again at Doshisha University after a decade from 1st WSEN Global Summit
- Revisit Kyoto: Experience the real culture of Kyoto through workshops
- Revisit summit: Summarize the past summits and think about the environment in the next ten years
- Revisit culture: Think about cultural sustainability

### **(2)Concept of WSEN 2018 Global Summit**

“Consider global sustainability through cultural, traditional sustainability”

Unique “culture” inherited in countries and regions has a strong connection with its “environment” and they affect each other. What should we do to maintain this good interaction?

In today’s society, it is necessary to see things from multiple perspectives. Participants are expected to start with the discussion on the sustainability of the invisible but familiar “culture” and consider the sustainability of a larger scale “environment.”

### **(3)Flow of the summit**

- Discuss “water environment and environmental measures”, “disaster: measures and resilience,” “technology and creation of industry ”in the respective breakout sessions.
- Review the themes of the breakout sessions from the perspective of symbiosis of culture and nature.
- Compile and issue the students’ proposal based on the contents of discussions in the breakout sessions and the conference

### **(4) Connection between three breakout sessions and their goals**

- Rather than seeking solutions individually within the narrow perspective of each breakout session, solving problems through cooperation and interaction with other breakout sessions is encouraged.
- Participants will endeavor to develop a plan for a safe and prosperous future while maintaining the culture inherited through history.

- We are also planning to seek for solutions to issues of water environment and disaster using science and technology.

### 3 . Schedule

Period: August 26(Sun) – August 30 (Thu), 2018

Delegates: 75 students from overseas, 80 students within Japan (including 50 requiring accommodation)

Venues: Doshisha Biwako Retreat Center, Doshisha University Imadegawa Campus

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

### 4. Local Organization

Host University: Doshisha University

Student Representatives:

Yoko Tsurimaki (Faculty of Life and Medical Sciences)

Hiroshi Ueno (Graduate School of Life and Medical Sciences)

Student Committee: WSEN 2018 Global Summit Student Committee (about 30 students including those taking the SC course, members of WSEN and DEP)

The members of the above the Student Committee and faculty and staff members of Doshisha University comprise the WSEN Advisory Committee of Doshisha.