

Earth Youth Summit 2025 in KYOTO Admission Requirements (For Junior and Senior High School Students)

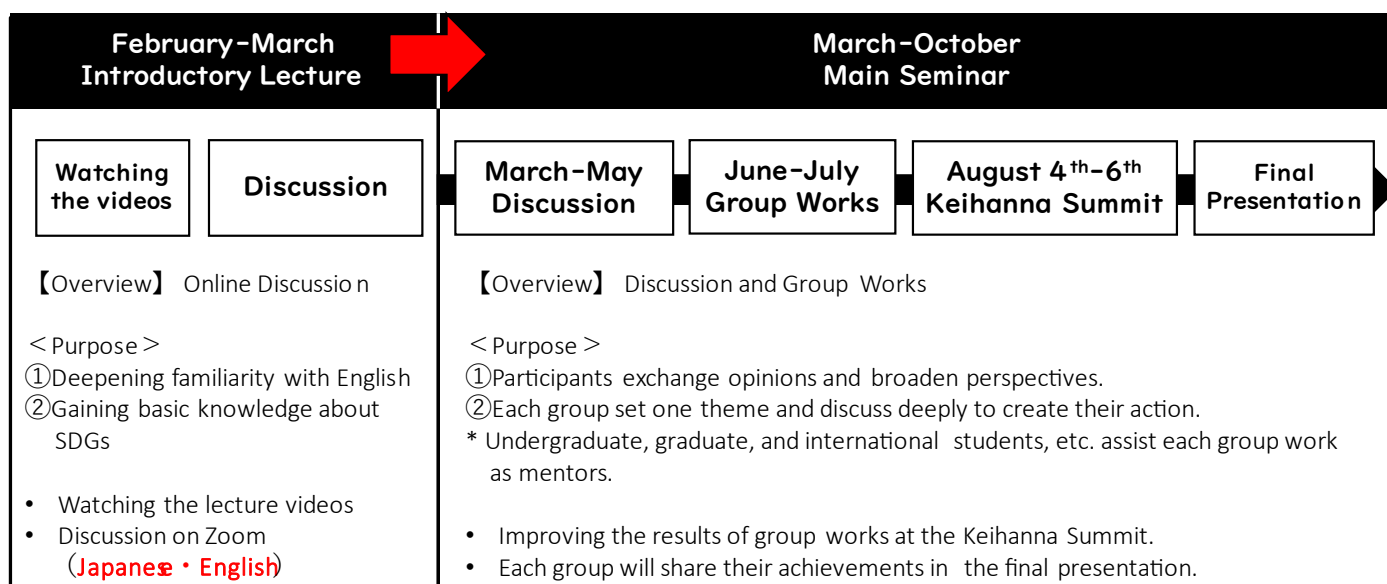
Earth Youth Summit 2025 in KYOTO Executive Committee

Our Story

The year 2030 is approaching. It is a milestone for achieving Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs). Our society seeks talented people who can identify the structure of social problems, engage in dialogue, discuss and examine solutions, and implement them. Our aim is to achieve the SDGs by 2030 and create a sustainable society by 2050. Therefore, we, Kyoto Beyond SDGs Consortium, hold “Earth Youth Summit in KYOTO”. This is the successor to “Solve Problems And Revolutionize from Kyoto University” (SPARKU), which ran from 2020. Both events focus on developing junior and senior high school students as future leaders, and the updated one has expanded its scope globally. In 2023, we had Earth Youth Summit 2023 in KYOTO, in the Keihoku area, northern part of Kyoto City. And more, in 2024, we did an online annual programme and an on-site summit in Miyazu City, Kyoto. At that event, students all over the world joined discussions. In 2025, our goal is to implement actions designed by participants. Expo 2025 Osaka-Kansai and Keihanna Expo 2025 will provide an opportunity for this. In the annual programme for junior and senior high school students, discussing in English is recommended. Participants are encouraged to put their ideas into practice rather than simply keeping them in mind. Of course, mentors from various fields will help you. Through this programme, students will improve their communication skills, develop empathy and clarify their aspirations through collaboration with others in the global society. And networking opportunities will also be available. We hope that this programme will provide a great opportunity for future leaders to deepen their thinking on various social issues and improve their ability to communicate effectively.

Outline

It has 2 parts in the Earth Youth Summit 2025. In Part I, “Introductory Lecture” (optional), participants will improve English discussion skills and acquire basic knowledge for Part II. In part II, “Main Seminar”, we have discussion and group working.



【Introductory Lecture】 *Optional

We have 3 lectures from February to March 2025 on Zoom. These are for getting basic knowledge about SDGs and deepening students’ familiarity with English. Online discussion will be held on scheduled date. Students need to watch the lecture videos before the discussion part.

【Main Seminar】

From March to October 2025, we will have group works on Zoom within small groups. Each group should set one theme which is related to sustainability and discuss deeply to create their action. On-site summit “Keihanna Summit” will be held in Keihanna Science City from August 4th to 6th. Each group will bring and present the results of their discussions. And they will aim to deepen their discussions by visiting and learning there. In October, we will have a final presentation to share the achievements in a hybrid format.

We plan to continue to disseminate and propose the contents of each group’s discussion even after the end of this event. For details, please check the Earth Youth Summit 2023 case studies. (<https://eco.kyoto-u.ac.jp/sdgs/kyoto-times/4516/>)

Application Requirements

- ① Applicants must be in their 3rd year of junior high school, 1st year of high school, or 2nd year of high school (* 3rd, 4th, or 5th year in the case of secondary schools) at the time of application.
 - ② Those who are interested in the leadership for the next generation, and activities related to environmental issues and the SDGs.
 - ③ Those who can prepare to participate seminars by using the online meeting application.
- * University students or older can participate as mentors. For details, check the entry form.

Entry form for mentor : <https://forms.gle/UXdo5ACoiVendGft7>

Application Process

Enter your information on our website. (<https://kyoto-youthsummit.com/en/entry/>) Application form is the same for both Introductory Lecture and Main Seminar, but deadline is different.

【Application for Introductory Lecture】

First lecture will be on **8th February 2025**, but we accept participants after the first lecture starts. If you want, the application form should be submitted up to **3 days before** the date.

【Application for Main Seminar】

Deadline of application is **March 22nd, 2025**. For main seminar, we will carry out a selection. Applicants will get the results at a later date. If we have a lot of aspirants, priority may be given to who have joined the introductory lectures.

Schedule

Date	Abstract	Details
Feb. 8 th (Sat.) 13:00-15:00(UTC+9)	Briefing Session for Introductory Lecture Language : JP	①Introduction about lectures ②Student Meetup
Feb. 16 th (Sun.) 13:00-15:30(UTC+9)	1 st Lecture Language : JP • EN	①Presentation by the international alumni of EYS2024 ②Discussion
Mar. 2 nd (Sun.) 14:00-16:30(UTC+9)	2 nd Lecture Language : JP • EN	①Presentation by Guest Speakers 【Topic: SDGs beyond 2030】 ②Discussion
Mar. 15 th (Sat.) 14:00-16:30(UTC+9)	3 rd Lecture Language : JP • EN	①Presentation by Guest Speakers 【Topic: Diversity, Equity and Inclusion】 ②Discussion
Mar. 29 th (Sat.) 13:00-16:00(UTC+9)	Kick-off of Main Seminar (1 st Main Seminar) Language : JP • EN	①Information Session, Building Rapport ②Keynote Lecture by Dr. Misuzu Asari (Research Institute for Humanity and Nature) ③Discussion

Apr. 13 th (Sun.) 15:00-18:00(UTC+9)	2 nd Main Seminar Language : EN	①Presentation by Guest Speakers 【Topic: Resource Circulation, Carbon Neutrality】 ②Discussion * Looking for participants to “Keihanna EXPO Opening Ceremony”
Apr. 23 rd (Wed.) * On-site in EXPO 2025 * Optional	EXPO 2025 Osaka-Kansai KYOTO Meeting	Participate in the event “KYOTO Meeting” (Selection Required) * Details below
May 4 th (Sun.) * On-site in EXPO 2025 * Optional	Kyoto Booth	Participate in the event on the stage adjacent to the Union of Kansai Governments Pavilion. (Selection Required) * Details below
May 10 th (Sat.) 15:00-18:00(UTC+9)	3 rd Main Seminar Language : EN	①Presentation by Guest Speakers 【Topic: Biodiversity】 ②Discussion
May 25 th (Sun.) 14:00-17:00(UTC+9)	4 th Main Seminar Language : EN	①Presentation by Guest Speakers 【Topic: Well-being】 ②Discussion
Jun. 14 th (Sat.) 13:00-16:00(UTC+9)	5 th Main Seminar Language : EN	Group Work Progress Report
Jul. 5 th (Sat.) 14:00-17:00(UTC+9)	6 th Main Seminar Language : EN	Group Work Progress Report
Jul. 27 th (Sun.) 15:00-18:00(UTC+9)	7 th Main Seminar Language : EN	Group Work Progress Report
Aug. 4 th (Mon.)-6 th (Wed.) * On-site in Keihanna	Keihanna Summit Language : JP • EN	Group Work Presentation (Midterm Presentation) On-site Programme * Details below
Aug. 4 th (Mon.)-17 th (Sun.) * On-site in EXPO 2025 * Optional	EXPO 2025 Osaka-Kansai EXPO Kyoto Beyond SDGs Future Lab	Recruitment for “EXPO Kyoto Beyond SDGs Future Lab” booth in Kansai Pavilion * Details below
Aug.-Sep.	Group Work	Group Work Progress Report
Oct. 11 th (Sat.) (TBD) * Hybrid meeting	Final Presentation Language : EN	Group Work Presentation * Planned to collaborate with “Keihanna EXPO Closing Celemony”

* 1 Not specifically mentioned will be held on Zoom.

* 2 We will organise the groups according to the interests of the participants around the end of May. From June to October, meetings and activity days should be set up themselves to proceed the group work.

【Keihanna Summit】

Date: August 4th (Mon.) - 6th (Wed.) 2025

Location: Keihanna Plaza Hotel (<https://hotel.keihanna-plaza.co.jp/>) and Keihanna Science City。

Abstract: Participants will give the midterm presentation of their group work and discuss each other to update it. Various on-site training program collaborate with Keihanna EXPO will be held. And we will discuss about geoenvironmental issue from differing viewpoints.

* 1 Announcement for details and confirmation of your intention to participate on-site/online will be given around July of 2025.

* 2 To join this summit on-site, you will responsible for travel expenses to the meeting place (Kyoto Station or Shin-Hosono Station). Participation fee is free. We are also planning a scholarship programme, mainly for participants from overseas. Details will be announced when ready.

* 3 Participants of main seminar should join this summit. We do not accept participants only for this.

* 4 Details of Keihanna EXPO: <https://keihannaexpo.org/>

【On-site Evens related to EXPO 2025 Osaka-Kansai】

① EXPO Stage Event “KYOTO Meeting”

Date: April 23rd (Wed.) Location : EXPO Hall

Abstract : Performers and emcees at the KYOTO Meeting stage event held in the EXPO Hall (1,900-seat capacity) at the Expo venue; planning and speaking at talk sessions; planning, producing, directing and modelling fashion shows; lighting, costume and video staff. They create the stage together, making use of their own interests and specialities, and under the guidance of experts.

② Stage Event “MEET UP KYOTO きょうと大集合” in Kansai Pavilion

Members are invited to speak at a stage event titled ‘Super SDGs Declaration by Youth Generation and Corporate Collaboration’ on the morning of 4 May (Sunday) in the multipurpose area of the Kansai Pavilion Kyoto booth.

③ Recruitment for “EXPO Kyoto Beyond SDGs Future Lab” in Kansai Pavilion

August 4th to 17th, staff members are invited to explain and interact with the environment and SDGs exhibition and other exhibits at the booth “EXPO Kyoto Beyond SDGs Future Lab” in the Kansai Pavilion. Together with mentors (researchers and experts), they will plan and prepare exhibition guides and workshops together.

- * If you wish to participate in the events, please write the programme name, date and time in the remarks column. Applications are accepted on a first come first served basis.

Notice

- In principle, English will be the language used during the period, but contents of the discussions as well as participants' motivation, enthusiasm, and thoughts are the most important points. We are also considering the possibility of interpreter assistance by mentors.
- Since the program covers across fiscal years, participants are requested to confirm their schedule for the next fiscal year before apply to this course. If it is difficult to participate due to examinations, etc., please tell us.
- Minors must obtain prior consent from their parents or guardians before application.
A parental consent form must be submitted later.
- There is no charge for attending the seminars, though the communication expense is to be borne by the participant.

Privacy Policy

- The personal information submitted on the application will be used only for running this programme. A manager of personal data will be appointed and security measures will be implemented to prevent loss and leakage.

Management Structure

Organizer: Earth Youth Summit 2025 in KYOTO Executive Committee (Administrative Office: Resarch Institute for Humanity and Nature)

Co-organizer : Kyoto Beyond SDGs Consortium, etc.

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—We look forward to receiving applications from who wants to take on the challenge of changing future.—