



What we can do for the future of water.

Youth Water Forum Kyushu 2021.4-2022.4
Report of Youth Water Forum Kyushu

Greetings

Considering the global “water problems” and the fact that they will continue and become more serious in the future, the engagement of “young people” (youth) who will lead the next generation is essential in solving the problems. In this basic recognition, various youth activities and organizations are being developed worldwide. Taking the opportunity of the 4th Asia-Pacific Water Summit, a major water-related event to be held in Kyushu, Japan, we believe that we should promote the establishment and enhancement of such activities by young people in Japan. And so we launched <Youth Water Forum Kyushu>, as an arena for deepening the involvement of high school generation in water issues and promoting international exchange and global communication.

We then asked the high school generation to make videos about water for the summit, and through the planning, production, and presentation of their videos, learn and exchange opinions on water issues in the region and around the world and efforts to address them.

With the support and cooperation of many, thirty high schools and groups had submitted videos by the summit. Many who attended the summit, including leaders from the Asia-Pacific region, were able to view the videos and learn about our activities. The videos were also screened at the 9th World Water Forum held in Senegal in March 2022 and other such efforts have been made to disseminate information and promote exchange.

Based on these activities, we will expand the scope of the <Youth Water Forum> and further develop international exchanges. We look forward to the participation of many young people of high school students age and the continued support and cooperation of everyone involved.

Dr. Tsugihiko Watanabe, Secretary General, Youth Water Forum Kyushu



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Purpose and Prospects of Youth Water Forum Kyushu

What is Youth Water Forum Kyushu?

Water is both a global issue and a local one, affecting every area of Japan. If we are to resolve water challenges, cross-generational efforts are needed. Therefore, we have launched a platform for the youth: “Youth Water Forum”, in order to involve the young people of high-school age. A sustainable future depends on how the younger generation deals with water issues.

There are numerous water-related problems associated with climate change, such as droughts or heavy rain and snow. These events are worsening. Water is an overarching theme of the UN’ s SDGs and is also related to the history of the region. Cross-generational efforts are needed if we are to resolve water-related problems. This is why we are inviting those of high-school age to create and submit videos related to water. Last year, we invited applications for “water-themed videos” produced by the high school generation themselves. We received 30 submissions from all over Japan, and we sent out our youth activities to the world on the official website of Youth Water Forum Kyushu, our YouTube channel, and other social networking services. This year, we not only call for videos but we will share your activities with the world at the UN Water Conference in New York City in March 2023.

Purpose of the Call for Videos

Youth Water Forum Kyushu

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Application videos

All the entries were screened at the 9th World Water Forum and the 4th Asia-Pacific Water Summit.
We are also accepting video applications for 2022.



title Where is the best environment for freshwater bivalves?
group name Oita Prefectural Hita High School



title our water
group name Kumamoto Prefectural High School



title Can you drink this water?
group name Fukuoka Futaba High School (REAL)



title The importance of biological diversity
group name Fukuoka Prefectural Jonan High School



title The future that each person can connect
group name Fukuoka Prefectural Jonan High School



title Always Look Forward and Act
group name Fukuoka Prefectural Jonan High School



title Learn the sea from creatures and protect it
group name Fukuoka Prefectural Jonan High School



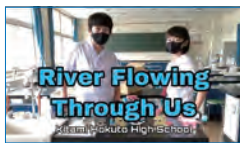
title What is Himon?
group name Eco Youth Yatsushiro



title The Amazing Tidal Flat in Yatsushiro
group name Eco Youth Yatsushiro



title Live of water
group name Shokei High School



title River Flowing Through Us
group name Kitami Hokuto High School, Science Club



title Is it possible to remove stains without using
group name Oita Prefectural Hita High School



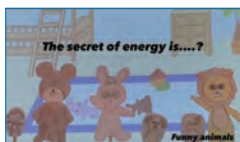
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group name Nogata High School Natural Science Club



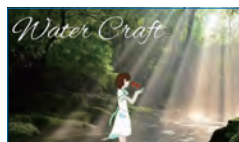
title Help me!! by Wappy
group name Kikuchi High School (KKC-MAAAA)



title What We Can Do for Water Problems
group name Oita Commercial High School ESS



title The secret of energy...?
group name Shokei High School



title Water craft
group name Shokei High School



title with WATER
group name Kumamoto Prefecture Tamana Senior High School (Team Adrenaline)



title Cartwheel
group name Linden Hall High School (Maria Tsuzuki)



title Great Water = Kumamoto
group name Kumamoto Commercial High School Team A



title Freezing point depression
group name Oita Prefectural Hita High School



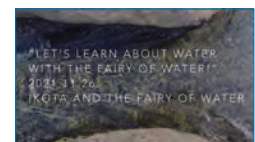
title Is it possible to remove stains without using
group name Oita Prefectural Hita High School



title Cleaning the water
group name Oita Prefectural Hita High School



title Why there is debris here?
group name Nagasaki Prefectural Nagasaki Higashi High School



title Let's learn about water with the fairy of water!
group name Fukuoka Futaba High School



title Let's clean it for ourselves
group name Kumamoto Prefectural Kumamoto Kita High School



title Let's tour places of interest for water in Kumamoto!
group name Kumamoto Prefectural Kumamoto Kita High School



title The Environmental Sustainability through Buckwheat and Sugar
group name Miyako Comprehensive Trade High School, Okinawa



title KUMAMOTO's PRIDE
group name Kumamoto Prefectural High School



title For Our Water
group name Kumamoto Prefectural High School

Activity Report

9th World Water Forum Organizer: World Water Council(WWC), Republic of Senegal, Dakar(2022.3.21-3.26)

All entries were screened at the Japan booth and WWC booth.



Youths from the African region visiting JWF's booth



Screening of videos made by Japanese high school students



4th Asia-Pacific Water Summit Organizer: Asia-Pacific Water Forum(APWF), Kumamoto city(2022.4.23-4.24)

Opening ceremony and Closing ceremony

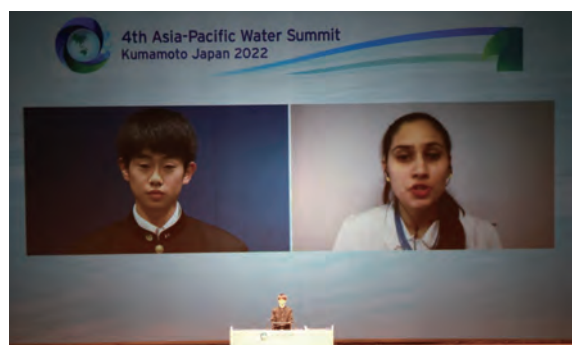
At the opening ceremony, the opening declaration was made by Ms. Sara Katayama and Mr. Yuta Umezaki of Kumamoto Kita High School. At the closing ceremony, Mr. Yoh Sakai from Fukuoka Prefectural Jonan High School and Ms. Karishma Asoodani, a youth representative from the Asia-Pacific region, delivered a youth message. The Youth Message emphasized the importance of collaborative decision-making between youth and various stakeholders to solve water issues.



Opening declaration of the Youth Forum



Delivering the youth message at the closing ceremony



Their Majesties the Emperor and Empress participated online talks with students

Their Majesties the Emperor and Empress participated online talks with students from three representative high schools (Nagasaki Prefectural Nagasaki Higashi High School, Kumamoto Prefectural Kumamoto Kita High School and Miyako Comprehensive Trade High School, Okinawa, Environmental Group) who created videos to help solve water issues.



Students chatting

Parallel Sessions Organizer: Youth Water Forum Kyushu, Kyushu university, ADB(Youth for Asia), GWP

"Meaningful Youth Engagement for Water security and resilience in Asia and the Pacific - Creating intergenerational partnerships for sustainable outcomes"

There were presentations of case study of youth initiatives and panel discussions. The audience included Hon. Crossley Tatui, The Honourable Minister for Finance and Infrastructure, NIUE Government and international organizations, and received a lot of feedback.



Group photo



Feedback from Mr. Mark Pascoe, Chair of the APWF Governing Council



Feedback from Mr. Crossley Tatui, Minister for Infrastructure and Finance, Niue.



Introduction of 3R project by Ms. Tsuzuki Maria, Linden Hall School student



Mr. Henk Ovink, special envoy on water from the government of the Netherlands



Statement by students from Kumamoto Kita High School, Kumamoto pref.

Exhibitions at the Venue

Youth Water Forum Kyushu and Youth Water Forum Kumamoto held exhibitions at the 4th APWS. On the day of the exhibition, representatives from national and international organizations, as well as Mayor Onishi, visited the exhibition site and had discussions with the students about water.



Group photo



Discussion between students of Linden Hall School and representatives of state and international organizations



Presentation by students in the science club at Nogata High School, Fukuoka pref.



Presentations



Presentation by students from Jonan High School, Fukuoka pref.



Global discussion organized by Umitsunagi members from Kyushu University



Presentation by students from Nagasaki Higashi High School, Nagasaki pref.



Presentation by students from Miyako Comprehensive Trade High School in Okinawa

Youth Water Forum Kumamoto



Presentation by students from Kumamoto Kita High School, Kumamoto pref.



Students from Shokei High school speaking to Mayor Onishi

Join us for the future of water!

Call for Video Entries 2022

We go forward together with the younger generation from across the world to solve water-related issues. We are looking forward to your participation.





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