



INVITATION TO PARTICIPATE IN
Rits Super Global Forum 2020 Online (RSGF 2020 Online)

November 10th – 14th, 2020
Ritsumeikan High School, Kyoto, Japan

Dear Principal,

Ritsumeikan Junior and Senior High School was selected among many promising high schools as one of the Super Global High Schools (SGH) by the Japanese Ministry of Education, Culture, Sports, Science and Technology (MEXT) in 2014. This initiative set by MEXT gave Ritsumeikan an incredible opportunity to create programs where students could not only increase their awareness of global issues through knowledge-based learning but also through overseas outreach programs. There are two main objectives for our SGH Projects. One of them is to raise awareness of global issues which young people must grapple with and find solutions for in today's society. The other is, to establish partnerships, friendships, and, above all, to build leadership skills through discussions, workshops and research. Even though the government initiated five-year program has ended, these two objectives will still be addressed in future forums.

The main theme of the goal of our global education is "to have awareness and responsibility as members of the global era and to contribute to the construction of a peaceful society." With this theme in mind, we have collaborated with other schools and organizations in initiating several programs aimed at equipping our students with information and skills to better prepare them in handling the challenges of the theme:

- 1) Philippine Study Tour, focusing on "Poverty and Natural Disasters", collaborating with PSHS Eastern Visayas Campus.
- 2) Alternate Forum or Model United Nations with KSHS and KGHS, focusing on "Discussion on World Issues."
- 3) Tohoku Study Tour, focusing on "Prevention and the Aftermath from Natural Disasters."
- 4) Sweden Study Tour, focusing on "Sustainable Development Goals" and "Environmental Issues," collaborating with Ystad Gymnasium.
- 5) Field Work, focusing on "SDGs."

We would sincerely like to show our heartfelt gratitude to all the schools and organizations listed above for their collaboration and support.

Ritsumeikan High School is annually organizing the "Rits Super Global Forum 2020 Online (RSGF 2020 Online)" with the purpose of tackling global issues through discussions, collaborative workshops and presentations. We are hoping that through the RSGF 2020 Online, we will be able to establish a rich network of mutual exchange among schools all over the world.

In this regard, it would be our pleasure to welcome a group from your school to participate in this event **from November 10th to 14th, 2020**. Due to the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic, the RSGF 2020 Organizing Committee has decided to reorganize it as an online event. Participating institutions will receive instructions for this altered format. We regret not being able to welcome your students onsite here in Japan, but we are sure we will be able to welcome new ideas and challenges with you by holding this special event online.

We are looking forward to hosting many high school students online from different parts of the world and finding ways to contribute to the welfare of humankind. We eagerly await the participation of even more schools in this year's program.

Details pertaining to the event are attached to this letter. If you have any inquiries, please contact Ms. Misa Nakanishi at Ritsumeikan High School by email at misa@fkc.ritsumei.ac.jp or rsfg2020@fkc.ritsumei.ac.jp, or by calling +81-75-323-7111. We would also be grateful if you could confirm your school's attendance **by October 1st, 2020, by submitting Form 1 and the Google Form sent by Ms. Misa Nakanishi**. We look forward to seeing you online.

Yours sincerely,

Miki Horie, Ph.D.
Principal

EVENT OUTLINE

1. Main Theme of this year: **“What Can We Do Under the Situations of the Coronavirus?”**
Four subtopics under the main theme are
 - (1) COVID-19 + Education (disparity, access to education, online education)
 - (2) COVID-19 + Poverty (disparity, tourism, refugees)
 - (3) COVID-19 + Environment (climate change, COVID-waste, disasters)
 - (4) COVID-19 + Social/Economic Life (economy, jobs, medical care, new-normal)*Please see the attached detailed information about the topics.
2. Objectives:
 - a. To expose student-participants to global issues, focused on the above main theme through research, presentations and discussions, where they share ideas and opinions, and collaborate in coming up with doable plans for action.
 - b. To widen the perspectives of the student-participants and globalize their thought processes by interacting with other students on topics of shared interest.
 - c. To help student-participants establish partnerships, friendships, and, above all, leadership along with followership.
3. Date: **from November 10th to 14th, 2020. (JST)**
4. Processing method: **Online**
Using mainly Zoom, Google Meet (for schools which Zoom is not available), Google Classroom, YouTube, etc.
5. Student-participants: It is open to all students in years 10 to 12 (Aged 15 to 18), or the equivalent in your country.
6. The working language of the event: English
7. Number of students: 5 students, maximum of 10 (please consult with us, if you would like more.)
8. Number of teachers: at least one teacher as an online observer per day
9. Participation Fee: Free
10. Expected schools (12 countries or regions, 18 schools):
 - Amity International Schools (India)
 - Budhanilkantha School (Nepal)
 - Camborne International Science School (U.K.)
 - Eleanor Roosevelt High School (U.S.A.)
 - Chitralada School (Thailand)
 - Fort Richmond Collegiate (Canada)
 - Institut de Genech (France)
 - Kaohsiung Municipal Kaohsiung Senior High School (Taiwan)
 - Kaohsiung Municipal Kaohsiung Girls Senior High School (Taiwan)
 - Leyte Normal University-Integrated Laboratory School (the Philippines)
 - New Capital School (Nepal)

Orchid college (Nepal)
Philippine Science High School, Eastern Visayas Campus (The Philippines)
Raffles Institution (Singapore)
Ystad Gymnasium (Sweden)
Ritsumeikan Moriyama High School (Japan)
Ritsumeikan Uji High School (Japan)
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11. One sub-topic per day will be discussed, and due to time differences, we set 4 periods a day so that as many schools as possible can join either (some) of them.
12. We would like to encourage as many schools as possible to join especially **“Opening Ceremony” on Day 1 and “Plenary Session & Closing Ceremony” on Day 5**, as well as each discussion session from Day 1 to Day 4.
13. Before the start of RSGF 2020 Online, each school is requested to make **movie presentations**, based on the four topics set under the main theme. **Participants are expected to make a 5 minute movie about one out of the four different topics. The movie can be made by one student, or students can make groups to make one movie.**
 - *Please include the following points in the movies:
 - (1) Brief greeting (self-introduction, country, school, name and focused topic)
 - (2) Pre-existing/ongoing Problems, background about the topic
 - (3) Future problems about the topic that we need to think about
 - (4) Actions or projects that have already been done in your country or school or that you want to take in the near future, or any other solutions to solve the problem/improve situation.
14. Before the Assembly, **every school is requested to make a movie about your school, which should be within 5 minutes. It will be a “Virtual School Tour.”**
15. On the 3rd day of the RSGF Online 2020, a cultural exchange event will be held. The cultural exchange is intended to be a short entertaining insight into life in your city/country. **The cultural exchange should last a maximum of 5 minutes. You can choose either a movie which should be pre-recorded and submitted in advance before the event or a live performance during the event such as songs or cultural dance which will not require any equipment such as shared slides and/or music from our side.**
16. As to the submission of the movies about topics, your school (and cultural exchange), more detailed information, including where to submit, will be sent later.
17. **Please submit the following forms or data:**
 - (1) **Google Form for your school’s attendance for each day, etc. by October 1st**
 - (2) **Form 0, by October 1st**
 - (3) **Form 1, 2, and 3 by October 10th**
 - (4) **Movies about topics, by October 30th**
 - (5) **School Presentation Movie, by October 30th**
 - (6) **Cultural Exchange Movie, by October 30th (optional)**

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Important: All times below are Japan Standard Time (JST).

	DATE	TIME	ACTIVITIES
Day 1	Nov 10 (Tue)	9:00-9:30 10:30-12:30 13:30-15:30 16:30-18:30	<p style="color: red;">Opening Ceremony (Zoom + YouTube Live)</p> <p>Period 2 Zoom Meeting 1 Topic ① (Ice-breaking, Group-Based Discussion + Mini-Plenary Discussion)</p> <p>Period 3 Zoom Meeting 2 Topic ① (Ice-breaking, Group-Based Discussion + Mini-Plenary Discussion)</p> <p>Period 4 Zoom Meeting 3 Topic ① (Ice-breaking, Group-Based Discussion + Mini-Plenary Discussion)</p>
Day 2	Nov 11 (Wed)	7:30-9:30 10:30-12:30 13:30-15:00 16:30-18:30	<p>Period 1 Zoom Meeting 1 Topic ② (Group-Based Discussion + Mini-Plenary Discussion)</p> <p>Period 2 Zoom Meeting 2 Topic ② (Group-Based Discussion + Mini-Plenary Discussion)</p> <p>Period 3 Keynote Lecture (Zoom + YouTube Live) - Lecture by Ms. Akiko Maeker, Ph.D. (Interculturalist LLC)</p> <p>Period 4 Zoom Meeting 3 Topic ② (Group-Based Discussion + Mini-Plenary Discussion)</p>
Day 3	Nov 12 (Thu)	7:30-9:30 10:30-12:30 13:30-15:30 16:30-18:30	<p>Period 1 Zoom Meeting 1 Topic ③ (Group-Based Discussion + Mini-Plenary Discussion)</p> <p>Period 2 Zoom Meeting 2 Topic ③ (Group-Based Discussion + Mini-Plenary Discussion)</p> <p>Period 3 Cultural Exchange / Fun Activities (Zoom + YouTube Live)</p> <p>Period 4 Zoom Meeting 3 Topic ③ (Group-Based Discussion + Mini-Plenary Discussion)</p>

Day 4	Nov 13 (Fri)	7:30-9:30	Period 1 Zoom Meeting 1 Topic ④ (Group-Based Discussion + Mini-Plenary Discussion)
		10:30-12:30	Period 2 Zoom Meeting 2 Topic ④ (Group-Based Discussion + Mini-Plenary Discussion)
		13:30-15:30	Period 3 Zoom Meeting 3 Topic ④ (Group-Based Discussion + Mini-Plenary Discussion)
		16:30-18:30	Period 4 Finalizing presentations & Preparation for Plenary Session
Day 5	Nov 14 (Sat)	9:00-11:00	Plenary Session (Zoom Meeting) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Presentations about Mini-Plenary Sessions - QA Session + Feedback from experts
		12:00-12:40	Closing Ceremony (Zoom + YouTube Live)