

Main Theme

“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)**

There are many significant problems facing our world today, due to the ongoing situations of the COVID-19 pandemic. Over the course of 2020, COVID-19, has taken more than 900,000 lives, and has infected more than 30 million people. We are experiencing an unexpected level of hardship that we have never had before. The pandemic has demonstrated the fragility of our world. It has laid bare deep injustices and inequalities that countries have ignored for decades: inadequate health systems; gaps in social protection; structural inequalities; disparity between rich and poor, discrimination in races, gender, ethnic background, refugees and any other factors such as environmental degradation and the climate crisis. The virus poses the greatest risk to the most vulnerable people.

"COVID-19 is a human tragedy, but it has also created a generational opportunity. An opportunity to build back a more equal and sustainable world" as António Guterres, Secretary-General of the United Nations said. Our search for the solutions and actions we take will be a part of achieving the 17 Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) by the year 2030. So, let us put our heads together at RSGF 2020 and share our ideas about “What we can do to move towards a better world?” For this forum, we are focusing on **“What We Can Do Under the Situations of the Coronavirus,”** and we have set up four topics to help us better grasp the issues from different aspects. We will focus on the issues of education, poverty, environment and social/economic life in relation to the Coronavirus.

◆Discussions

During the forum, one subtopic 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. So, participants will need to be prepared for the discussion topics on the days they will join.

Topic 1 (COVID-19 + Education) will be discussed on Day 1, Period 2 , 3 and 4.

Topic 2 (COVID-19 + Poverty) will be discussed on Day 2, Period 1, 2 and 4.

Topic 3 (COVID-19 + Environment) will be discussed on Day 3, Period 1, 2 and 4.

Topic 4 (COVID-19 + Social/Economic Life) will be discussed on Day 1, Period 1, 2 and 3.

EX) If a participant can join the discussions on Day 1, Day 2 and Day 4, then they should prepare for the Discussion Topic #1, 2 and 4. Please see the outline and the time schedule attached.

The **Discussion Questions** which will be discussed during the forum are;

- 1) What is the current situation with Coronavirus in your country?
- 2) Given the current situation with lockdowns and stay at home orders, what is something that you have realized, or have become more aware of in the world?
- 3) What (pre-existing) problems has it exposed?
- 4) How will the world change after this situation with the Coronavirus?
- 5) What role should the media have during emergency situations like the Coronavirus?
- 6) What kind of changes need to be made or hoped for?
- 7) What are the responsibilities of the individual, government and international community in pandemic situations? What influence should each have on the others?
- 8) What problems in “education/poverty/environment/social & economic life” do we need to think more deeply about, related to the Coronavirus?
- 9) What have you been working on under the situations of the Coronavirus? Projects?
- 10) What can we do under these situations of the Coronavirus?
- 11) What SDGs do we need to think about in order to make our society better under the situations of the Coronavirus?

◆ **Movie making**

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 topic out of the ones he/she chose. The movie can be made by one student, or students can make groups to make one movie.

Please include the following points in the movie;

- (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.