



INVITATION TO PARTICIPATE IN
Rits Super Global Forum 2016 (RSGF2016)

November 15th – 19th, 2016
Ritsumeikan High School, Kyoto, Japan

RITSUMEIKAN
Dear Principal,

In 2014, Ritsumeikan Junior and Senior High School was declared as one of the Super Global High Schools among many promising schools by the Japanese Government. We have two main objectives for these projects. One of them is to increase student awareness on global issues happening all over the world which they must grapple with, and find solutions for. The other is, through discussions, workshops and research, to establish partnerships, friendships, and, above all, leadership with "followership".

Within the context of "working towards world peace and cooperation," the main theme of our research is "Eradication of Poverty and Prevention of Natural Disasters." This has encouraged us to initiate some new programs since 2014, collaborating with other schools and organizations;

- 1) Tokyo Study Tour, focused on "International Contribution"
- 2) Hiroshima and Nagasaki Study Tour, focused on "World Peace"
- 3) Alternate Forum with KSHS and KGHS, focused on "Discussion on World Issues"
- 4) Philippine Study Tour, focused on "Poverty and Natural Disasters", collaborating with PSHS Eastern Visayas Campus
- 5) Fukushima Study Tour, focused on "Prevention and the Aftermath from Natural Disasters"

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

The 'Alternate Forum with KSHS and KGHS', hosted last year by Kaohsiung Municipal Kaohsiung Girls Senior High School, which is one of our sister schools, that we conducted last summer, named "KIFoSH", Kaohsiung International Forum of Social Science and Humanities, bore many fruits to all the participating students and teachers. This summer the forum will be held, hosted by Kaohsiung Municipal Kaohsiung Senior High School. During this conference, we will have discussions focused on some global

issues.

At this time, Ritsumeikan is organizing "Rits Super Global Forum 2016 (RSGF2016)" with the purpose of tackling world issues through discussions with collaborative workshops, fieldwork and presentations. We are pleased to state that we will establish a rich new network of mutual exchange between schools. We are hoping this RSGF2016 will further promote the networks of high school students from all over the world.

It would be our pleasure to welcome a group from your school to participate in this event **from November 15th to 19th, 2016**. Your accommodation, meals, local transportation and hospitality will be provided by Ritsumeikan. Participating schools will, however, be responsible for organizing and financing their own flights to and from Kansai International Airport. Schools arriving at other airports throughout Japan will also be required to pay their own way to Kyoto.

We are looking forward to many high school students coming together for this circle of schools and to find ways to contribute to the welfare of mankind. We eagerly await the participation of many schools in this year's program.

If you have any inquiries about the event, please contact Ms. Misa Nakanishi at Ritsumeikan High School by emailing misa@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 June 30th, 2016**. We look forward to seeing you here in Kyoto.

Yours sincerely



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Principal

EVENT OUTLINE

1. The event will be held **from November 15th to 19th, 2016** in Kyoto, Japan. It is open to all students in years 10 to 12, or the equivalent in your country.
2. The working language of the event is English.

3. The venue of the RSGF2016 will be Ritsumeikan High School in Nagaokakyo, Kyoto. As far as possible, please arrange flights to arrive on November 14th and depart on November 20th. Please note that if your stay extends beyond these days, accommodation and travel will be your responsibility.
4. Your accommodation, meals, local transportation, and hospitality will be provided by Ritsumeikan. Participating schools will, however, be responsible for organizing and financing their own flights to and from Kansai International Airport. Schools arriving at other airports throughout Japan will also be required to pay their own way to Kyoto. So please bring some money for any meals and purchases you might wish to make at that time.
5. The lodgings for the RSGF will be Ritsumeikan provided accommodation, or home stay, which is optional and whose number is limited. Lodging is located in our school campus and in our university campus. There is a chance that students and teachers may be split up for the length of the stay; we may provide escort teachers for dormitory stay either on our campus or on university campus. Please let us know if this is of serious concern.
6. During the RSGF, every school is requested to make both a poster presentations, based on the five topics set under main theme, related to “Current global issues.” Every school is expected to make five different posters based on five respective topics.
7. In the opening ceremony or the following assembly, every school is requested to make a school presentation, which should take within 10 minutes.
8. On the final day of the RSGF, a cultural exchange event including performances will be held before the closing ceremony. The cultural performance is intended to be a short entertaining insight into life in your city/country. Performances should last a maximum of 5 minutes, and are limited to dance performances, songs or similar performances (slide shows or videos should not be used except to accompany a song or dance).

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1. Main Theme of this year: A theme related to current global issues (We will inform

you of it later as additional information.)

Every school is requested to make both a poster presentation based on the five topics set under main theme of this year during the RSGF,

Cf. RSGF2015 Main theme: "For the Construction of World Peace"

Topics: (Refugee) Immigration, Child Labor, Food Security,
Gender,
Natural Resources

RSGF2014 Main theme: "Eradication of Poverty and Prevention of Natural Disaster"

Topics: The condition and causes of poverty in poor regions of the world,

The challenges and nature of effective volunteer activities in poor regions, The relationship between global warming and natural disasters, Recovery from natural disasters and the challenges the processes present, What is necessary to realize world peace?

2. Objectives:

- a. To expose student-participants to global issues, focused on the above main theme through research, field trips, and discussions, where they share ideas and opinions about them, collaboratively
- b. To widen the perspectives of the student-participants, staying at the dorm, where they can integrate with students from different settings who are about the same age.
- c. To help student-participants establish partnerships, friendship, and, above all, leadership along with "followership".

3. Student-participants: Aged 15 to 18

4. Date: from November 15th to 19th, 2016.

5. Student's numbers: maximum of 10 (please consult with us, if you would like more.)

6. Teacher's numbers: one escort teacher and one principal or the equivalent

7. Accommodation: dorm-stay, or homestay (option: if you have any request, please feel free to make contact with us.)

8. Participation Fee: Free, except for personal expenses and transportation to Japan.

9. Expected schools:

Kaohsiung Municipal Kaohsiung Senior High School

Kaohsiung Municipal Kaohsiung Girls Senior High School

Philippine Science High School Systems

Amity International Schools

Camborne International Science School
G.T. College
Institut de Genech
Raffles Institution
Ritsumeikan and more