



INVITATION TO PARTICIPATE IN  
**Rits Super Global Forum 2022 (RSGF 2022)**

**November 8 – 12, 2022**  
**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. Our school was assigned as one of the schools of Super Global High School Network again last year.

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) Collaborative exchanges with KSHS and KGHS, focusing on "Discussion on World Issues."
- 3) Sweden Study Tour, focusing on "Sustainable Development Goals" and "Environmental Issues," collaborating with Ystad Gymnasium.
- 4) 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 (RSGF)" with the purpose of tackling global issues through discussions, collaborative workshops, and presentations. Until last year COVID-19 restricted our international exchange to the online platform, but the situation has finally improved, and this year we plan to hold the event in hybrid style, both in person and online, for the first time in three years. Due to current immigration restrictions, we would like to invite students in person from schools that have official education agreements or mutual exchange programs with Ritsumeikan High School. This will enable us to establish a rich network of mutual exchange among schools worldwide. We hope you will agree and join us at this event. Next year, we hope to be able to extend an invitation to all schools to attend RSGF in person.

In this regard, it would be our pleasure to welcome a group from your school to participate in this event **from November 8 to 12, 2022**. We are looking forward to hosting many high school students in person and online from different parts of the world and finding ways to contribute to the welfare of humankind.

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](mailto: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 September 10, 2022, by submitting the Intent of Participation Form (Google Form) sent by Ms. Misa Nakanishi**. We look forward to seeing you finally in person or online.

Yours sincerely,

*Yasuhiro Higashitani*

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## EVENT OUTLINE (in person)

1. Main Theme of this year:  
    **“Sustainable Food for Our All  
    – How Can We Overcome the Food Problems Related to the Environmental Issues?”**
  - \* Each participant will be assigned a topic under the main theme.
  - \* More detailed information including discussion topics will be sent later.
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 to come 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 8 to 12, 2022. (JST)**
4. Conference venue: **Ritsumeikan High School (in person) / Online**  
**We would like your school to participate in person this year. If it seems difficult for you, please join it online.(Please let us know by the Registration Form.)** The venue for RSGF2022 will be held at Ritsumeikan High School in Nagaokakyo, Kyoto. As much as possible, please arrange flights to arrive on November 7th and depart on November 13th. Please note that if your stay extends beyond these days, accommodation and travel will be your responsibility.
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. Regarding COVID-19: Restrictions on entering Japan have recently been relaxed, but there are still restrictions in place at this time. What is required of travelers entering Japan varies according to country. There also may be periods of quarantine depending on country, vaccination status, etc., so be sure to confirm the information regarding your country. Also, please note according to current policy, should a participant from your school test positive for COVID-19 or be designated as a “close contact”, they will be required to quarantine. Ritsumeikan will provide as much support as possible, but any subsequent costs (including extra accommodation, flight change, etc.) will be covered by the participating school. At this time in Japan, the wearing of masks is mandatory in schools, public transportation, and almost all other facilities. Also, conversation while eating is currently prohibited. Please be aware of this fact before participating in the event. With regard to accommodations, we are planning to place students in rooms at a school dormitory or a hotel. Students will share a room with other students of the same sex from their school.
7. The working language of the event: English
8. Number of students: 5 students (please consult with us, if you would like more.)
9. Number of teachers: one escort teacher and one principal or the equivalent
10. Participation Fee: Free, except for personal expenses and transportation to Japan  
    Your accommodation, meals, and local transportation will be provided by Ritsumeikan. Participating schools will, however, be responsible for organizing and financing their own flights to and from Kansai International Airport, or any other 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.

11. Accommodation: dorm-stay, or hotel stay  
Lodging for the RSGF will be provided by Ritsumeikan. We have a dormitory located on our school campus. Students and teachers will stay either at our school campus dormitory or at a hotel. There is a chance that students and teachers may be at different locations for the length of the stay. Due to COVID-19, we will not be providing homestays this year. Please let us know of any concerns you might have with lodging arrangements.
11. Mini-poster Submission: Before the RSGF, participants are requested to make mini-posters for discussions, based on the topics set under the main theme and submit on Padlet. The assigned topics and details will be sent later. Posters can be made by one student, or students can make groups to make one poster.
12. School Presentation: In the Opening Ceremony or during the Assembly, every school is requested to make a school presentation, which should be within 5 minutes.
13. Cultural Exchange: On the 4th day of the RSGF, a cultural exchange event including performances will be held. 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).
14. Pre-Meeting Sessions: **Every student is requested to attend one of the 3 Pre-Meeting Sessions, either Saturday, October 22<sup>nd</sup> or Sunday, October 23<sup>rd</sup>**, where participants meet in advance for having pre-discussions about the problems related to the topics, using the submitted Posters in Padlet.
- 【Pre-Meeting Sessions】**
- ① Saturday, October 22<sup>nd</sup>: from 9:00 to 11:00 JST
- ② Saturday, October 22<sup>nd</sup>: from 15:00 to 17:00 JST
- ③ Sunday, October 23<sup>rd</sup>: from 15:00 to 17:00 JST
15. Expected schools (14 countries or regions, 20 schools):
- Amity International Schools (India)
  - Bladins Gymnasium (Sweden)
  - Budhanilkantha School (Nepal)
  - Camborne International Science School (U.K.)
  - CIA First International School (Cambodia)
  - Eleanor Roosevelt High School (U.S.A.)
  - Chitralada School (Thailand)
  - Fort Richmond Collegiate (Canada)
  - G.T, College (Hong Kong)
  - 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)
  - 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)
  - Ritsumeikan High School (Japan)

16. Please submit the following forms or data:

(1) Intent of Participation Form (Google Form) for your school's attendance by September 10<sup>th</sup>

<https://forms.gle/fVRpvc6Kfp7VFVMq6>

(2) Form 1 (Participants Names, Attendance of a Pre-Meeting, Teacher's Special Lesson) by September 23<sup>rd</sup>

(3) Form 2 (Cultural Performance details) by September 23<sup>rd</sup>

(4) Form 3 (Consent to Use Images) by September 23<sup>rd</sup>

(5) Form 4 (Special Lesson by Overseas Teacher) by September 23<sup>rd</sup>

(6) Form 5 (Flight Information) by October 7<sup>th</sup>

\*Form 1 – 5 will be sent soon, with more detailed information

(7) Poster for Discussions (Canva) by October 17<sup>th</sup>

\*The details including the assigned topics and posters will be sent after confirming the attendance of the participants around the end of September.

(8) School Presentation Data (if you use slides or a movie), by October 31<sup>st</sup>

\*Please submit in Google Drive. More information will be sent to you later.

(9) Cultural Exchange Data (if you use slides or a movie) , by October 31<sup>st</sup>

\* Please submit in Google Drive. More information will be sent to you later.

## 17. Schedule:

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

	DATE	TIME	In Person	Online
	Oct 22 (Sat)	9:00-11:00 15:00-17:00	----	Pre-Meeting Session 1 Pre-Meeting Session 2
	Oct 23 (Sun)	15:00-17:00	----	Pre-Meeting Session 3 *Attend one of the 3 sessions
Day 0	Nov 7 (Mon)		Arrival at Kansai International Airport Transfer to Ritsumeikan Nagaokakyo Campus Orientation	----
Day 1	Nov 8 (Tue)	a.m.	Opening Ceremony School Presentations (5 min each) Ice-breaking Activity Welcome Lunch Party	YouTube Live YouTube Live (Padlet) ---- ----
		p.m.	Group-based Discussion 1 Group-based Discussion 2	Group-based Discussion 1 Group-based Discussion 2
Day 2	Nov 9 (Wed)	a.m.	Group-based Discussion 3 Keynote Lecture	Group-based Discussion 3 YouTube Live
		p.m.	Group-based Discussion 4 Campus Tour & Japanese Culture Experience	Group-based Discussion 4 ----
Day 3	Nov 10 (Thu)	a.m.	Mini Plenary Discussion 1	Mini Plenary Discussion 1
		p.m.	Field work	----
Day 4	Nov 11 (Fri)	a.m.	Special lesson by overseas teachers Mini Plenary Discussion 2	YouTube Live Mini Plenary Discussion 2
		p.m.	Mini Plenary Discussion 3 Cultural Performances	Mini Plenary Discussion 3 YouTube Live
Day 5	Nov 12 (Sat)	a.m.	Presentations by Mini Plenary Groups Plenary Session	Presentations by Mini Plenary Groups Plenary Session
		p.m.	Farewell Party Closing Ceremony	---- YouTube Live
Day A	Nov 13 (Sun)		Departure from Kansai International Airport	
	Feb 4 (Sat)		----	RSGF 2022 Reunion Meeting  *The details will be informed later.