

# UNESCO ASPnet International ESD Events for Students and Teachers

4-8 November 2014  
Okayama and other Prefectures, Japan

## PROGRAMME

Date	Agenda	Venue
3 November	Arrival in Japan. Move to eight individual local communities.	Local communities
4 November	<b>Exchange day: "Get-together" in local school communities</b>	Local communities
5 November	Travel to Okayama city Check in at hotel	
	<b>16:00-17:00</b> <b>Registration</b>	Hotel Granvia Okayama Phoenix
	<b>17:00-19:00</b> <b>Opening ceremony and outline of the Students' Platform</b> <b>Opening remarks</b> Shinichi Yamanaka, Vice Minister of MEXT Anantha Kumar Duraiappah, Director, MGIEP, UNESCO Masao Omori, Mayor of Okayama	Hotel Granvia Okayama Phoenix
	<b>20:00-21:00</b> <b>Welcome buffet</b>	Purity Makibi
6 November	<b>08:55-16:00</b> <b>Platform for Students</b>	Hotel Granvia Okayama
	08:55-09:00 Introduction	Phoenix and Pearl
	09:00-11:30 Parallel presentation sessions on the challenges that students have noticed in their region, country or school to create a sustainable society	Phoenix and Pearl
	11:30-13:30 Lunch break (Lunch Box)	Crystal
	13:30-13:50 Move to Interactive Sessions' rooms	Phoenix

13:50-14:00  
Introduction to the Interactive Sessions

14:00-15:45  
Interactive Sessions  
Thinking about the issue of sustainability based on  
one's own experience  
Theme A: What factors do you believe obstruct  
sustainability in everyday life and society?  
Theme B: What is important when promoting  
sustainability?

15:45-16:00  
Wrap-up

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	<b>18:00-20:00</b> <b>Welcome ceremony hosted by Okayama City</b>	Okayama Symphony Hall
7 November	<b>08:50-09:00</b> <b>Remarks</b> Hakubun Shimomura, Minister of MEXT Irina Bokova, Director-General of UNESCO	Hotel Granvia Okayama  Phoenix
	<b>09:00-15:00</b> <b>Platform for Students</b>	
	09:00-11:30 Plenary discussion session  As ASPnet students, what should we aim for together to achieve a sustainable society and a sustainable future? Summaries of interactive sessions and plenary discussions	
	11:30-12:30 Lunch break (Lunch box)	Crystal
	12:30-14:30 Exchanges at ESD Plaza	Okayama Convention Center
	14:00-14:30 Back to Hotel Granvia Okayama	
	11:30-14:30 Lunch meeting of the drafting group	Pearl
	14:30-15:00 Plenary session Adoption of the students' Joint Declaration and Closing	Phoenix

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<b>15:30-18:30</b> <b>Platform for Teachers</b>	Hotel Granvia Okayama
15:00-15:30 Registration	Crystal
15:30-15:45 <b>Opening remarks</b> Wataru Iwamoto, Adviser to MEXT Qian Tang, Assistant Director-General for Education, UNESCO	
15:45-16:10 Introduction to the Platform and Group Work	
16:10-17:30 Group Work by five respective small groups to discuss both themes:  <u>Theme A:</u> Reviewing ESD achievements  <u>Theme B:</u> Role and actions of teachers and the ASPnet to promote ESD beyond 2014	
17:30-18:15 Plenary Session -Summaries of group working sessions presented by five groups (five minutes each) -Plenary discussion on the way forward	
18:15-18:30 Comments and closing remarks Livia Saldari, ASPnet International Coordination, UNESCO	
17:00-19:00 Students: Celebration Party for UNESCO ASPnet International ESD Events for Students	Okayama Convention Center (Mamakari Forum)
19:00- Teachers: Free night	

8 November	<b>All Day</b> <b>Students: Excursion including lunch and dinner hosted by Okayama City</b>	5 options
	Students will join one of five excursion courses. -Course A: Conservation of Biodiversity: Research on Living Creatures in Asahi-gawa River -Course B: The Town that Protects the Living Fossils -Course C: From the Past to the Future, Yakage-cho is a Town Filled with the Unending Genealogy, History, and Culture	

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-Course D: A Journey to Meet "Traditional Techniques"  
in which Local Resources are utilized  
-Course E: Home of Learning, Shizutani School: ESD  
Starts from Here!

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**09:00-17:30**

Okayama University

**Teachers: Japan's National Conference on  
UNESCO ASPnet**

09:00-09:30  
Registration

09:30-09:50  
Opening Ceremony

09:50-10:00  
Explanation of drafting of Japan's National Conference  
on UNESCO ASPnet Declaration

10:00-10:40  
Award ceremony and presentation on ESD activities by  
school receiving Minister of Education, Culture, Sports,  
Science and Technology Prize

10:40-11:40  
Presentation of online interaction between Japanese  
and overseas ASPnet schools

11:40-12:00  
Presentation on ESD Rice Project

12:00-13:00  
Lunch break

13:00-14:30  
Thematic workshops

14:40-16:40  
ESD exhibition  
Poster session and seminars by ASPnet schools,  
experts, companies, NGOs/NPOs

16:55-17:15  
Adoption of Declaration

17:15-17:30  
Closing Ceremony

18:00-20:00  
Buffet Dinner

Purity Makibi

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9 November Departure from Japan

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