

Global Communication for University Students 2026

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NPO Supratarka

Purpose

Through this conference, university students from the participating countries will be able to freely exchange ideas and deepen their understanding of each other's history, culture, and customs, which promote mutual understanding and solidarity among the same generation beyond national borders.

Furthermore, through such activities, the development of leaders will be promoted, including participation as volunteer staff.

Conference Theme

Differences in values regarding "happiness" across countries

Participants * Approximately 10 - 40 Students each from 3 countries

1. Japan (Okinawa): Students of Meio University

<https://www.meio-u.ac.jp/>

2. Thailand (Chiang Mai): Students of International College Chiang Mai Rajabhat University.

<https://www.inter.cmru.ac.th/>

3. Indonesia (Yogyakarta): Students of Universitas Ahmad Dahlan

<https://uad.ac.id/>

Date

1. Main program: April 25, 2026 (Saturday) *3 hours duration*
2. Subcommittee meetings: Several times before the main program.

Venue

Japan: from school
Thailand: Case room
Indonesia: from school

Conference style

- Video call from 3 countries.
- Video call system: Google Meet
- Translators will be set. It will be multilingual discussion. *We don't expect all participants to be English speakers.

Participation fee *free of charge

Main Organizer

Supratarka (NPO)

Management of the program

1. The program will be managed by the Student Committee.
 - The theme and the details of the program will be discussed and decided by the Student Committee which consists of leaders from each side.
2. Each side selects the Student Committee members.
 - Each side selects 2 or 3 leaders.
 - Committee members will manage the program of each side.
 - Committee members don't have to be English speakers.
3. Student Committee meetings will be held regularly.
 - Student Committee meetings will be held online regularly to decide the details of the program.
 - Multilingual discussions will be promoted using interpretation software, etc.
4. Subcommittee meetings for all participants will be held as necessary.
 - If necessary, small groups (subcommittees) will be set for all participants, and interact and discuss among members in advance.
 - Multilingual discussions will be promoted using interpretation software, etc.

Activity Sequence of the main conference

*Japan Time

Stage	Time	Program	Details
Greetings	14:30-14:35 (5 min)	Ice Breaker <all students>	*Relieve tension. Share greetings in local languages from each country. * <u>All repeat the phrase.</u>
Introduction of school and region	14:35-15:00 (21 min) 7 min x 3	Introduction of university and region. (Japan, Thailand, Indonesia) <presenters>	<ul style="list-style-type: none">● Each side introduces their university and region briefly.● Introduce with photos, videos or diagrams.● They can ask questions to each other.

Discussion on the theme	15:10-16:30 (75 min) 25 min x 3	<p>"Differences in values regarding “happiness” across countries"</p> <p>Under the theme, we exchange ideas and opinions together.</p> <p>Each side will give presentations and start discussions..</p> <p>(Japan, Thailand, Indonesia) < presenters ></p>	<p>Under the theme "Differences in values regarding “happiness” across countries", we will share ideas and discuss together.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● During the time we will share the difference of values regarding “happiness” from each country ● Use photos or diagrams or drawings or videos to explain. ● Screen sharing mode will be used. ● English presentation is expected, but native language can be used for presentation. (Staff will translate.) ● Other sides ask questions ● <u>Further discussion</u> based on the presentation is expected. ● The conference manager leads discussion according to the timetable.
	16:30-16:35 (5 min)	Break time	5 minutes break.
Free questions	16:40-17:20 (40 min)	<p>Free questions to each other</p> <p><any students></p>	<p>Participants can ask <u>any question</u> to each other.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Topics won't be restricted. (Anime, school life, how you spend weekends & holidays, etc.) ● The conference manager leads topics according to the timetable.
Closing words	17:25-17:30 (5 min)	<p>Closing words.</p> <p><leaders of each side ></p>	<p>Leaders of each country will take turns giving closing words.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Commemorative photo <p>*Video call will be disconnected.</p>

Preparation

1. Each side selects the Student Committee members in advance.
 - Committee members are needed in advance to decide the details of the program.
 - Each side selects 2 or 3 members.
2. **Each participant** prepares one's own ideas according to the theme to discuss
 - There can be any number of ideas according to the theme that you wish to introduce.
3. **Each group (country)** discuss the theme and select 1 excellent idea based on the theme to present at the conference. (Pre-training)
 - Collect all ideas from each student at the beginning.
 - Discuss those ideas among students, and select 1 idea based on the theme
 - Prepare documents for presentation.
 - Photos or drawings or diagrams or videos will be added to the document.
 - Save data as Google Slide or Powerpoint.
 - Screen sharing mode will be used.
 - Presentation should be less than 5 minutes all together. (We keep time for discussion.)
 - Phrases should be simple and short so that translation will be easier.
 - Consider presentation time for translation.
4. **Each group (country)** prepares documents to introduce their region and university.
 - Introduction documents will be shared in advance to save the conference time.
 - Introduce your region and school with photos and diagrams.
 - Presentation at the conference should be less than 10 pages (slides).
5. **Each group (country)** prepare cultural introduction
 - Discuss which cultural performance will be made, and who will perform it.
 - The person in charge will make the necessary preparations.
 - The performance will be 3 minutes long.
6. **Presenters'** selection.
 - Presenters of region & school introduction.
 - Presenters of cultural introduction.
 - Presenters of the theme: a few students.

Conference Rules

1. All participating students are expected to ask questions or express opinions.
2. Do not criticize other's ideas or opinions by your own standards. Consider the variety of histories, cultures, custom, events, etc. *Constructive questions or opinions are welcome.

Sequence of communication

Speaker (native language)

→ Translator (English)

→ Translator 1 (native language 1) → Students

→ Translator 2 (native language 2) → Students

Questioner (native language)

→ Translator (English)

→ Translator 1 (native language 1) → Speaker

→ Translator 2 (native language 2) → Speaker

Notes

- Selection will be based on willingness and desire to participate. Students should not be selected according to their English ability only. The aim is not English conversation but to discuss and exchange ideas beyond country borders.

Schedule

1. October: Selection of Student Committee members.
2. October - December: Determination of the details of the program.
 - Details will be discussed and decided by the Student Committee.
 - Details of the schedule will be also decided by the Student Committee.
3. December - January: Call for participants.
 - Prepare posters and documents to call for participants.
 - Also call for volunteer staff.
4. February - April: Subcommittee meetings for all participants.
 - If necessary, subcommittee meetings will be held occasionally.
 - This is for all participants.
5. April 25, 2026 (Saturday) : Main program.
 - Schedule will be set by the Student Committee.

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