

CONCEPT NOTE

BRIDGE Across Asia Conference

-Build Relationship among International Diversities for next Generations Model United Nations Asia Conference-

Organised by the Asia-Pacific Cultural Centre for UNESCO (ACCU)

Tokyo, Japan

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1. Context

Asia-Pacific Cultural Centre for UNESCO (ACCU) has promoted Model United Nations (MUN) Conference for high school students in Japan since 2012, which aims at developing human resources who proactively contribute to peaceful and sustainable society.

For MUN in Japan, however, disparities are observed in MUN participation among regions and schools. Not many opportunities are prepared for high school students have a lot of chance to think much of global issue and to deepen international understanding. New MUN is required to solve the problems, which is a dynamic and unique programme adapted to the diverse needs.

50 years has passed since ACCU was established as an implementing agency for international exchanges based on the philosophy of UNESCO in 1971. ACCU has contributed to dissemination of UNESCO's spirit of "building peace through international cooperation in education, science and culture" in cooperation with the National Commissions for UNESCO in the countries of the Asia-Pacific region.

We are planning to hold Asia-Pacific Model United Nations Online Conference for high school students to develop the next generation who can do well in diverse society through interactions and studying together with Japanese and Asian students in pairs.

2. Objectives and Expected results

1) Objectives :

- Cultivate sufficient personnel contributing to peaceful and sustainable society with respect for cultural diversity
- Deepen understanding and think much of global issues
- Make friendship and deepen mutual understanding among participants
- Build strong relationship among five countries through dialogue

2) Expected results :

It is expected that this programme enable the participants to bring skills improvement, awareness raising and confidence, also their transformation are highly effective for other students.

3. Timeframe and venue of the programme

- 1) Opening ceremony & exchange meeting : August 5 (Thu) Online/Tokyo
- 2) Policy presentation : October 10 (Sun) Online/Tokyo
- 3) Model United Nations Conference : October 17 (Sun) Online/Tokyo

4. Profile of participants

4 high school students from Mongolia, Korea, Thailand and India each
16 high school students from Japan

Participants should

- 1) join all the programme
- 2) have sense of responsibility
- 3) make aggressively communication in English
- 4) secure IT connection.

5. Organisation

Asia-Pacific Cultural Centre for UNESCO (ACCU)

6. Cooperation

Kobe City University of Foreign Studies, the host of NMUN (National Model United Nations) KOBE 2022, manages the Policy Presentation and the Model United Nations Conference.

7. Activities

1) Pair exchange

Japanese students pair with Asian students from Mongolia, Korea, Thailand and India.

Every team has communication with SNS such as Zoom, Line and Email for two months.

They collect information, and make analysis and strategy of the country as delegates.

2) Policy Presentation

Every team makes a presentation on the country's policy and answer the questions.

This activity encourages the participants to deepen understanding of the policy in advance, which is conducted to make more concrete and effective draft resolution (DR) in the conference.

3) Model United Nations Conference

16 delegates make discussion on the certain agenda and create DR.

Every participant is required to show assertiveness skills during conference, not force the conference to dominate the meeting.

8. Public Language

English

Simultaneous or consecutive interpreter will not be provided.

9. Programme

Thursday 5 August 2021

Times(JST)	Activities
13:00-13:15	Reception and registration of participants
13:30-14:00	Plenary session: Opening and general presentation of the the programme 1. Welcome address and opening speech Speech by Ms. SHINDO Yumi, Director of the International Educational Department of ACCU 2. Introduction of the programme
14:00-15:10	Participants work: Exchange Interaction among participants Participants are divided into four groups to introduce themselves and share their ambition, and combination is changed every twenty minutes.
15:10-15:30	Break
15:30-16:00	Plenary session: Introduction of the Model United Nations Conference Introduction of conference director and chairperson, and the Model United Nations Conference Programme Presentation by Kobe City University of Foreign Studies
16:00-16:15	Break
16:15-17:00	Pair work: Exchange interaction between pairs 1. Announcement of pair combination and delegates(15min) 2. Exchange interaction between pairs(30min) Introduction themselves and discussion about the way of meeting, schedule of collecting information and planning the strategy as a delegate, and so on.
17:00-17:20	Closing ceremony 1. Explanation of the next step 2. Closing remarks

Participants have to submit a brief report on how to have a communication with a partner for the first month by Sep.12.

Participants will receive a handbook and background guide along with some announcement.

Sunday 10 October 2021

Times(JST)	Activities
11:00-11:15	Reception and registration of participants
11:30-12:00	Plenary session: Opening and general presentation of today's programme

	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Opening address 2. Explanation of the policy presentation
12:00-13:00	<p>Presentation 1 from four delegates(1-4)</p> <p>8 min Presentation and 7min Question/Answer each delegate</p> <p>The number of Presentation PPT should be within 8 slides including the title</p> <p>Management by Kobe City University of Foreign Studies</p>
13:00-13:20	Break
13:20-14:20	Presentation 2 from four delegates(5-8)
14:20-14:40	Break
14:40-15:40	Presentation 3 from four delegates(9-12)
15:40-16:00	Break
16:00-17:00	Presentation 4 from four delegates(13-16)
17:00-17:10	Break
17:10-17:50	<p>Plenary session: Review and Notes</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Review of the policy presentation 2. Important points of the Model United Nations Conference <p>Presentation by Kobe City University of Foreign Studies</p>
17:50-18:00	<p>Closing ceremony</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Explanation of the final stage 2. Closing remarks

Note that participants need to have a lunch during break time. We would like to express our deep regrets for this matter.

Sunday 17 October 2021

Times(JST)	Activities
11:30-11:45	Reception and registration of participants
12:00-18:30	<p>Model United Nations Online Conference</p> <p>Management by Kobe City University of Foreign Studies</p>
18:30-19:00	<p>Review</p> <p>Presentation by Kobe City University of Foreign Studies</p>
19:00-19:30	Exchange Interaction among participants
19:30-20:00	<p>Closing ceremony</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Awards ceremony 2. Closing remarks

10. Implementation Method

Online (Zoom)

11. Award

A few teams will receive good performance awards. Evaluation points are as below:

Point allocation	Evaluation points	Skills
15	(1)Take actions following country's policy as a delegate	Diplomacy
15	(2)Make presentation logically	Logical thinking
15	(3)Show respect and polite words for the other delegates	Harmonization
15	(4)Encourage the other delegates to create DR	Encouragement
40	(5)Others including daily communication within a pair	

(1) and (2) are mainly judged based on the policy presentation, and (3) and (4) are based on Model United Nations Conference.

12. Portrait rights and Personal Information

- 1)Photographs are provided on paper or electric media authorized by ACCU and cooperative organisation.
- 2)Personal information are shared with cooperative organisation for preparation and management of the programme, when needed.

13. Publication

All participants are required to submit participants' reports by the middle of November and the implementation report will be published by the end of December.