

CONCEPT NOTE

# BRIDGE Across Asia Conference 2022

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Asia-Pacific Cultural Centre for UNESCO



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**1. Programme Outline**

High school students from diverse backgrounds from five countries in the Asia-Pacific region will engage in collaborative learning. Specifically, by using various methods such as interactive workshops and Model UNESCO, ACCU aims to deepen participants' understanding of global issues and develop their problem-solving skills, tolerance for diversity, and motivation for the future, all of which are necessary to live in today's society.

**2. Background**

With the recent pandemic, national conflicts, and various other problems, society has become unstable, and we live in uncertain times with widespread intolerance. In this situation, the importance of empowering high school students, the future leaders of our society, is increasing. This programme aims to increase the sensitivity of this generation to diversity and their motivation for the future and nurture their ability to think through questions that have no correct answer. To this end, ACCU will conduct an international collaborative learning programme for high school students from the Asia-Pacific region, who have diverse backgrounds, to deepen their understanding of "self, others, and society" through collaborative learning.

**3. Objectives**

The programme aims to develop the following four competencies and qualities in the participants.

**(1) Think deeply and logically**

**(2) Tolerance**

**(3) Motivation**

**(4) Understanding of global issues and problem-solving skills:** To increase participants' interest in and understanding of global issues and develop the skills necessary to solve them (ability to formulate questions, express oneself, and collaborate with others).

This programme will deepen dialogue among participants with diverse backgrounds by their thinking through questions with no correct answer. This will lead to their deeper understanding and empathy for others and foster tolerance. Without jumping to easy conclusions, the awareness and learning gained through thinking deeply will motivate

participants to continue thinking and acting after the programme period, even if they do not come to a clear answer.

#### **4. Participants**

a. The number of participants:40 in total

Five high school students each from Mongolia, Korea, Thailand and India, recommended by Mongolian National Commission for UNESCO, Korean National Commission for UNESCO, Thai National Commission for UNESCO, Center for Environmental Education, India, will participate online and pair up with 20 high school students from Japan.

b. Participants should

- 1) join all the components of the programme
- 2) have sense of responsibility
- 3) be highly motivated to communication in English
- 4) have stable internet access

#### **5. Organizer and Cooperation Organizations**

Organizer:Asia-Pacific Cultural Centre for UNESCO (ACCU)

Cooperation:Kobe City University of Foreign Studies

Mongolian National Commission for UNESCO

Korean National Commission for UNESCO

Thai National Commission for UNESCO

Center for Environmental Education, India

#### **6. Schedule**

<b>Content</b>	<b>Date/Place</b>
Opening ceremony Orientation	<b>Thu. 4<sup>th</sup> August 13:30–17:30</b> <b>(Participants from Japan:Tokyo/Other participants:Online)</b>
1 <sup>st</sup> Workshop for Dialogue	<b>Fri. 5<sup>th</sup> August 14:30–17:30 (All participants: Online)</b>
2 <sup>nd</sup> Workshop for Dialogue	<b>Mon. 8<sup>th</sup> August 14:30–17:00 (All participants: Online)</b>
3 <sup>rd</sup> Workshop for Dialogue	<b>Tue. 9<sup>th</sup> August 14:30–17:00 (All participants: Online)</b>
Model UNESCO	<b>Sun. 11<sup>th</sup> September 12:00–19:00 (All participants online)</b>
Reflection Session	<b>Sat. 17<sup>th</sup> September 14:30–17:30</b> <b>(Participants from Japan:Tokyo/Other participants:Online)</b>

## 7. Programme Content (subject to change)

1. <u>Opening ceremony and Orientation</u> Thursday 4 <sup>th</sup> August 13:30–17:30 (JST) (Participants from Japan:Tokyo Other participants:Online)	
Time(JST)	Activities
13:30–14:00	Opening and general presentation of the programme Opening remarks Introduction of the programme
14:00–15:10	Exchange and Interaction among participants Participants are divided into some groups to introduce themselves.
15:10–15:30	Break
15:30–16:00	Introduction of Model UNESCO agenda and procedure
16:00–16:15	Break
16:15–17:00	Exchange interaction between pairs 1. Announcement of pair combination and delegates(15min) 2. Exchange interaction between pairs(30min)

An orientation will be held to explain the overall flow of the programme. There will also be an exchange meeting among participants who will learn together for a following month. Pairs of Japanese and international participants will be announced at this time (20 pairs). From August to September, the pairs will do research, formulate policy of their assigned countries about the agenda, and submit their position paper.

### 2. Workshops for Dialogue

**1<sup>st</sup> Workshop (Thinking about the question which has no correct answer)**

**Friday 5<sup>th</sup> August 14:30~17:30 (All participants: Online)**

**2<sup>nd</sup> Workshop (Session in preparation for Model UNESCO)**

**Monday 8<sup>th</sup> August 14:30~17:00 (All participants: Online)**

**3<sup>rd</sup> Workshop (Dialogue with the guest lecturer)**

**Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> September 14:30~17:00 (All participants: Online)**

**1<sup>st</sup> workshop on 5<sup>th</sup> August**

<b>Time (JST)</b>	<b>Activities</b>
14:30-14:45	Orientation
14:45-15:15	Self-introduction and Free talk
15:15-15:30	Break
15:30-16:10	Group Discussion
16:10-16:40	Sharing
16:40-17:00	Break
17:00-17:20	Reflection
17:20-17:30	Announcement about the next workshop Close

**2<sup>nd</sup> workshop on 8<sup>th</sup> August**

<b>Time(JST)</b>	<b>Activities</b>
14:30-14:45	Model UNESCO Orientation
14:45-15:15	Model UNESCO Rule and Procedure
15:15-15:30	Break
15:30-16:30	Activity to understand Model UNESCO's rule and procedure
16:30-16:40	Reflection
16:40-17:00	Announcement about the next event Close

**3<sup>rd</sup> workshop on 9<sup>th</sup> August**

<b>Time(JST)</b>	<b>Activities</b>
14:30-14:45	Orientation
14:45-15:45	Lecture from guest speaker and Q&A session
15:45-16:00	Break
16:00-16:20	Activity
16:20-16:40	Reflection
16:40-17:00	Announcement about the next event Close

Three Workshops are designed to deepen the participants' understanding of "self, others, and society" by considering various questions for which there are no correct answers and engaging in dialogue with others. These three workshops will provide participants with opportunities to think about "self, others, and society" deeply, using a variety of methods that take into account their interests and enjoyment.

<b><u>3. Model UNESCO</u></b>	
<b>Sunday 11th September 12:00~19:00 (All participants online)</b>	
<b>Time(JST)</b>	<b>Activities</b>
12:00-18:30	Model UNESCO Conference
18:30-19:00	Announcement about the next event

Participants will assume the role of delegates from different countries and simulate an actual international meeting of the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO). Through the activities, participants will deepen their understanding of issues in the international community and acquire problem-solving skills through collaboration with others from different backgrounds. The agenda will be selected from UNESCO's areas of activity: education, science, culture, and information and communication. The agenda of the Model UNESCO will be announced later.

<b><u>4. Reflection</u></b>	
<b>Saturday 17th September 14:30~17:30</b>	
<b>(Participants from Japan:Tokyo Other participants:Online)</b>	
<b>Time(JST)</b>	<b>Activities</b>
14:30-14:45	Orientation
14:45-15:15	Reflection
15:15-16:00	Sharing
16:00-16:30	Break
16:30-17:30	Closing ceremony

By sharing among participants about their findings and learnings through the programme and their action plans for the future, participants can get more motivated for their future.

### **8. Language**

English

Simultaneous or consecutive interpreter will not be provided.

### **9. Implementation Method**

Online (Zoom)

### **10. Portrait rights and Personal Information**

The applicant are required to agree in advance to the following before applying for the programme. Personal information will be handled in strict confidentiality and will not be

used for any purpose other than the operation of this programme.

1) Photographs taken during the programme will be used in paper and electronic media, including materials and websites produced by ACCU and cooperating institutions.

2) Information in the application forms submitted by participants will be shared with cooperating institutions as needed for programme preparation and administration.

### **11. Publication**

All participants are required to submit participant reports by the middle of November and the implementation report will be published by ACCU.

### **12. Certificate**

Certificate will be issued to participants who complete the all sessions of the programme.