

There are 6 subcommittees tackling different problems you can choose from.

The members of the organizational committee have chosen 6 topics to focus on within the respective subcommittees and have prepared a welcoming message for each of them.

Please read the messages you can find below before you make your choice.

(You can pick 3 subcommittees and let us know which is your top priority!)

◆ Subcommittee 1 「Multicultural Coexistence」 ～Let's create an equal society as fellow citizens of the Earth～

Do you know what "multicultural coexistence" means? In recent years, Japan has been experiencing increased globalization, and the number of foreign residents is also rising. However, due to various cultural differences—such as skin color and religion—human rights violations against foreigners are occurring. It also feels like the number of people who hold prejudices against foreign countries and foreigners is increasing. In our subcommittee whose members include people with foreign roots, we will learn about the cultural differences between Japan and other countries. We will think about what is necessary to achieve better coexistence. Let's share our thoughts and take action together to help realize a multicultural society!

◆ Subcommittee 2 「Healthcare」 ～Understanding healthcare gaps: Japan and the world～

What comes to your mind first when you hear the word “healthcare”? This field includes a wide range of topics—from those frequently covered in the news to others that are less well known. In our subcommittee, we will focus on two main themes: the medical expenses individuals pay in Japan and around the world, and the awareness and knowledge of health practices. Disparities exist not only overseas but also close to home—for example, even within Kumamoto Prefecture. By comparing Japan with other countries, and also comparing different cities within Kumamoto, we will identify existing issues and think together about what we, as high school students, can do from our own perspectives.

◆ Subcommittee 3 「Poverty」 ～Let's eliminate poverty! Learn, feel, and think. How can people around the world live better lives?～

Are you aware of issues such as child labor, child soldiers, the hidden problems behind fast fashion, and disparities in access to education? All of these issues are connected to poverty. In this subcommittee, we will learn what poverty really is and think together about how we can improve and solve the problems that arise from it!

◆ Subcommittee 4 「Environment」 ～Protecting nature's beauty and biodiversity for tomorrow～

Are you aware of animals that are at risk of extinction? Due to the constantly changing global environment, even the beautiful nature, clean water, and rich biodiversity of Kumamoto—where we live—may one day come to an end. To protect these limited resources, let's share ideas and actions that we, as high school students, can take. Together, we'll explore practical efforts that can make a difference!

◆ Subcommittee 5 「Natural Disasters」 ～Let's reduce the impact of disasters on foreigners by providing safe and reliable support～

Japan is a country prone to natural disasters such as typhoons, heavy rains, and earthquakes. Foreign residents are especially vulnerable during disasters—not only because of language barriers, but also because many have never experienced such disasters in their home countries. The number of foreign residents in Japan is rapidly increasing, as is the number of tourists visiting from abroad. What would happen if a massive earthquake or a super typhoon struck right now? Let's learn about the challenges faced by foreigners during disasters and the kinds of support they need. Together, let's think about what we can do to help build a disaster-resilient and inclusive society—one where diverse people can live safely together.

◆ Subcommittee 6 「Happiness」 ～Let's find your own unique happiness～

Do you think people in developing countries are unhappy? You might assume so based on objective indicators like low GDP, lack of legal systems, or inadequate infrastructure. But have the people in those countries actually said they are unhappy? Isn't happiness really about personal satisfaction? Even if something may seem unfortunate from an outsider's perspective, what truly matters is whether the person themselves feels happy. We believe that subjective happiness is what counts most. Have you ever experienced a time when something made you anxious, but you found a sense of happiness that outweighed that anxiety—something uniquely yours? Why not embark on a journey to discover that kind of happiness—one that only you can define?