

Asian Civil Societies' Message to G8 Summit

“Establish Effective Mechanism for Sustainable Society”

All G8 Summit members should:

Prioritize the establishment of “Sustainable Global Community” as the first agenda, which benefits not only the national level but also international cooperation. Based on such the prioritization, develop a clear vision for international and national action.

Develop a comprehensive, time-bound and feasible action plan for international as well as internal action, and plan, implement, and monitor the process.

Develop a comprehensive and inter-sectoral education mechanism with the context of the UNESD while tackling emerging local internal and international sustainable issues such as climate change.

Develop and adopt a mechanism to promote dialogue among stakeholders including citizens, enterprises, and policy makers at regional, national and local levels.

For further information

<http://www.esd-j.org/en/archives/000655.html>

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Promote Education for Sustainable Development



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Global Economy



Poverty

Oil Crisis



Waste Management



Discrimination

Gender Issues

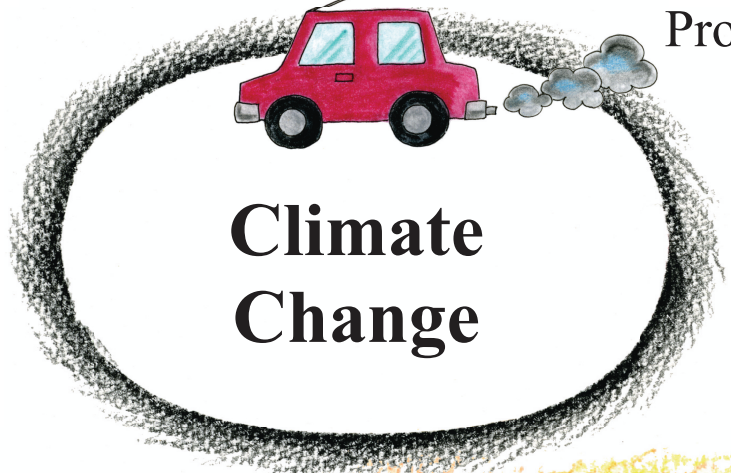
Bio-diversity

Natural Resources Problem

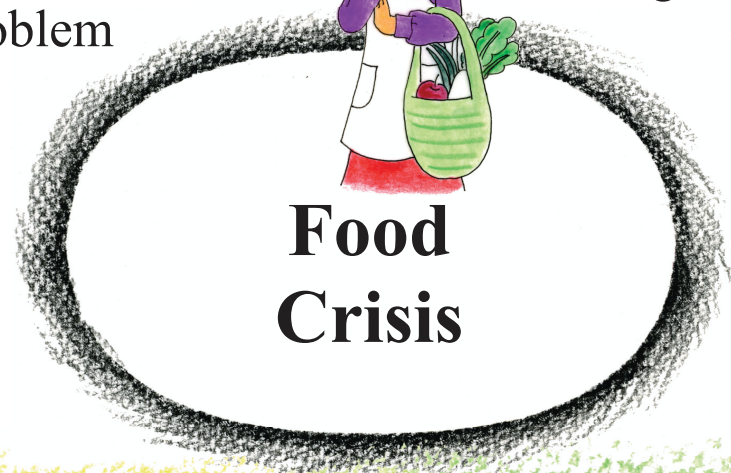


Welfare Issues

Multicultural Issues



Climate Change



Food Crisis



Development/Peace

Human Rights Issues

Asian civil societies, which have worked with the concept of "Education for Sustainable Development, ESD", gathered in Tokyo to convey voices from the fields, where people are working hard to make 'society sustainable,' toward the discussion table of G8 Summit.

Wisdom for sustainability can be found in the Asian traditional life which is symbolized by a "rice based society"

Through our case studies, we confirmed that education based on dialogue and mutual learning at the regional, national and local level has tremendous value for creating a sustainable society.

Integrated Education for Sustainable Future

ESD

Education for Sustainable Development

In order to realize through sustainable development a future in which we can all live with a greater sense of security, each and every one of us must cooperate and combine forces in an effort to solve the plethora of problems we face. ESD refers to education that empowers people for tackling these problems that lie between us and such a future.

ESD is education that we all need to become involved in, not just at school, but in our regions, communities, and every other imaginable situation. As well, above all, it is vital that ESD is carried out in a way that suits the actual circumstances of each community or individual. Various forms of ESD are already being implemented in a range of locations both in Japan and overseas. We are all capable of playing a leading role in building a better future, and so it is up to us to ensure that even better forms of ESD continue to spread around the world and that sustainable development becomes a reality.

