



伊勢志摩サミット  
三重県民会議



**AEON 1%  
Club Foundation**

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## **Deepening the Bonds of Friendship between Japanese High School Students and Junior Summit Participants** **Representing Each G7 Country**

**Aeon 1% Club is a special sponsor of the 2016 Junior Summit in Mie**



AEON 1% Club Foundation (hereafter AEON 1% Club) will be helping organize the Tokyo program for the 2016 Junior Summit in Mie (hereafter, Junior Summit) hosted by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs.

The Junior Summit, held from Friday April 22<sup>nd</sup> to Thursday the 28<sup>th</sup>, is related to the Ise-Shima Summit held this May, in which 28 prospective young representatives aged 15 to 18 from each member country of G7 discuss on related topics along with G7 Summit and compile a final report.

In this Tokyo program dated from Tuesday April 26<sup>th</sup> to Thursday the 28<sup>th</sup>, AEON 1% Club provides an opportunity for inter-personal exchange among participating representatives from G7 countries and the students from Senior High School at Otsuka, University of Tsukuba (hereafter the High School) hoping to add friendly memories for the young G7 representatives. The High School, appointed as a Super Global High School\* by the Ministry of Education, had also participated in another cultural exchange program run by AEON 1% Club, Teenage Ambassadors Program, in its strive to cultivate international mind among its students. In this time's program, the students from the school will work in pairs with the representatives with English as a common tongue, deepening their friendship through activities such as school visits, homestays, and sightseeing in Tokyo. Also, in order to commemorate the newly built friendship across G7 countries, the students will be planting Kousa dogwood trees that symbolize "friendship" in the Language of Flowers, on school premises, with the installation of plate inscribed with the names of the participants, praying for future growth and the chance to meet again, along with prayers for deepening friendship between Japan and each country.

Aeon 1% Club has implemented numerous activities with objectives such as "Sound development of the next generation" and "promotion of friendship with foreign countries." Since 1990 we've been organizing Teenage Ambassador program that aims to cultivate global perspective and mutual understanding among high school students in Japan and Asia. So far, we've had 2,052 high school students from 18 countries including Japan participated in the program. It is this many years of experience in organizing inter-personal exchange programs that has earned us trust and led to this opportunity to play supportive role in hosting the Tokyo program for the 2016 Junior Summit in Mie.

The Foundation will continue to provide opportunities for the children and youth of tomorrow to build cross-border friendship and gain better understanding about each other.



Teenage Ambassador Program with Italy (2010)



Teenage Ambassador Participant Alumni Party (2009)

(\*)High schools specified by the Ministry of Education that, through education, promote the development of global leaders who are equipped with interest in student social issues, as well as international sophistication such as thorough education, communication skills, and problem solving skills, who can be active internationally in the future.

### **【Program Schedule】**

Date: Tokyo dates Tues. April 26<sup>th</sup> to Thurs. April 28<sup>th</sup>

Order: 26<sup>th</sup> (Tues) Dinner meeting with students from Senior High School at Otsuka, University of Tsukuba

27<sup>th</sup> (Wed) Participants report their discussion summary at embassy of their own country

Trial class at Senior High School at Otsuka, University of Tsukuba

Friendship commemoration tree planting

Homestay

28<sup>th</sup> (Thurs) Traditional food culture experience (sushi-making)

Visit to Tokyo (Asakusa, Akihabara, Harajuku)

Farewell reception