



Hosting “Asia Youth Leaders 2021”

High School Students from 8 Nations to Discuss Reducing Food Loss Online

The AEON 1% Club Foundation will host Asia Youth Leaders 2021 online (via Zoom), over three days from December 20 (Monday) to 22 (Wednesday).

The Asia Youth Leaders program, which was launched in 2010, is now in its twelfth year. The program has been implemented with the purpose of enabling high school students and university students from various Asian nations, including Japan, to develop their problem-solving abilities and capabilities for spontaneous action through observations related to social issues of the host region and discussions held in the common language of English, and to foster global sensibilities and learn about diversity of values. The cumulative total of participants in the program, including the current event, is 1,066 students.

At present, various initiatives are taking place worldwide to reduce the volume of greenhouse gas emissions, the cause of global warming, in order to curb global warming, which threatens the sustainability of our society. However, the path that lies ahead towards the achievement of this goal is a steep one.

With a focus on the fact that business activities and dietary habits are a source of greenhouse gas emissions, the Foundation will integrate the upcoming three years of the program under the theme “Creating the Future of Sustainable Food to Contribute to the Realization of a Decarbonized Society”, and will implement the program accordingly.

This year, the first of the three-year plan, the issue of reducing food loss will be raised. Seventy-two high school students from eight Asian nations, including Japan, will watch lectures given by experts in relation to the global situation and problems. Afterwards, participants will be split into ten mixed-nationality teams, in which they will hold group discussions. On the final day, participants will individually consider their own “Declaration of Action for Food Loss Reduction”, and group leaders will represent each team to give presentations of the students’ concrete actions towards solving this issue.

The Foundation will continue to contribute to the sound development of the next generation and the promotion of friendship with foreign countries through the provision of various opportunities for international exchange in future.

Event Outline

1. Dates: December 20 (Mon.) to 22 (Wed.)
2. Participants: 72 high school students from Indonesia, Cambodia, Thailand, China, Japan, Vietnam, Malaysia, and Laos
3. Venue: KFC Hall & Rooms
(Kokusai Fashion Center, 1-6-1 Yokoami, Sumida Ward, Tokyo 130-0015)
4. Main Schedule: December 20 (Mon.) Orientation, Keynote Lecture I, Lecture II
December 21 (Tue.) Lecture III, Group Discussion
December 22 (Wed.) Results Presentation

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Lectures

Dates: December 20 (Mon.) to 22 (Wed.)

Venue: Online via Zoom

I: December 20 (Mon.) 11:30~12:30

Ms. Rumi Ide, Journalist specializing in Food Loss Issues

”The Food Loss Situation and Issues from a Global Perspective” (Keynote Lecture)

II: December 20 (Mon.) 15:30~16:30

Dr. Karin Dobernig

Head of Institute for Sustainability, University of Applied Sciences Wiener Neustadt

”Food Loss Issues in Consumers’ Everyday Lives”

III: December 20 (Tue.) 10:30~11:30

Dr. Bethaney Turner

Associate Professor, Centre for Creative & Cultural Research, Faculty of Arts and Design, Canberra University

”Towards the Future: Reducing Food Loss and Realizing a Decarbonized Society”

Results Presentation

Date & Time: December 22 (Wed.) 12:00~18:00

Venue: Online (via Zoom)

Review Panel: Ms. Eva Bachtiar, Founder and CEO of Garda Pangan

Dr. Steven Robert McGreevy, Visiting Associate Professor, FEAST Project, Research Institute for Humanity and Nature

Order of Ceremony: Results Presentation 12:00~16:00

1. Opening Address, Introduction of Panel
2. Presentation (4 teams)
3. Presentation (3 teams)
4. Presentation (3 teams)

Zoom Webinar
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Closing Ceremony 17:00~18:00

1. Closing Address
2. General Comments
3. Team Leader Declarations
4. Granting of Certificates

Zoom Meeting
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Reference Asia Youth Leaders Activities from 2010~2020



1st Event, 2010 (Vietnam)
Theme: Biodiversity
25 Japanese university students interacted with university students from Hanoi and Ho Chi Minh City



2nd Event, 2011 (Vietnam)
Theme: Sustainable Development
90 university students from Japan, Thailand and Vietnam participated



3rd Event, 2012 (Japan)
Theme: Water and the Economy
96 university students from Indonesia, Japan, Thailand and Vietnam participated



4th Event, 2013 (Indonesia)
Theme: Waste Issues
84 university students and 80 high school students from China, Indonesia, Japan, Malaysia, Thailand and Vietnam participated



5th Event, 2014 (Vietnam)
Theme: Air Pollution
32 university students and 33 high school students from Indonesia, Japan, and Vietnam participated



6th Event, 2015 (China)
Theme: Waste Issues
50 university students and 68 high school students from China, Indonesia, Japan, Malaysia, Thailand and Vietnam participated



7th Event, 2016 (Thailand)
Theme: Water Quality Problems
45 university students and 66 high school students from China, Indonesia, Japan, Malaysia, Thailand and Vietnam participated



8th Event, 2017 (Japan) Year 1 of 3-year Plan
Theme: Food and Health
53 high school students from Japan, Thailand, Malaysia, Indonesia, Vietnam and China participated



9th Event, 2018 (Indonesia) Year 2 of 3-year Plan
Theme: Food and Health
85 high school students from China, Indonesia, Japan, Malaysia, Thailand and Vietnam participated



10th Event, 2019 (Vietnam) Year 3 of 3-year Plan
Theme: Food and Health
115 high school students from 9 countries (Indonesia, Thailand, China, Japan, Vietnam, Malaysia, Cambodia, Myanmar and Laos) participated





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Sound Development of the Next Generation

The Foundation cultivates children's abilities to think independently about issues in their own regions, on environmental and social themes, while learning about societal rules. Furthermore, we support the building of new schools in countries that lack sufficient educational facilities.

Promotion of Friendship with Foreign Countries

We provide students with opportunities for international cultural and interpersonal exchange, and strengthen the bonds of friendship between Japan and various countries by deepening mutual understanding. In addition, we support the development of internationally-minded citizens through actions such as awarding scholarships to foreign students in Japan.

Sustainable Development of Regional Communities

The Foundation supports the transmission of traditional events and culture firmly rooted in local regions, which needs to be passed down to the next generations, and works to foster new talent who will shoulder the responsibilities of such activities. In addition, we provide support for the revival and reconstruction of regions damaged by large-scale natural disasters.

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