

**Japan-ASEAN Training Course towards SDGs
"Learning Japanese culture and Biodiversity
from UNESCO Biosphere Reserves in Japan"**

Goals:

Strengthening the capacities of youth interested in sustainable develop to solve environmental issues and introducing economic models to support sustainable development processes. Ensuring dialogue and active exchange of knowledge on joint regional actions in relation to the conservation of biological and cultural diversity of Japan.

Tasks:

- Develop and present training modules that comprehensively disclose the issues of sustainable development goals.
- Conduct educational training for the university students interested in SDGs and Biosphere Reserves.
- Improve the knowledge and understanding of the participants towards the promotion of the principles of sustainable development, including education, science, green economy and tools for assessing natural resources.

Organizers:

Kanazawa University, Japan
SUN/SixERS¹

- 1 SUN/SixERS is an organization established by the Consortium of Six National Universities in Japan - Chiba University, Niigata University, Kanazawa University, Okayama University, Nagasaki University and Kumamoto University - to promote partnerships and cooperation among six national universities in the field of international activities.

Date:

October 11th – 15th, 2021

Targeted participants:

Students from AUN and SUN/SixERS member universities who are interested in SDGs and Biosphere Reserves in Japan

Format Description:

It is supposed to hold 5 meetings:

3 sessions with speakers from Biosphere Reserves in Japan (on demand) (estimated duration of each session is about 40 minutes)

2 sessions with the participation of speakers from Kanazawa University (real time) with discussion and a short Q&A session (the estimated duration of each session is about 60 minutes)

Language:

English

Platform:

“Real-time” lectures will be on Zoom

“On demand” modules will be shared on the platform of Google Drive.

Training certification and testing:

To increase the quality of the course and the interest of the participants in the full study of the training materials, we will introduce a feedback testing system. After each session, the course knowledge will be assessed through thematic testing. Those listeners who answer correctly to the proposed questions and the total percentage of correct answers will be at least 80% will be able to get access to participate in the final lecture. After completing all stages of the training, students will be able to receive certificates with marks about the thematic sessions they listened to, the number of hours and the number of points based on the results of testing.

Classes' scope of content:

1. Japanese initiative to reach SDGs inside the designated Biosphere Reserves of UNESCO's Man and Biosphere Program
2. Case study on regional revitalization of UNESCO's Mount Hakusan Biosphere Reserve

Expected results:

- Strengthening ties between youth representatives in ASEAN and Japan;
- Opportunities to popularize the activities and scientific research of organizations whose representatives will take part in the training;
- Opportunity to attract the attention of youth representatives and get their contact details for subsequent interaction;

Criteria for recruitment:

The number of students to be admitted to the program is 65.

(50 from AUN, 15 from SixERS)

In case of too many applications, we will select participants based on their reasons for application and English scores.