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# OSAKA UNIVERSITY SDGS VIRTUAL STUDENT EXCHANGE-2023













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# Osaka University SDGs Virtual Student Exchange Program 2023

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#### **Overview:**

The SDGs Virtual Student Exchange aims to create opportunities for students at Osaka University and its partner universities worldwide to learn about the SDGs, share their ideas through creative media, and discuss their role in global actions. The program, launched in 2021, will lead up to Osaka World Expo 2025, Kansai, Japan and will consist of interrelated programs. We hope the program will bring our students at Osaka University and partner universities overseas even closer.

# Goal:

1) Promote online student exchange activities in the COVID and post-Covid era, connect Osaka University students and students at partner universities around the world

- 2) Raise awareness of social issues and the SDGs and encourage students to take an active role in making solutions
- 3) Foster creative, innovative thinking, digital and communication skills that are necessary for future work lives

# **Content:**

The program consists of four main parts:

- 1) Video Production Workshop
- 2) "Learning SDGs Globally & Locally" Intensive Online Course
- 3) "3 Minutes of Inspiration for Sustainable Development" Student Video Contest
- 4) Video Contest Awards Ceremony & Virtual Student Forum

# Table 1. Summary of the four components

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1. Video Production Workshop	2. Online Summer Course	3. Student Video Contest	4. Video Contest Awards Ceremony & Student Forum
Dates: To be confirmed (2- day) Contents: • In-person workshop for Osaka University students • Introduction to video production for global audience • Making video plan • Camera setting, technical considerations before, during, and after shooting • Editing the video using basic software programs	<ul> <li>Dates: August 21-29 (7 workdays) 15:00-16:30 (Japan Standard Time)</li> <li>Classes: <ul> <li>8/21 Orientation to the course</li> <li>8/22 Overview of SDGs</li> <li>8/22-28 Guest faculties to deliver a class on four themes</li> <li>8/29 Student discussion and action plan</li> </ul> </li> <li>Contents: Key SDGs topics, case studies, and student group discussions</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Timeframe: May to October</li> <li>(Information session for interested students during this period)</li> <li>Entry deadline: October 22 (Sunday)</li> <li>Video submission by: October 31 (Tuesday)</li> <li>Selection committee: Faculty and experts from inside and outside OU</li> </ul>	Date: December 15, 2023 (TBD) Contents: Keynote speech, Awards ceremony, Presentation by awardees, Discussion session among nominated video producers (including previous years' winners)
Participants: 20 students (new in 2023)	Credit: 1 credit Eligible participants: Osaka University students, exchange students, and students partner universities with virtual study abroad agreements, APRU and AEARU university members Seat limit: 80 students (2022): 136 students from 19 universities in 16 countries/regions	( <b>2022</b> ): 92 videos from students studying in 14 countries	( <b>2022</b> ): 131 participants from 16 countries