

The Twenty-second International Students Summit (ISS) on Food, Agriculture and Environment

Youth contribution toward global agricultural and environmental innovation in achieving sustainability focusing on food security and health.

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Statement

Several countries in the world are currently leaving behind the COVID-19 where populations are readjusting to live with it. Nevertheless, it can be said that this pandemic still affecting millions of people who were already made vulnerable by food insecurity as the cumulative results of several years of climate instability. Our communities must take smart and efficient decisions based on our common commitments to reducing to the minimum all emissions of greenhouse gases which impact multiple aspects of our lives. The challenge nowadays is double as the world must still find sustainable solutions to the environment and food crisis, as well as human health issues. This global situation makes it evident and urgent to draw together the wisdom and vitality of youth, the torchbearers of the future of mankind. There are especially wide-ranging missions for agricultural students, as agricultural science plays a key role in the solution of fundamental problems in food production and safety, environmental conservation, energy, and human health. How the youth is act to bring answers to those challenges is utmost needed and represents an outline of what one can expect in the future innovations to tackle such issues.

Tokyo University of Agriculture (Tokyo NODAI) organizes the “International Students Summit (ISS) on Food, Agriculture and Environment” to provide students from our global partner universities with an opportunity to gather and exchange views and ideas on global food, agricultural, and environmental issues, and also to discuss their own roles in sustainable development.

This year, the 22nd ISS will take place on August 2-8, 2023 around the theme “*Youth contribution toward global agricultural and environmental innovation in achieving sustainability focusing on food security and health*”, which was adopted at the 21st ISS. In accordance with the borders opening in several countries, but not all, the event will be held as a hybrid conference, giving the possibility to return to the original in-person ISS format as before the pandemic. In this hybrid format, a small number of participants will be invited to Japan, while the remaining will attend the ISS remotely. It is expected to fully return to the ISS of physical meetings in the next years as the global health situation allows it. We expect the participant students, attending remotely or physically, to share the activities they have undertaken at their university during their presentations and discussions. The framework of student activity as to the rationale, methods, implications (economic, social and cultural), and constraints should be clarified in order to foster their contributions to the solution of global problems for the sustainability of this world. Basically, one oral presentation will be accommodated for each participating university in the following sessions.

Session 1: Students’ Actions in the field of **agriculture**

Session 2: Students’ Actions in the field of **environment**

Session 3: Students’ Actions in the field of **food**

Session 4: Students’ Actions in the field of **education**

Session 5: Students’ Actions in the field of **nutrition**

- Submitted abstracts will be reviewed by ISS Committee to evaluate if the presentation is within the scope of the ISS theme.
- Each partner university is required to appoint a faculty advisor to support the presenter. The advisors are welcome to attend ISS online or physically if self-sponsored or otherwise supported.
- Each partner university is encouraged to report the summary of the selection process of the presenter (to show his/her excellence).

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