

High School Students International Conference Event Overview & Requirements

Tokyo English Channel is an online event connecting high school students (and junior high school students) in Tokyo with high school students around the world. The event will last approximately 2 hours and 45 minutes (tentative). Participants must have internet connection required for webcasting/video conferencing.

- ◆ Event Name : TOKYO ENGLISH CHANNEL, High School Students International Conference
- ◆ Date & Time : 16th of February 2025 12:30 ~ 15:15(JST)
- ◆ Capacity : 80 people in each session (40 students from Japan + 40 students from overseas)
- ◆ Participants : Tokyo high school students, high school students living in Tokyo
*Tokyo junior high school students can also apply.

: Overseas students (Approaching)
Australia (New South Wales, Queensland), Canada(British Columbia), Egypt, Finland, France,
Indonesia, Jordan, New Zealand, Singapore, Thailand, Taiwan(Taipei, Kaohsiung), UAE, Vietnam (Hanoi)
- ◆ Ways to participate : This event will be held at the venue on-site and online.
Japanese students : In-person or online conference system
Overseas students : Online conference system (Microsoft Teams)
- ◆ Organizer : Tokyo Metropolitan Board of Education
- ◆ HP : <https://www.tec.metro.tokyo.lg.jp/>

TIME	LAP	Agenda	Content	Note
12:30	30 min	Assembly	• Online participants : Zoom Meeting and Reception • Ice-breaker time	
13:00	5 min	Opening	Explanation of the purpose of the event and introduction of the main presenters	
13:05	15 min	Keynote speech	Theme : Perspectives on Succeeding in a Global Society Mr. Morley Robertson	
13:20	15 min	Break time		
13:35	30 min	Breakout sessions (Discussion)	A : Topic “What We Can Do to Protect the Environment in the Future” Ms. Tsuyuki Shiina	Participants will be divided into breakout rooms and discussions will take place. ※Each room will have a facilitator
			B : Topic “A New World Opened up by Challenges” Ms. Hirotsumi Sumire	
			C : Topic “The Power of Cross-Cultural Understanding and Empathy: Social Connection in the Age of Globalization” Dr. Robert Campbell	
14:05	15 min	Break time		
14:30	50 min	Presentation & Comments	Up to 20 groups will share their suggestions (2 minutes per group). The main presenters will provide feedback to each breakout session group.	
15:10	5 min	Summary	The main presenters will give a final comment about the students’ presentations.	
15:15			Closing and Exit	

■ Pre-learning preparation in advance

1. Selecting a Breakout Session Topic

Select a breakout session (topic) that interests you.

Pre-learning Preparation

Watch the introductory videos of the main presenter and of the breakout session you will be participating in and confirm your discussion topic. Also use the worksheet to prepare in advance.

■ On the Day of the Event

1. Reception

Please open the event URL when the reception time comes.

2. Opening

Explanation of the purpose of the event and introduction of the main presenter.

3. General Assembly

Listen to the Keynote Speech by the main presenter.

4. Breakout Sessions
(Sharing your opinions)

You will be divided into breakout session groups (by topic). Each group will have one facilitator. Share your opinions with your group members in English.

5. Discussion

Exchange opinions based on your own and your peers' thoughts. Together with the facilitator, participants will sort out their "Similarities" and "Differences" and put together a summary of suggestions on how to proceed going forward.

6. Presentations

All the participants will gather together.
One representative will share a summary of the suggestions the group made together.

7. Commentary

The main presenter will provide feedback on the suggestions to each breakout session group.

8. Ending

The main presenter will give final commentary on the event as a whole.

Keynote Speech Topic: **Perspectives on Succeeding in a Global Society**

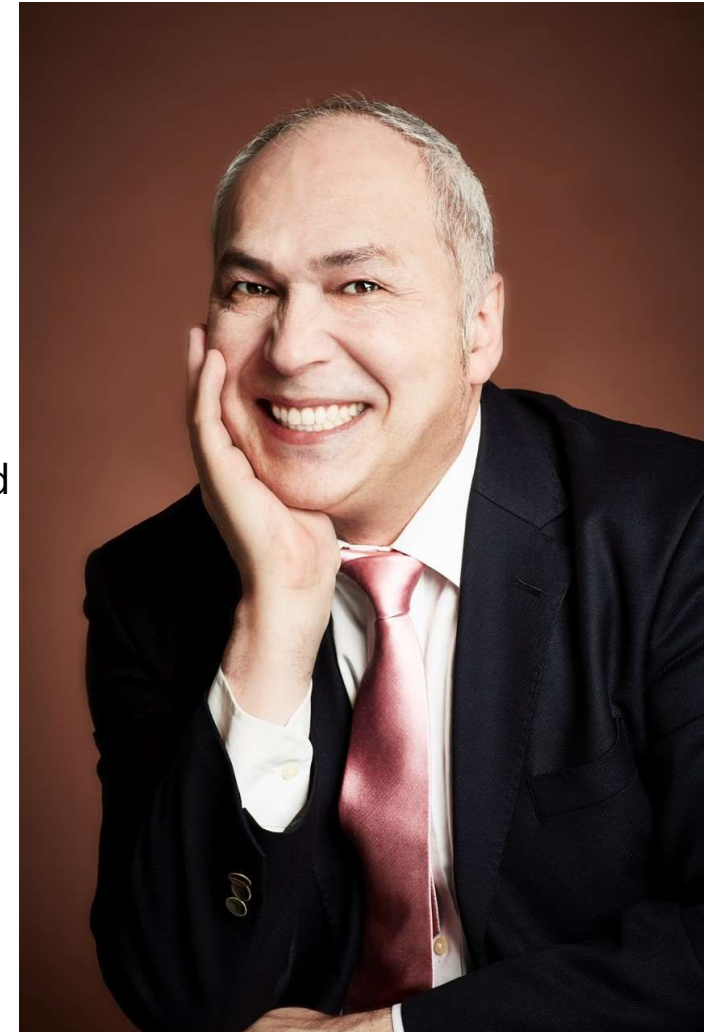
Drawing from his own experiences, Mr. Robertson discusses the importance of cultivating a broad perspective and international education. He explores cultural and value differences between Japan and other countries, highlights the mindset and adaptability needed to thrive in a global society, and emphasizes the passion to pursue one's dreams.

Main Presenter: **Morley Robertson**

(International Journalist/Commentator)

Educated both in Japan and the U.S., Mr. Robertson majored in Electronic Music and Animation at Harvard University, graduating in 1988. Since graduation, he has worked extensively as a writer and radio and television personality, sharing his sharp perspectives on society and culture. He has been actively involved in podcasts and online media since their early days, pursuing new forms of communication.

He also has a focus on regional revitalization and has been involved in regional development and international cultural exchange, as well as serving the local community as a policy advisor. Active in a variety of fields, he also plays historical figures as an actor. In his presentation, Mr. Robertson will discuss cross-cultural understanding and the challenges of looking to the future, providing a global perspective.



Session Topic: What We Can Do to Protect the Environment in the Future

In this session, you will consider climate change and the importance of taking concrete actions to protect our environment. As individuals, we must think about how we can solve environmental issues that closely affect us.

Presenter: Tsuyuki Shiina (Environmentalist/SHIINA organic Founder)

She was born in Yokohama in 2001, raised in Chinatown. She spent 3 years of her high school life at "Green School Bali" in Indonesia, "the most eco-friendly school in the world", and graduated. She participated in COP24 (Conference of the Parties to the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change) in Poland and COP25 in Spain. She launched SHIINA organic for her younger sister who had sensitive skin. In September 2019, she enrolled in Keio University. She is currently taking a break from university to give lectures on the environment to elementary, middle, and high schools across Japan. She has given lectures to more than 30,000 people at 220 schools.



Session Topic: **A New World Opened up by Challenges**

In this session, you will think about the process of overcoming challenges and through understanding that process, be able to find new possibilities from those difficulties.

Presenter: Hirotsuru Sumire (Violinist)

A violinist from Oita City, Japan, she performed with the Kyushu Symphony Orchestra at the age of 12 and made her solo debut at Carnegie Hall in New York City while still in high school. After graduating from Harvard University (B.A.) and The Juilliard School (M.A.), she started her own music consulting company in New York. Currently she is based in Japan, performing all over the world.

She is also a fixed-term associate professor at Akita International University and a visiting associate professor at Seikei University.



Session Topic: The Power of Cross-Cultural Understanding and Empathy: Social Connection in the Age of Globalization

In this session, you will consider the importance of “empathy” when interacting with people from different cultural backgrounds, as well as how we can utilize it in the future global society.

Presenter: Robert Campbell (Professor Emeritus, University of Tokyo, Scholar of Japanese Literature)

A native of New York City, he is a scholar who specializes in the literature of the Edo and Meiji periods. He is particularly known for his research on Chinese classical literature, art, and thought from the mid-Edo to Meiji periods. He holds a Ph.D. from Harvard University and has taught at several Japanese universities, contributing to international academic exchange.

With his in-depth knowledge of Japanese literature and culture, he has lectured and written extensively, serving as a bridge between Japan and other countries in cultural exchange. He has appeared on television and radio programs, continuing to communicate literature and culture to a broad audience through his friendly approach. He also stresses the importance of multicultural coexistence and cross-cultural understanding and promotes dialogue from a global perspective.

