

The Kuroshio Declaration

To commemorate the establishment of “World Tsunami Awareness Day” at the United Nations General Assembly, for the past two days, on 25th and 26th of November 2016, we have gathered at Kuroshio Town, Kochi, which is predicted to suffer from significant damage by a devastating tsunami the Nankai Trough earthquake may cause.

Natural hazards bring severe damage across the world, and many people face having to recover their communities as a result. Although the diversities in countries and regions we live in may create differences in disasters caused by natural hazards we face and our approaches to disaster risk reduction, we all share the common goal of saving all human lives from disasters.

Today, as high school students from around the world, we have learned about what we should and can do to achieve our goal and to contribute to recovery of disaster affected areas.

We hereby declare that we will continue to make our best effort to understand the risks and effects of tsunamis, to pass onto our predecessors’ experiences and knowledge of disaster mitigation and risk reduction to future generations, and most importantly, to save people’s lives from tsunamis and other hazards.

- 1 We will learn.
 - We will obtain correct knowledge on the mechanisms of natural hazards, and the history of damage and disasters so that we can enhance our understanding of natural hazards and their risks.
 - We will learn and study knowledge, skills, and actions that are useful for disaster risk reduction to save people’s lives.
 - We will learn how to face hazards and how to live our lives from people who have experienced such disasters.
 - We will utilize technology to enhance our learning.

- 2 We will take actions.
 - We will keep reminding people of the risk of disasters caused by natural hazards and constantly carry out educational activities to raise people’s awareness of disaster risk reduction.
 - We will recognize ourselves as people who offer help to others instead of people who receive help and we will actively participate in volunteer activities that consider others.
 - We will contribute to community development as members of the community through activities such as proposing actions for disaster risk reduction to the local community and national and local governments.

- 3 We will create.
 - By utilizing our acquired knowledge and skills, we will create useful tools and systems for disaster risk reduction for all kinds of people.
 - We will create global and regional networks of high school students to learn together and cooperate with each other so that we can live together with our friends in the world.
 - We will make use of our wisdom and vitality as future leaders for disaster risk reduction. We will not only revitalize the development of local communities, but also contribute to making our cities and countries more resilient to hazards for the sake of ourselves and children in the future.

While appreciating the blessings of nature and understanding the risks that nature sometimes brings about disasters, we will love and live with nature without fearing those risks.

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High School Students Summit on “World Tsunami Awareness Day” in Kuroshio