



International Students Summit Action Plan

In line with the Tokyo Declaration adopted during the 1st International Students Summit organized by the Tokyo University of Agriculture held last November 19-20, 2001, the action plan has been drawn up in this 2nd International Students Summit. As part of the future generation, we students commit ourselves to the following actions.

General Actions

- ◇ We shall study issues of food, agriculture and environment in holistic manners. We shall serve as a bridge between producers, consumers and professionals for the betterment of the society.
- ◇ We shall not limit ourselves to studying; we shall raise our own awareness and put our ideas into practice.
- ◇ We shall reconsider and emphasize the cultural aspect of agriculture.
- ◇ We shall appreciate and conserve our respective traditional technologies and institutions.

Specific Actions

Environmental Conservation

- ◇ We shall study and make public the roles and values of agriculture and environment, by participating in farm training and the like in rural areas.
- ◇ We shall conduct various campaigns and promotions of the present condition and prospects of agriculture and agricultural communities; and deepen consumers' understanding and interest on agriculture and environment.
- ◇ We shall vigorously promote environmentally friendly agriculture such as organic agriculture for establishing the system of stable supply of safe food.

Biotechnology

- ◇ We shall encourage unbiased research and undertaking. We shall publicize scientific information and research results about biotechnology.
- ◇ We shall vigilantly investigate food biotechnology such as GMO and inform the public about the results.

Food Safety

- ◇ We shall review our respective dietary life, conduct surveys and research on food from farm to table, and update the public about recent findings.
- ◇ We shall encourage strict labeling of food. We shall charge appropriate social responsibilities to any company found to have committed food safety violation.

Food Security

- ◇ We shall reduce food wastes. We shall avoid over consumption to conserve resources and promote health.
- ◇ We shall consume what is needed rather than what is demanded, on the basis of energy-saving local production and local consumption framework.
- ◇ We shall promote home production of food using any available space.

Students Network

- ◇ We shall establish the "International Students Forum," on food, agriculture and environment.
- ◇ As a body, we shall actively lobby and take actions on relevant issues, and represent youth in national and international conferences.

The above action plan shall serve as the basis for the country or area level action plans to be made by students of the respective participating university. Thus, we urge the participating universities to make their respective action plan as soon as possible.

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