

The Nineteenth International Students Summit (ISS) on Food, Agriculture and Environment

*Youth Transforming Thoughts on Sustainable Agriculture and Resource Management to
Connect Local and Global Community*

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Statement

The world is now facing a crisis of sustainability, and we see it tremendously important 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. The system of food production and consumption is without a doubt closely related to the condition of the natural environment, the stage of economic development, and food culture in each country, and their patterns and problems reflect regional characteristics. It is thus important to understand how agriculture and food systems should be organized and maintained in each society.

Tokyo University of Agriculture (Tokyo NODAI) organized 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 19th ISS will be held on September 16-22, 2019 at Tokyo NODAI (Setagaya campus). The theme for this summit is “Youth Transforming Thoughts on Sustainable Agriculture and Resource Management to Connect Local and Global Community”, which was adopted at the 18th ISS. We hope the participating students to focus on their activities undertaken at each university in 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.

- Only 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
- Submitted abstracts will be reviewed by ISS Committee to evaluate if the presentation is within the focus 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 at its own expense.
- Each partner university is required to report the summary of the selection process of the presenter (to show his/her excellence).
- Participants are encouraged to attend Comprehensive International Education Program (CIEP) (4 credits), a one-week program at cost offered by Tokyo NODAI including agricultural internship, lectures, and workshop, to learn agriculture in Asia which will be held prior to ISS.

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