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Sustainable environmental education activities through a holistic approach - "Global Citizenship Education" and "Transformation of Inner Self"-

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Abstract

Located in Hamamatsu - one of Japan's leading industrial cities - our technical high school has been engaged in practical environmental education activities since 1991, and in 1995, established our Environmental Club for developing student-leaders.

We have been working on environmental education with a focus on creating a sustainable society based on the teachings of three famous Japanese educators;

- Tsunesaburo Makiguchi, believed the then current military, political, and economic competition would give way to a new form of competition which he called "Humanitarian Competition" based on the relationship between nature and society.
- Josei Toda stated that humanity is one, sharing a common fate, and that each and every person needs to be aware of their responsibilities as a "Global Citizen."
- Daisaku Ikeda believes that the key to achieving real change on a global scale is the transformation of the individual, called the "Human Revolution."

Each teaches the importance of "Global Citizenship Education" and the transformation of one's inner self. We place importance on environmental education activities that value "Small Steps for Each Person."

Our main activities in the beautiful native area of Lake Hamana, which is an enclosed sea area, the associated Lake Sanaru and Nakatajima Sand Dune basins, include nature conservation activities, cleaning operations, tree planting activities, and surveying activities.

While there are technical and scientific aspects to our program, we add a holistic, humanistic aspect to it with the principal of creating individuals to be responsible environmental citizens and to teach this responsibility to others. Our students expand the "Circle of Empathy" to friends, family, and the local community and teach the importance of the "Sustainable Society".

We are also expanding "Global Citizenship Education" to make "SDGs" a global value. "Education" for children that makes "SDGs", including climate change, a common value throughout the world are extremely important.

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