

September 1st, 2022

**Japan-ASEAN Online program towards SDGs
Understanding depopulation issues and rural development
from cases of rural area in Okayama prefecture in Japan.**

Overview:

Depopulation in the region has started not only in Japan but also in ASEAN countries. In this programme, based on the case of Yakage-city, Okayama Prefecture, and other examples, the participants will consider the challenges and countermeasures faced by the region. Moreover, by sharing examples from ASEAN countries through group work, the participants figure out the challenges and specific measures faced by depopulation areas in ASEAN countries.

Objectives:

1. To share and deepen our understanding of the depopulation issues faced by Japan and ASEAN countries.
2. To develop specific action plans to solve the challenges in the rural areas
3. To deepen understanding of other countries through group work with participants from Japan and ASEAN countries.

Expected outcomes:

1. Participants will be able to understand the issues of depopulation that Japan and ASEAN countries face.
2. Participants will figure out what needs to be done to address the issue of depopulation in Japan and the ASEAN countries.
3. Participants will enhance their cross-cultural competency through interaction with participants from Japan and ASEAN countries.

Program schedule:

October 11th (Tue) -14th (Fri), 2022

Date & time	Contents
Day1	1. Opening remarks (Prof. Takayoshi SUZUKI, Executive Director, SixERS)
October 11 th (Tue) 17:00-18:00 (JST)	2. Message (Dr Choltis DHIRATHITI, Executive Director, AUN) 3. Real-time lecture (Dr Takao INAMORI, Okayama University) - Orientation, lecture, Icebreaking and grouping
	Watching on-demand video material and completing the assignment
Day2 & Day 3	1. Data collection and analysis by Group work
October 12 th (Wed)- 13 th (Thu)	2. Figure out issues and countermeasures in depopulated areas in Japan and ASEAN countries. 3. Prepare PowerPoint slides to explain the issues and countermeasures *Break-out room for group work will be provided between 16:00-19:00. **Dr. INAMORI will supervise the group work during the time.
Day 4	1. Real-time lecture (Group presentation, Wrap-up session)
October 14 th (Fri) 17:00-18:30	2. Message (Prof. Takayoshi SUZUKI, Executive Director, SixERS) 3. Closing remarks (Dr Choltis DHIRATHITI, Executive Director, AUN)
18:30-19:30	(Optional) Cross-cultural meal

The ground rule for the group work:

Group work will proceed according to the following ground rules to implement a meaningful and effective programme.

1. A facilitator chosen within the group will organise the group work.
2. The facilitator actively seeks input from participants who refrain from speaking.
3. Use plain English as much as possible
4. Remember "Leave no one behind", which is the SDGs transformative promise.

Related SDGs goals:



Organisers:

Okayama University, SUN/SixERS

Targeted participants:

Students from AUN and SUN/SixERS member universities who are interested in SDGs, especially depopulation issues and rural development.

Language:

English

Platform:

Real-time lectures will be held on Zoom.

Certification:

After completing the program, participants will receive certificates issued by AUN and SixERS if their attendance rate is more than 80%.

Criteria for recruitment:

The number of students to be admitted to the program is 65. (50 from AUN, 15 from SixERS)

In case of too many applications, we will select participants based on their reasons for application and English scores.

Successful applicants will receive a confirmation email by September 30, 2022.