



## ESD Forum

The ESD Forum is an international conference on Economy, Society and Environment. Education for Sustainable Development (ESD) means education that enables people to foresee, face up to and solve the problems that threaten life on our planet, and that highlights the complexity and interdependence of three spheres, the environment, society and economy.

*(Source: UNESCO – United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization)*

## ESD Forum 2012 in Japan

### Session 1

10/08: Arrival and Orientation

11/08: Opening / Keynotes

12/08: International Youth Day

13-17/08: Selected Topics in Economy, Society and Environment

### Session 2

18-20/08: Departure (18/08) or Visits / Tour

### Extension

21/08: Departure or Extension (21-25/08 with JUNECE)

\*Note ESD Forum 2012 may include Economic Talk (G4), Political Talk and Ambassador Meeting

Information will be updated on the iuventum website at [www.iuventum.org/programs/ef2012.html](http://www.iuventum.org/programs/ef2012.html). In the near future, the ESD Forum may take place in other countries, too.

## Participation and Application Details

Participants/Location: ~120 international students and decision-makers to be convened in central Tokyo at National Olympics Memorial Youth Center (optionally plus buffet breakfast, lunch, dinner meals and accommodation at National Olympics Memorial Youth Center), participants to obtain a certificate. Summer university certificate may be eligible for credit at home university.

The application process runs weekly and monthly on a **first come, first served or first come, first selected** basis until spaces are filled. You can choose from the following options:

- > **Basic:** Admission to Session 1 events
- > **Option 1:** Admission to Session 1 events + meals + accommodation
- > **Option 2:** Admission to Session 1+2 events + meals + accommodation
- > **Option 3:** Option 2 + admission to Extension program

Program fees (in JPY)			
	Single fee 1 person	Friendship fees	
		2 to 9 friends	10 or more friends
Basic	¥50000	¥48000	¥45000
Option 1	¥77000	¥74000	¥70000
Option 2	¥97000	¥94000	¥90000
Option 3 - indicative	¥117000	¥114000	¥110000

Please note: Travel expenses to/from Tokyo and further individual expenses are not covered. Each participant is personally responsible for obtaining insurance and/or visa, if applicable. Partial fee payment to get space, full fee payment to guarantee space. Cancellation fees do apply.

### **Concept**

We need to talk about issues for which we need to act ourselves. Now too many programs for students and decision-makers deal with issues for which we cannot or don't do anything. This is our fundamental problem because, without action, discussion cannot be done with responsibility. Participants will never discuss topics with pressure and responsibility if there is no need for action. We always have a “we-should-do-this” situation.

As a core concept we include the aspect of action. When covering selected systemic topics in Economy, Society and Environment, we talk about the most challenging global issues, including Financial Crises and Global Warming (Climate Change).

The ESD Forum 2012 will be summer university program, it is a contribution to the UN Decade of Education for Sustainable Development (DESD). — The term summer university refers to a type of conference, where typically academics but also professionals give presentations on advanced topics in a field to students. *(Source: Adapted from the Wikipedia article Summer school)*

### **Goals**

1. To understand the present situation and the foreseeable future of our world
2. To identify ESD issues and propose potential solutions
3. To develop leadership skills and our responsibility for the future

Participants need to develop their future both personally and professionally. First, they need to understand the present and the foreseeable future (e.g., 2020) through forecasts. Second, issues will be identified and potential solutions will be proposed through ESD topics and subsequent discussion. Third, participants develop personal and professional sense for responsibility through the discussions, visits, talks and presentations with leading experts and decision-makers.

### **Additional Information**

- Program language: English
- Dress code: Basically business casual
- Eligibility: Students between 18 and 35 years of age should be preceded, professionals and internationally-interested senior people can apply – there's no application restriction.
- Visa: Participants may enter as tourists to join this program (and for tourism in Japan before/after the program, if applicable). Each participant is personally responsible for obtaining a visa, if applicable.
- Admission and Cancellation: Application, payment of fees and invitation will be confirmed for admission. Basically ¥5000, after 30/04: 20%, after 31/05: 30%, after 30/06: 50%, after 31/07: 80%, and after 05/08: 100% of program fees will be charged in case of cancellation.