

Call for Papers: International Symposium on Sustainable Development and ESD

Date: September 23, 2024

Location: Chiba University of Commerce, Chiba, Japan

Fee: No participation fee and the Research Center can cover two-night accommodation fees in our chosen hotel or guest house.

Form of symposium: hybrid (on-site presentations and online presentations are all welcomed)

The Research Center for Sustainability at Chiba University of Commerce is pleased to announce that it will be organizing the International Symposium on Sustainable Development and ESD (Education for Sustainable Development) on 23 September 2024 in Chiba, Japan.

Target 7 of Sustainable Development Goal 4 offers a transformative vision of education: “By 2030, ensure that all learners acquire the knowledge and skills needed to promote sustainable development, including, among others, through education for sustainable development and sustainable lifestyles, human rights, gender equality, promotion of a culture of peace and non-violence, global citizenship and appreciation of cultural diversity and of culture’s contribution to sustainable development”. These arguments call for education to be transformed to contribute to the sustainable development of our global village. The focus of ESD is on cognitive learning outcomes (we need the knowledge to recognize problems in our society precisely), socio-emotional ones (we need to feel responsible for these problems) and behavioral ones (we need the competencies to take action to deal with them), that help learners to be global citizens, who take action for dealing with problems of our community, the challenges addressed by the SDGs especially.

This is why we need to deepen our understanding of ESD: what is ESD, how to introduce ESD into the class, how to achieve a learner-centered pedagogy, how to cover gender equality in our daily teaching, how to stimulate learners’ social emotions for our global village, etc. The proposal related to any aspects and levels of ESD is welcomed: teaching practice, curriculum, governmental education policies, etc.

We also should deepen our comprehension of sustainable development in several levels and fields because ESD can be achieved based on a precise and scientific understanding of environmental and social problems. The proposal related to any aspect of sustainable

development is also welcomed: environmental, social and governance problems, climate change, epidemic, carbon tax, renewable energy, biodiversity, ESG investment, CSR, fair trade, ethical consumption, global partnership, etc.

The language of the symposium is English. Individual presentations will be 20 minutes long, followed by 10 minutes for discussion with the floor and the other presenters.

Please send a submission of no more than 300 words in Word or PDF format to Ryohei KAGEURA at rkageura@cuc.ac.jp by 31 July 2024 with the email subject 'International Symposium on Sustainable Development and ESD'. And direct any inquiries to the same e-mail address.

Submissions should include the following:

Title of paper and key words

Name, institutional affiliation and email address of presenter(s)

An outline of the paper in no more than 300 words

Submissions will be peer reviewed by members of Research Center for Sustainability at Chiba University of Commerce. Decisions about whether or not the proposal is accepted and any developments required will be communicated by 15 August 2024.

The papers presented at the conference will be published in the online journal of Research Centre for Sustainability at Chiba University of Commerce. Please send us the final draft of your paper after the symposium, by 31 October 2024. The journal will be published in December.

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