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REGION IV-A CALABARZON

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
**PEACE PIECE PROJECT'S 4<sup>TH</sup> CHILDREN'S WORLD PEACE  
SUMMIT AND GOI PEACE FOUNDATION'S 2023  
INTERNATIONAL ESSAY CONTEST**

**Schools Division Superintendents**

To

1. In reference to the attached Memorandum of the Department of Education OUOPS No. 2023-6-5195<sup>1</sup> and OM-OUHROD-2023-0581<sup>2</sup>, this Office through the Education Support Services Division, encourages the learners to participate in the events as contained in the attached invitation.
2. For further details, email Rovin James F. Canja, Project Development Officer IV of the Bureau of Learner Support Services – Youth Formation Division at [blss-yfd@deped.gov.ph](mailto:blss-yfd@deped.gov.ph).
3. Immediate dissemination of this Memorandum is desired.

  
**ATTY. ALBERTO T. ESCOBARTE, CESO II**

 Regional Director 

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<sup>1</sup> Invitation From the Philippine Embassy In Japan  
to Participate in Their Youth Activities

<sup>2</sup> Transmittal on the Invitation from the Philippine Embassy in Japan  
for the Youth of the Philippines to Participate in their Activities.



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Republic of the Philippines  
Department of Education  
OPERATIONS

OUOPS No. 2023- 4-5198  
**MEMORANDUM**

**TO :** REGIONAL DIRECTORS  
SCHOOLS DIVISION SUPERINTENDENTS  
ALL OTHERS CONCERNED

**FROM :**   
ATTY. REVSEE A. ESCOBEDO  
Undersecretary for Operations

  
DR. DEXTER A. GALBAN  
Assistant Secretary for Operations

  
FRANCIS CESAR B. BRINGAS  
Assistant Secretary for Operations

**SUBJECT :** INVITATION FROM THE PHILIPPINE EMBASSY IN JAPAN  
TO PARTICIPATE IN THEIR YOUTH ACTIVITIES

**DATE :** 12 MAY 2023

This is in reference to the communication sent by the Philippine Embassy in Japan regarding their invitation for our learners to participate in the Peace Piece Project's 4th Children's **World Peace Summit** and the Goi Peace Foundation's 2023 **International Essay Contest** for Young People.

In relation to this, we would like to endorse to your good office the above mentioned engagements, subject to existing laws and applicable policies of the Department.

Attached herewith is a copy of the invitation email as well as all other pertinent documents regarding the above mentioned events for your reference.

For your consideration and appropriate action.

*Enclosures: As stated*



Republic of the Philippines  
**Department of Education**  
OPERATIONS

OUOPS No. 2023-06-4262

**1<sup>st</sup> Indorsement**

May 4, 2023

Respectfully forwarded to **Dr. Dexter A. Galban**, Assistant Secretary for Operations, **ATTENTION: Rovin James F. Canja**, Project Development Officer IV, Bureau of Learner Support Services-Youth Formation Division, this Department, the herein attached Memorandum OM-OUHROD-2023-0581, dated April 26, 2023, from Gloria Jumamil-Mercado, Undersecretary for Human Resource and Organizational Development, relative to the invitation from the Philippine Embassy in Japan for the Youth of the Philippines to participate in their activities. Also attached herewith is the printed copy of the invitation including its attachments for your reference.

Furthermore, the embassy is requesting assistance to share this information with the schools that have young people who may be interested to send their participants.

Kindly evaluate the said invitation and request subject to existing laws and applicable policies of the Department.

Please direct communication and provide an update on any action taken directly to the party concerned, copy furnish this Office and the OUHROD, citing their tracker code indicated in the upper left-hand corner as mentioned in their memorandum.

For appropriate action.

Thank you.

  
**ATTY. REYSEE A. ESCOBEDO**  
Undersecretary

Encl. as stated

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Republika ng Pilipinas  
**Department of Education**  
**OFFICE OF THE UNDERSECRETARY**  
**HUMAN RESOURCE AND ORGANIZATIONAL DEVELOPMENT**

**MEMORANDUM**  
**OM-OUHROD-2023-0501**

**TO :** **REVSEE A. ESCOBEDO**  
*Undersecretary for Operations*

**DEXTER A. GALBAN**  
*Assistant Secretary for Operations*

**FROM :** **GLORIA SUMAMIL-MERCADO**  
*Undersecretary for Human Resource and Organizational Development*

**SUBJECT :** **TRANSMITTAL ON THE INVITATION FROM THE PHILIPPINE EMBASSY IN JAPAN FOR THE YOUTH OF THE PHILIPPINES TO PARTICIPATE IN THEIR ACTIVITIES**

**DATE :** April 26, 2023

This has reference to the communication received from the Philippine Embassy in Japan on their invitation for participation of the youth from the Philippines to their two (2) activities, Peace Piece Project's 4<sup>th</sup> Children's World Peace Summit and Goi Peace Foundation's 2023 International Essay Contest for Young People. They are requesting for the Department's assistance to share this information with the schools that have young people who may be interested to send their applications.

In this regard, we hereby transmit and endorse this concern to your Office for evaluation and appropriate action. Enclosed in this memo transmittal are pertinent documents for your reference.

Kindly direct communication and provide updates on any action directly to the party concerned, copy furnished this office, citing the tracker code indicated on the upper left-hand corner of this memorandum.

Thank you very much.

**Copy furnished:**

**Cultural Section**  
**Philippine Embassy in Japan**  
cultural@philembassy.net

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## Invitations for possible participation of the youth from the Philippines

2 messages

Cultural Section <cultural@philembassy.net>

To: usec.hrod@deped.gov.ph

Fri, Apr 21, 2023 at 6:30 PM

For the Office of Undersecretary Gloria Jumamil-Mercado  
Human Resource and Organizational Development  
DepEd Representative for DFA

Dear Undersecretary Jumamil-Mercado,

Greetings from the Philippine Embassy in Japan. We wish to take this opportunity to respectfully share two invitations sent to the Philippine Embassy. The invitations provide opportunities for participation of the youth from the Philippines to their activities.

The two invitations received are as follows:

1. Peace Piece Project's 4th Children's World Peace Summit - the chosen youth from various countries are given the opportunity to gather in the International Conference Hall of the House of Representative Members Office Building to exchange views on world peace.
2. Goi Peace Foundation's 2023 International Essay Contest for Young People - This is an annual essay contest for the world's youth in promoting a culture of peace and sustainable development. This program is an activity within the framework of UNESCO's "Education for Sustainable Development: Towards achieving the SDGs"

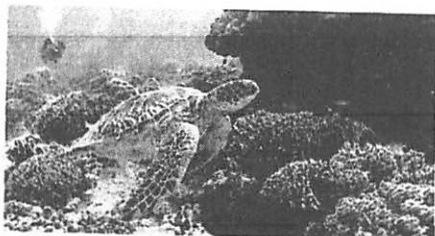
We have attached the application requirements provided on the two activities mentioned above. We would greatly appreciate DepEd's assistance in sharing this information with the schools or the Department's contacts that have young people who may be interested to send their applications.

Respectfully, for the Undersecretary's consideration.

Thank you very much.

Respectfully,

Mary Joy Ramirez  
First Secretary and Consul  
Supervising Officer - Cultural Section  
Embassy of the Philippines in Tokyo  
5-15-5 Roppongi, Minato-ku  
Tokyo, 106-8537



IT'S MORE FUN IN THE  
PHILIPPINES

*The Philippines has one of the world's richest marine ecosystems.*

*Here, the views below are just as beautiful as the ones above.*

*So come be part of the dive. Be part of the fun.*

*The Philippines is getting ready for you to enjoy a  
safe, healthy, and sustainable environment when you visit.*


**#BePartOfTheFun**

**#ItsMoreFunInThePhilippines**

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**2 attachments**

 **4th Children's World Peace Summit Application Requirements.pdf**  
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 **Goi Peace Foundation 2023 International Essay Contest for Young People.pdf**  
367K

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**Office of the Undersecretary for Human Resource and Organizational Development  
(OUHROD) <usec.hrod@deped.gov.ph>**

Mon, Apr 24, 2023 at  
9:11 AM

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This is to acknowledge receipt of your email and its attachments.

Thank you.



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4<sup>th</sup> Children's World Peace Summit  
Supported by Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Japan

# Application Requirements

We are looking for child representatives  
to present their ideas for making the world a more peaceful place  
at the Minister's table in the House of Representatives.



Realizes world peace by raising  
children who create peace

The name and logo of the Peace Piece  
Project have the meaning  
that "If each small piece of love  
gathers, it can create a great peace."

## Peace Piece Project

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Hiroshima-ken, Japan, 731-0001

E-mail: [info@peacepieceproject.com](mailto:info@peacepieceproject.com)

Tel: 082-253-0693 Weekday 8:00 to 17:00

In Japanese, please

HP: <https://peacepieceproject.com/eng/cwps/>

\*The Children's World Peace Summit will contribute to the achievement of the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs), an action plan for humans, the earth and prosperity.

# Application Guidelines for the 4th Children's World Peace Summit

General Incorporated Association, Peace Piece Project

## < Purpose of this event >

We, the Peace Piece Project, believe that world peace means creating a planet where children can live in peace. To achieve this, we are raising children who will create peace.

- At the Children's World Peace Summit, teenage children representing countries around the world gather in the International Conference Hall of the House of Representative Members Office Building, which is actually used by world leaders, to exchange views on world peace, make peace proposals from the children's point of view, present ideas for realizing world peace, and each one of them pledges an action plan.

In the current peace education system, there are opportunities to learn about the history of war, but there are few opportunities to learn how to create peace. The purpose of this program is to give children the opportunity to learn and think proactively about peace with children of many nationalities during their precious teenage adolescents, when they are developing both mentally and physically. Through this summit, children will gain an interest in international cooperation and acquire the ability to play an active role in international society in the future.

\* The Children's World Peace Summit, had held in 2022, is here.

<https://peacepieceproject.com/eng/cwps/2022report/>



## < Application Requirements >

**Applicants must be between the ages of 10 and 19 as of August 1, 2023.**

Anyone between the ages of 10 and 19 may apply. Groups (videos showing more than one person) are also welcome to apply. \*If you apply as a group, only one representative is allowed to make a presentation as a representative of the children.

Those who submit the most outstanding works will be invited to **give a speech as a representative of children at the Children's World Peace Summit on August 3, 2022** at the House of Representative Members Office Building.



Please understand that there will be meetings and events on the following dates.

**<Events it will need to attend if you are selected as a child representative>**

The child representatives will be announced in late May 2023.

- (i) Participate in online or in-person face to face meetings.  
(Scheduled about twice in May and June) Language will be Japanese or English.
- (ii) Please participate on-site at the Children's World Peace Summit  
at the House of Representatives on August 1, 2023. We may ask you to participate  
in the summit online due to the spread of infection or other circumstances,  
but in principle, you will participate on-site.
- (iii) Due to the interpreter, the speech language of the children's representatives  
at the Children's World Peace Summit should be Japanese or English.
- (iv) As the Summit will be conducted in Japanese, it is necessary for the participants  
or their leaders to be able to understand the Japanese language instructions.  
We ask that participants make their own travel and accommodation arrangements  
and bear their own expenses.

**<The works and theme>**

We are looking for speech videos of "Ideas to Create World Peace"  
for those aged 10-19 years old.

"What is Peace for you? Your Ideas for Peace in the World is."

~What is your idea of "peace"? Give a speech about your idea to make the world peaceful.~

The word "peace" in a nutshell has an abstract meaning. First, let's think about what "peace" means  
to you, and then try to define "peace" by saying, "Peace means \_\_\_\_."

If you find it difficult to think about peace, you can think about world peace by thinking of someone  
around you whom you would like to make happy, and asking yourself, "What would make that person  
happy? There are many other ways to do this, such as looking at newspapers, thinking from recent  
news, or interviewing friends and family.

Then, once you have a definition of "peace," you can think about what you can do to achieve that  
world peace. For example, "Is there anything I can do through my committee or club activities?" or "Is  
there anything I can do through my dreams for the future?", let's think about what you and everyone  
else can and want to do together with your friends, school teachers, and family, connecting it to your  
own dreams. Please share your ideas for creating world peace through free thinking.

**★ Notes.**

We would like to see speeches that focus on "peace," such as "Peace is the fact that there is  
\_\_\_\_\_" or "I feel peace when there is \_\_\_\_."

If you are giving a speech from the perspective of "peace is the absence of \_\_\_\_\_," give a speech  
about why the absence of \_\_\_\_\_ would lead to peace. (Example: I think it would be peaceful if we

could eliminate weapons from the world and solve problems through discussion. I want to create peace by learning the languages and cultures of many countries and making friends with people from all over the world so that we can discuss conflicts when they occur.)

**\* Request to parents and teachers**

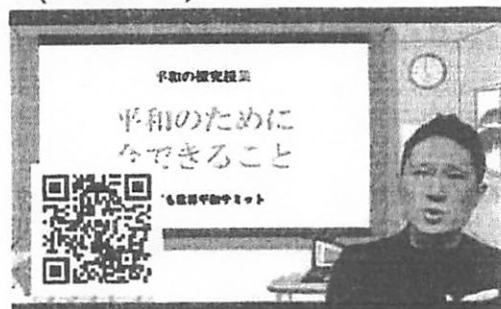
We hope that this will be an opportunity for students to learn how to create peace, rather than learning about the history of war and nuclear weapons in their own countries.

For example, the idea found in the past peace learnings is that we want to create world peace by telling the tragedy of war so that such history will not be repeated. Of course, that's important, but I want you to take it one step further. For example, "I want to create peace by learning the languages and cultures of many countries and making friends with people from all over the world so that we can solve problems through discussion without using weapons. We hope that children will be excited to come up with ideas to help their actively contribute to world peace.

**Hints for Creating Peacemaking Idea Speeches**

**(Classroom Videos and Reference Materials for Creating Peace)**

●(Reference) "Peace Class" for ideas to create peace



**INTRODUCTION**

**Chapter 1: "Peace Ranking"**

- L Which country do you think is the most peaceful country in the world?
- L When you were told the most peaceful country in the world, what kind of peaceful landscape did you envision? ... Class content such as.

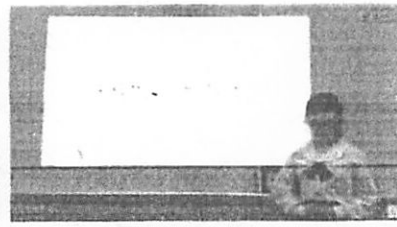
[http://peacepieceproject.com/LS\\_lesson](http://peacepieceproject.com/LS_lesson)

●Finalists for the 3rd Children's World Peace Summit

<http://peacepieceproject.com/2022final>



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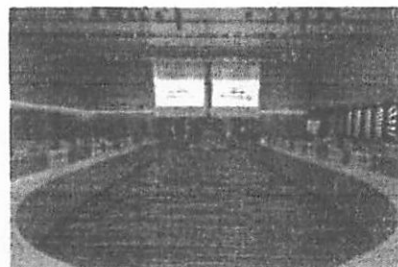
### <About the children's representative>

- ◎ Number of participants: 10 (Scheduled)
- ◎ The representatives of the children will be asked to give a speech on their entries at the House of Representatives on the day of the Summit.

### 4<sup>th</sup> Children's World Peace Summit

Date: August 1, 2023 (Tuesday)

Venue: International Conference Room, First Legislative Hall,  
House of Representative Members Office Building  
(2-2-1 Nagata-cho, Chiyoda-ku, Tokyo)



- \*One accompanying person is allowed per representative child.
- \*Travel and accommodation expenses are to be borne by the yourselves.
- \* The event will be covered by the media and our filming staff, so your consent to filming and use of photos.

### <Application period>

April 1, 2023 (Saturday) - April 30(Sunday)

- \* The selection process will be conducted as needed from the entries received on April 1.
- We may close the application once we reach 10 child representatives, so we encourage you to apply as soon as possible.
- \* Entries may be published on social networking sites such as YouTube, Twitter, Facebook, and Instagram.

### <Application Rules>

#### 1. About the works for entry

The work must be a video work based on your own thoughts, experiences, or research, and must not have been presented in any other competitions.

(Works that have been presented in classes or club activities may be submitted.)

#### 2. Form and creation of the work

Please prepare a speech video up to 3 minutes in length and a speech manuscript by following the instructions below and submit them through the application page.

## 1. How to take a speech video

- ① Please make a video of your speech on the theme of the call, between one and three minutes in length. It is preferable to have your face in the video, but it is okay if it is not.

**The language in the video can be in any language.**

However, if you are selected as a representative of a child, please make your speech in Japanese or English at the Summit due to interpretation requirements.

- ② Take a video with a smartphone or video camera so that the **screen is horizontal**.
- ③ At the beginning of the video, please include a 5-20 second self-introduction

Example: Hello everyone, my name is Miki from Japan.

I like playing soccer very much.



### ※Precautions for video recording

- The submitted video works may be published on YouTube or other media. If you wish to include your school name, affiliation, real names, or other personal information in your speech, please do so at your own risk.
- Editing and processing of videos is allowed, but please make sure that the screen is long enough to cover the sides. When using apps, etc., keep in mind that the aspect ratio of the video should not be square or vertical.
- Do not use any third party's copyrighted materials (including photos, videos, music, artwork, choreography, etc.) or trademarks (company names, product names, etc.) in your video. If the video contains such information, it is the responsibility of the applicant to obtain the prior consent of the rights holder.
- In the case of filming, please do so in a location where filming is permitted, and be very careful not to disturb the people around you.
- It is okay if more than one person, such as a group of friends or a class, shoots a video, but one representative of the group must submit the video as the applicant. In such cases, we will assume that the applicant has obtained permission for portrait rights and other rights other than those of the applicant. Also, if a group's entry is selected, only one person will be allowed to speech at the House of Representatives.



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あん in JAPAN 【子ども世界...

3分30秒・1年前



【J046】愛乃 in Japan 【子  
ども世界平和サミット2022】

4分30秒・1年前

## **2. How to write a speech manuscript**

### **① Please prepare your speech manuscript in "English" or "Japanese".**

It does not have to be word-for-word identical to the content of the speech video.

The first round of judges will first select the applicants based on their speech manuscript, so we recommend that you write your speech manuscript well.

### **② Please prepare your speech manuscript in a format that allows the secretariat to copy the text** (Microsoft Office Word, Notepad, PDF, or Google Docs).

(\*Photographed and pasted images of the application form are not acceptable.)



## **<How to apply>**

### **Please apply through the official website of the Children's World Peace Summit.**

Please prepare ① a video file and ② a speech manuscript.

When applying, a parent or guardian of the applicant must fill out the application form on the official website.

Your application is complete when you receive an auto-reply e-mail.

© Application Page : <https://peacepieceproject.com/eng/cwps>

\*Applications can be submitted from April 1.

\*We do not accept any questions about how to operate the system or inquiries about whether your application is complete.

## **<How to notice the selection result>**

The results will be announced upon notification of the selection of the children's representative.

The child representatives will be contacted by late May 2023 at the e-mail address to which they submitted their application.

At that time, we will ask the parent/guardian to agree to attend the Summit on August 1, and we will determine the date of the online meeting (face to face meeting).

## **<Criteria for selection>**

Basically, the children's representatives will be selected from those who meet all of the following selection criteria.

① **Whether submitted two items: a video and a speech manuscript or not.**

② **Whether the speech contains words that refer to what peace is or not.**



### ③ Whether the speech contains "ideas for achieving peace" or not.

(For reference) In the past, the finalists were those whose entries had the following characteristics: "original," "sounds fun," "has a dream," "concrete," "directly related to future dreams," "can be tackled immediately," "appeal for cooperation," and "own experiences."

#### <Awards>

- ◎ Most Peaceful Prize (3 people)
- ◎ Peaceful Prize (7 people)

#### <Judge> (in the process of being adjusted)

(Reference: Jury for the 3rd Children's World Peace Summit)

Head of Jury: Astronaut Naoko Yamazaki

Special Jury Member: Ms. Natasha Guzy, Ukrainian diva and bandura performer

Jury: Mr. Hikosaburo Bando, Kabuki actor; Mr. Kamezo Bando, Kabuki actor

Mr. Toshifumi Kataoka, Executive Director, NHK

#### <Copyright Notice>

Although the copyright of the submitted work belongs to the applicant, it shall be deemed agreed that the work may be used, published, reprinted, or publicly transmitted free of charge and for an indefinite period of time, by Peace Piece Project and third parties authorized by us for the purpose of implementing and promoting the Children's World Peace Summit (including publicity, press releases, and event announcements).

#### 【Examples of use】

- Use on Peace Piece Project's website and activity reports.
- Use on SNS such as Twitter of Peace Piece Project.
- - Media coverage on TV, newspapers, magazines, etc.

#### <Disclaimers>

We, Peace Piece Project, are not responsible for any damage caused by the use of the submitted work by the applicant or any third party.

**- Summary**

1. **Submission period:** April 1 to April 30, 2023
2. **Date and time of the summit:** Tuesday, August 1, 2023, 14:00-17:00
3. **Venue:** International Conference Room, First Legislative Hall, House of Representatives
4. **Support:** Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Japan, Hiroshima Prefectural Board of Education
5. **Sponsor:** Vision Inc, Medical Net, Inc, TSP Co., Ltd.
6. **judges:** Astronaut : Soichi Noguchi,  
Former diplomat : Fujisaki Ichiro, YouTube creator : Haichi

**7. Outline:**

At the Children's World Peace Summit, young people representing countries around the world gather in the International Conference Hall of the House of Representative Members Office Building, which is actually used by world leaders, to exchange views on world peace, make peace proposals from the children's point of view, present ideas for realizing world peace, and each one of them pledges an action plan.

Through this summit, young people will gain an interest in international cooperation and acquire the ability to play an active role in international society in the future.

**7. How to apply:**

Starting April 1, you can apply through our official website.

<https://peacepieceproject.com/eng/cwps/>

**8. Accreditations and Achievements:**

- Holds the Guinness record for the world's largest origami crane.
- Supported the bid for the 2020 Hiroshima Olympics
- Published the original manga "The Hiroshima Miracle" and received a letter of appreciation from President Obama.

**9. Contact**

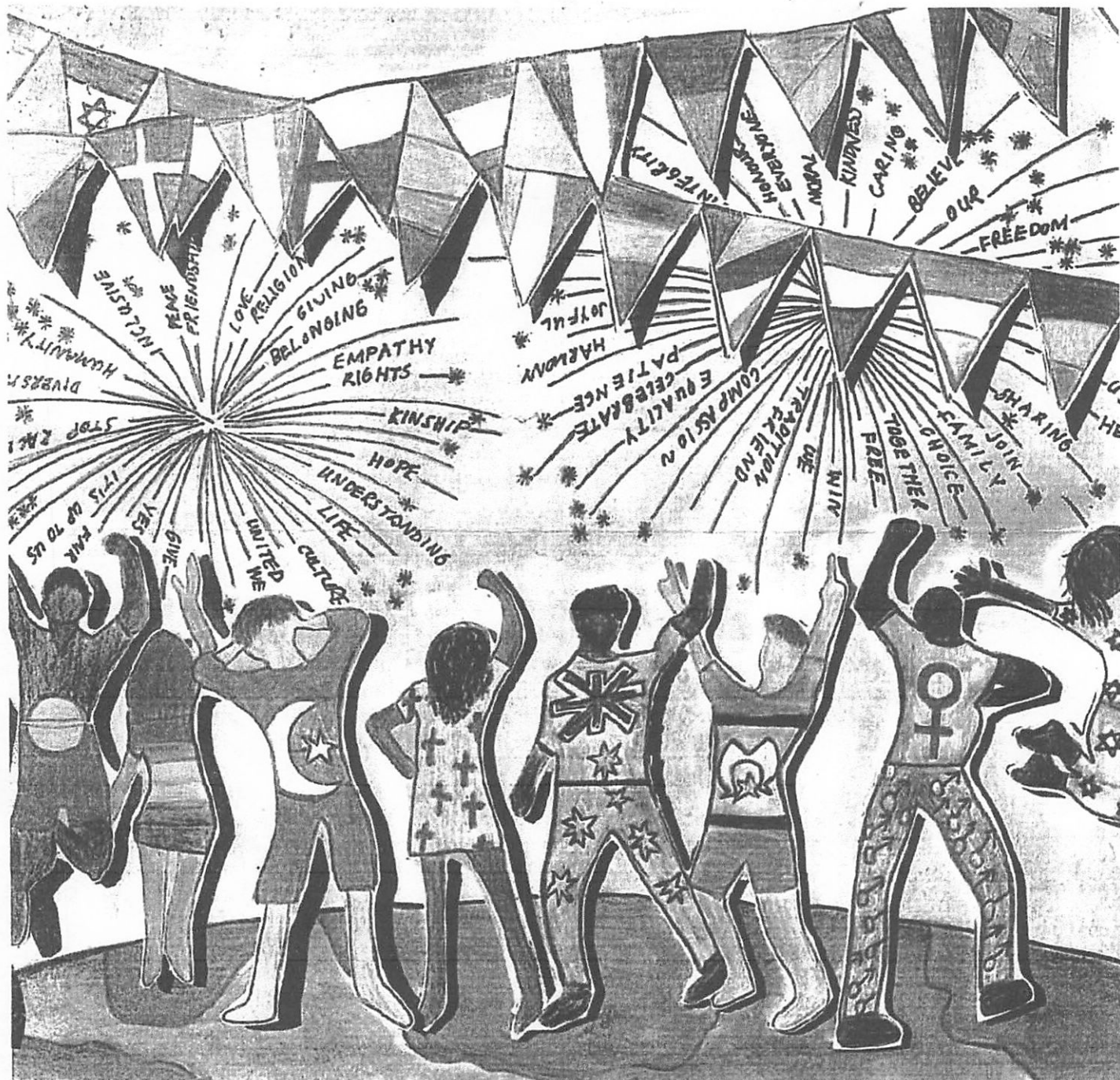
Children's World Peace Summit Secretariat Attn: DOHO

Peace Piece Project

(In Japanese) TEL : 082-253-0693 Weekdays 8:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.

(In English) Mail : [info@peacepieceproject.com](mailto:info@peacepieceproject.com)

\* This contact information is for schools and organizations only. We cannot respond to inquiries from applicants.



Theme

Youth Creating a Peaceful Future

2023

# International Essay Contest for Young People



Goi Peace  
Foundation

Organized by The Goi Peace Foundation

Enter by  
**June 15,  
2023**

ESD 2030

# 2023 International Essay Contest

## Organized by The Goi Peace Foundation

Under the auspices of The Ministry of Education, Culture, Sports, Science and Technology of Japan

Japanese National Commission for UNESCO, Japan Private High School Federation

Tokyo Metropolitan Board of Education, Japan Broadcasting Corporation, Nikkei Inc.

Supported by SEIKO GROUP CORPORATION, PLUS CORPORATION

This annual essay contest is organized in an effort to harness the energy, creativity and initiative of the world's youth in promoting a culture of peace and sustainable development. It also aims to inspire society to learn from the young minds and to think about how each of us can make a difference in the world.

\*This program is an activity within the framework of UNESCO's *Education for Sustainable Development: Towards achieving the SDGs (ESD for 2030)*.

### THEME

## "Youth Creating a Peaceful Future"

What does a peaceful world look like to you? How can young people work together, using creative ideas and approaches to realize a peaceful future? Please share your specific ideas.

### GUIDELINES

1. Essays may be submitted by anyone up to 25 years old (as of June 15, 2023) in one of the following age categories:  
a) Children (ages up to 14) b) Youth (ages 15 - 25)
2. Essays must be 700 words or less in English or French, or 1600 characters or less in Japanese. Essays must be typed, with your name and essay title included at the top of the first page. There are no particular rules regarding formatting (font style, size, line space, etc.). However, essays must be submitted in either MS Word (DOC/DOCX) or PDF format.  
\* Your name and essay title are not included in the word count limit.
3. Entries must be submitted online. To send your essay online, you must go to the online registration page at [www.goipeace.or.jp](http://www.goipeace.or.jp) and follow the required steps. Entries submitted by postal mail or e-mail are not accepted.  
Teachers and youth directors may submit a collection of essays from their class or group by creating an 'account for school/organization entrant' on the online registration page.  
\* Only one entry per person is accepted.  
\* We are unable to confirm receipt of essays.
4. Essays must be original and unpublished. Plagiarized entries will be rejected.
5. Essays must be written by one person. Co-authored essays are not accepted.
6. By submitting your essay, you give permission to the organizer to publish it in any medium. Ownership of the essay remains with the entrant.

### DEADLINE

Entries must be received by **June 15, 2023 (23:59 your local time)**.

### AWARDS

The following awards will be given in the Children's category and Youth category respectively:

1st Prize: Certificate, prize of 100,000 Yen (approx. US\$740 as of February 2023) and gift	1 entrant
2nd Prize: Certificate, prize of 50,000 Yen (approx. US\$370 as of February 2023) and gift	3 entrants
3rd Prize: Certificate and gift	5 entrants
Honorable Mention: Certificate and gift	25 entrants

\* 1st to 3rd prize winners will be invited to the Winners Gathering to be held online.

\* Additional awards (Best School Award, School Incentive Award) will be given if applicable.

\* All prize winners will be announced on October 31, 2023 on the Goi Peace Foundation website [www.goipeace.or.jp](http://www.goipeace.or.jp). Certificates and gifts will be mailed to the winners in December 2023.

\* We are unable to answer individual inquiries concerning contest results.

## PLEASE SEND YOUR ENTRIES ONLINE THROUGH:

The Goi Peace Foundation website

[www.goipeace.or.jp](http://www.goipeace.or.jp)

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