THE OUTLINES OF SKYSEF 2023

1. The goal of SKYSEF is to develop assistance strategies for high school teachers to promote their student's scientific inquiry, to communicate science research and to discuss the emerging issues with the peer students within and across Japan. SKYSEF secures the opportunity for the students to achieve such communication.

2. SKYSEF will be held on August 15-18, 2023.
   The venue will be GRANSHIP (http://www.granship.or.jp.e.abr.hp.transer.com/).

3. The target participants are 7th-12th graders or equivalent in your country (aged 13-18).   Maximum number of participants in a delegation is three students, one teacher and the principal (if applicable).

4. The language used at SKYSEF 2023 is English.

5. Agenda **(tentative)**

Date and time		Activity	Venue
August 15 Tuesday	PM	Opening Ceremony, Keynote Address, Welcome Event, Welcome Reception	GRANSHIP
August 16 Wednesday	AM	Poster Session	
	PM	Oral Presentation	
August 17 Thursday	All day	International Joint Project	
August 18 Friday	All day	International Joint Project, Commendation Ceremony, Closing Ceremony (possibly ends around 4:30PM)	

6. Program details
   (1) Keynote address
       We are going to give a keynote address by a science professional.

   (2) Welcome Reception
       Why don't we take an advantage of this unique opportunity to share cultural aspects of the participating countries?   Participating schools are encouraged to prepare a presentation or performance to introduce your country.   Please finish up the presentation and performance within 5 minutes for the sake of the other presenters.

(3) International Joint Project

   Here groups of the international students engage in scientific inquiry based on the topic given.

(4) Oral Presentation

   Each participating school is requested to give one presentation of their own research project.   The
   presentation should fit one of the following disciplines:

        (1) physics, (2) chemistry, (3) biology, (4) earth sciences, (5) environment, (6) ICT,
        (7) engineering, (8) mathematics, and (9) others.

   All the presentations will be arranged into one of the 6 venues and evaluated by two science professionals.
   The most outstanding presentation in each venue will be awarded at the Commendation Ceremony.
   The presentation should finish in 15 minutes, followed by questions and answers for 10 minutes.   The
   presentation has to be carried in English.   Equipment needed for the presentation such as PC's and
   projectors will be prepared by Shizuoka Kita High School.

(5) Poster Session

   Students' poster presentations will also be invited based on the nine disciplines.   Each school is able to
   submit up to three posters. For each poster presentation, Shizuoka Kita High School prepares a poster panel
   with the size of 180 cm in height x 90 cm in width. Please bring the posters printed out.
   Students are also invited to participate in the online poster presentation, so please prepare and submit your
   poster data and presentation video as follows The information will be available on the special website for a
   limited time only.

   < presentation discipline >
        (1) physics, (2) chemistry, (3) biology, (4) earth science, (5) environment, (6) ICT,
        (7) engineering, (8) mathematics, and (9) others.

   <About creating poster data>
   We will judge the poster presentation with the video shot, but it is a possibility that the
   details of the poster cannot be deciphered in the video. Please submit the poster data in
   PDF format.

Size	A0 size (specified size 841 * 1189mm) 1 sheets
Exhibition file	Capacity: 100MB File format: PDF (Please set the size to A4)

   <About shooting poster presentation videos>
   Please take a video of the poster presentation.
   Since the screening is done together with the poster data, we will have no problem even if
   the characters on the poster cannot be recognized in the video.

Presenter(s)	Students who registered as presenter(s)
Shooting conditions	-Please shoot through one device. -Fix the camera and shoot from a certain position on a landscape screen. Please do not zoom in or zoom out. -To perform a fair examination, video editing (video-specific editing such as adding visual effects, sound effects and music, and changing cut ratios by editing) is prohibited. -The back side should be a place such as a wall or a blackboard where there is no text information. Those who are not involved in the poster presentation and personal belongings will not be reflected. -Please be careful not to enter voices, music, etc. by other than the presenters.
Shooting method	-Please shoot from the start to the end (video display time) within the specified range. -Presentations should be limited to research content, and references or acknowledgments should be omitted when giving an oral explanation.
Exhibition file	Reproduction time: within 5 minutes Capacity: 500MB or less File format: MP4 Image quality: HD (high definition 1280×720 (720p))

7. Cost and trip arrangements

(1) Participation in SKYSEF 2023 is free of charge. We ask you, however, to be responsible for organizing and financing your international flights to and from either of Narita International Airport, Haneda International Airport.

(2) We will provide the round trip-tickets of ground transportation in Japan with a minimum trip between the International Airports mentioned above and the venue.

<IMPORTANT>
Please be sure to submit Form 2 (Flight Information) no later than June 14.　If we receive it after that day, we will not be able to provide the round trip train tickets between the airport and Shizuoka.

(3) We will provide accommodation (hotel or homestay upon request) of the participants in Shizuoka City during SKYSEF 2023 (for the nights of August 15, 16 and 17). We appreciate your kind understanding that we provide an extended stay (for the nights of Aug. 14 and/or Aug. 18) only when you cannot find the convenient flight that fits the SKYSEF schedule.

(4) Shizuoka Kita High School will be responsible for meals as mentioned below.

Meals	Aug. 15	Aug. 16	Aug. 17	Aug. 18
Breakfast		Hotel/Host family	Hotel/host family	Hotel/Host family
Lunch	Self	SKYSEF	SKYSEF	SKYSEF
dinner	SKYSEF (party)	Self/Host family	Self/Host family	

8. Application Forms and submission deadline

Forms and items	Deadline
Form 1 (Registration Form)	May 31, Wednesday
Form 2 (Flight Information)　*DEADLINE SHOULD BE STRICTLY FOLLOWED.	June 14, Wednesday
Form 3 (Homestay Application)	
Form 4 (Student's presentation abstracts)	
Form 5 (Cultural performance)	
A picture of the students　a group shot, will be projected on the opening DVD	
School information　A4 size, 1 page, will be included in the proceedings	
Poster data (1 page of A4 size)	August 2, Wednesday
Poster presentation video (within 5 minutes, mp4 format)	

　　If the file is too large to be sent by email, please share it with "szk-skhs@sist.ac.jp" in the cloud (Google Drive, etc.).

9. Other notes
　(1) Please bring your data for oral presentation and cultural performance (if your school register to perform) on
　　the following format:
　　 - Operation System: Windows 11
　　 - PowerPoint: Office 2016
　　 - Music: mp3
　　 - Video: mp4

　(2) The personal information provided through the Forms will only be used to organize SKYSEF2023 and regarding arrangements.