



**Announcing:**

**“ESD Campus Asia Pacific Program 2023” (August 3-9th, on campus and face-to-face)**

Dear Colleagues in charge of International Relations with Partnership Universities:

My name is SHIROZU Hironobu, and I have taken over the chairmanship of the Committee of International Affairs of the Faculty of Education at Hokkaido University from Professor IKEDA Keiko in April this year. I am new to this job, and I am sure that there will be times when I will be out of my depth as I learn, but I would appreciate your kindness and understanding as we work together.

The WHO Director-General has determined that COVID-19 is now an established and ongoing health issue which no longer constitutes a public health emergency of international concern (PHEIC). The Japanese government has also lifted travel restrictions and simplified quarantine measures at the time of immigration inspection since May. Hokkaido University has also terminated our Business Continuity Plan set during the Coronavirus outbreak and lifted all restrictions on activities held in place to prevent infection. We are gradually returning to normal university life. We would like to take this opportunity to thank our partner universities for their warm support, which has enabled us to continue the ESD Campus Asia Pacific Program online at Hokkaido University.

This year, in light of this post-Corona situation, the ESD Campus Asia-Pacific Program at Hokkaido University will resume in-person classes, to be held on our campus from August 3<sup>rd</sup> to 9<sup>th</sup> in 2023. The program will include lectures on climate change, which is a cornerstone of the SDGs, as well as indigenous culture of Ainu, citizenship education, social pedagogy, and more. We are also planning an excursion to the Eco-Village in Yoichi, near Sapporo, on August 7<sup>th</sup>; students will be required to pay actual expenses of approximately 2,000 JPY for the excursion. Please encourage your students to participate in the ESD Campus Asia-Pacific Program 2023 at Hokkaido University.

If any student wishes to take the course for credit, please contact the Education and Research Support Office by the **end of May** ([support-edu@edu.hokudai.ac.jp](mailto:support-edu@edu.hokudai.ac.jp)). Auditing students are also welcome to join.

We look forward to hearing back from our global partners in the near future.

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "白 永 宏 信" (Shirozu Hironobu).

Professor Dr SHIROZU Hironobu

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