

Recruitment Process & Requirement for Asian Students Environment Platform (ASEP 2023)

Cambodia/ China/ Indonesia/ Japan/Malaysia/ Myanmar/
Philippines/ South Korea/ Thailand/ Vietnam

Overview

The Asian Students Environment Platform (ASEP) program started in 2012. In the Program, university students from Asia discussed environmental issues through fieldwork, learning about the natural environment, history, culture, and differences in values of each country.

The ASEP program was initiated by a memorandum of understanding signed in 2010 between AEON Environmental Foundation and the Secretariat of the Convention on Biological Diversity (SCBD), which is part of the United Nations. This confirmed that both parties would work together to promote “the United Nations Decade on Biodiversity 2011-2020”, and one of the objectives was to promote environmental education for youth about biodiversity.

In this year, ASEP will have its 11th year of holding. As a 10-year program, we will terminate the program after this year. Thus, this year will be the final year.

The Program provides an opportunity for undergraduate and graduate students from Japan and the other Asian countries to learn about environmental issues, exchange opinions, and formulate proposals using English as a common language, with the aim of developing human resources who can make a globally active role in the environmental field. By 2022, the total number of participating students in the Program has reached 763.

Contents (Plan)

- Theme: “REGENERATION ～Seedlings of ASEP～”
- Dates: Monday, August 7 – Wednesday, August 9, 2023
- Format: Online (Zoom)
- Organizer: AEON Environmental Foundation
- Nominal Support: Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Japan,
(Tentative) Ministry of the Environment Government of Japan
- Host University: WASEDA University (Japan)
- Participating: WASEDA University (Japan)

- Universities: Tsinghua University (China)
 (order of participation in the program) Korea University (South Korea)
 Vietnam National University, Hanoi (Vietnam)
 University of Malaya (Malaysia)
 Royal University of Phnom Penh (Cambodia)
 Universitas Indonesia (Indonesia)
 Chulalongkorn University (Thailand)
 Yangon University of Economics (Myanmar)
 University of the Philippines (Philippines)
- Participants 100 undergraduate or graduate students selected from the above universities (10 students per university)
 - Faculty Members 10 professors (one professor per university) and 10 staffs (one staff per university.)
 - Cooperator: AEON TOWA Research Center, WASEDA University

Schedule (Tentative)

Date	Contents
Mon., Aug 7	Opening Ceremony, Keynote Address
Tue., Aug 8	Fieldwork (online), Group Work
Wed., Aug 9	Final Presentation, Closing Ceremony

***These 3 days must be attended all day (almost 8 hours per day), please make your time free in advance.**

Prior Learning Period (Online)

We will have 2-3 **pre-study sessions** during from June to July. (approximately 1-1.5 hours in each session)

*We will announce you all the schedule details as soon as they are decided.

How to Select Participating Students

1. Eligibility

(1) Undergraduate or graduate students enrolled at each participating university, who meet either (i) or (ii) below.

- (i) Those that are majoring in the environmental subject through “humanities, social sciences, or natural sciences.”
- (ii) Those that have a deep interested in environmental issues. (Without reference to their departments or majors)

(2) English Proficiency

Since the common language at this program is English, certain ability for discussion in English is mandatory. It is necessary for each university to

check the English level of participants in the process of the selection by using TOEIC (higher than 800 scores) or TOEFL (higher than iBT88 scores) or same level as the measurement method.

(3) Attendance Requirements

Fulfill attendance requirements for the pre-study sessions (2-3 times, approximately 1-1.5 hours in each session), and duty period during the ASEP program (from August 7 to 9, almost 8 hours per day).

(4) Work to be Submitted

The following items must be submitted within the specified time.

- (i) **Group work** (including pre-study period) and assignments during ASEP program.
- (ii) **Feedback survey** and **final report** (the method of submission will be announced by the Organizer via the contact person at each participating university after ASEP program) with a submission deadline of **August 31, 2023**.

(5) Others

Even after the ASEP program has ended, if the Organizer has an ASEP-related promotional event (e.g. an exhibition at a campus festival of an ASEP participating university, Students are invited to give their impressions of ASEP at one of the academic symposiums, exhibition at the COP conference venue, etc.), the ASEP students would be willing to actively cooperate or participate in the event.

2. Number of Participating Students

10 undergraduate or graduate students from each university
(*100 students from 10 universities in total)

About Selecting Faculty Members

1. Main Responsibilities

- **Professor:** To answer questions and help students to understand the theme, direct them towards the group discussion, and act as a facilitator for them. It may be necessary to act as a judge at the final presentation.

- **University staff:** Liaise with the Organizer on a daily and regular basis. To convey what the organizer needs the participating students to prepare. To summarize questions from students and relay them to the organizer.

Also, confirm daily attendance and health conditions of students during the ASEP program. To supervise and support the students during the program to ensure successful completion of their tasks.

2. Number of Faculty Members

One professor and one staff from each university

(*10 professors and 10 staffs from 10 universities in total)

Participation Procedure

1. Selection Method

Each university selects 10 students who are qualified to participate on its own.

2. Documents for submission

(1) Participants Sheet (via online)

(2) Agreement for Participation

(Please save the file name by "participant's name-university name")

(3) Digital ID photo

(Please save the file name by "participant's name-university name".

Size is 4.5cm×3.5cm, taken in 6 months)

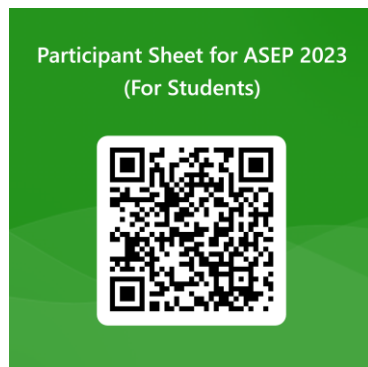
***Faculties (professor and staff) not need to submit document (2), but need to submit document (1) and (3) with all the participants.**

3. How to submit

Please submit (1) online and (2)(3) by email **by June 5, 2023.**

Participants Sheet (Microsoft Form) Access:

(For Students)



QR code

URL <https://forms.microsoft.com/r/HwUfpj8Adr>

(For Professors and Staffs)



QR code

URL <https://forms.microsoft.com/r/1B9JqpjjW4>

How to Cover Cost

1. Cost covered by AEON Environmental Foundation

- (1) Cost related to meetings and materials for learning during the program: off-campus venues, materials for meeting & instructors and other operating expenses.

2. Cost covered by each participant university or each student

- (1) Each Participant University:
 - a. Cost for selection of participants and orientation meeting: seeking & selecting participants, and holding orientation meetings.
 - b. Provide campus venue with LAN cable environment before and during the program period.
 - c. Let every participants to bring their own PC or lend them one from university
 - d. Transportation cost to/from the meeting and breakup point, and transportation cost before and after the program period.
- (2) WASEDA University (as a host university):
 - a. Charge for any facilities in the host university.
 - b. Others

Read more about ASEP here:

<https://www.aeon.info/ef/en/biodiversity/asep/>

Or download the AEON Environmental Foundation brochure (PDF).

https://www.aeon.info/ef/en/pdf/news/2021gaiyosho_EN.pdf

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