



## *Irankarapte Declaration*

Since 2016, the year after the United Nations (UN) General Assembly adopted the World Tsunami Awareness Day Resolution, a High School Students Summit has been held annually on World Tsunami Awareness Day. This year, students from 44 countries have gathered in Hokkaido, a place characterized by a richly blessed natural environment and distinct seasons. We have learned about earthquakes, tsunamis, volcanic eruptions, snowstorms, and other disasters resulting from nature's fury, and how to respond to them.

We could also strengthen the *kizuna*, or "bonds," between our different countries by touching each other's hearts through serious discussions about what we should and can do to save lives when natural disasters occur, and how we can work to build back better during recovery from disasters.

We have decided to pass on these outcomes to other students worldwide, irrespective of country or region, to raise awareness of the threat of natural hazards and to act to save lives when natural disasters occur.

○ We will continue to learn about past disasters and gain an understanding about the current status and causes of natural disasters, as well as preventive measures, and transmit this knowledge.

- We can prepare for future disasters by learning from past experiences, such as evacuation drills, which better educate and prepare younger generations .
- We can be better prepared than we are now by using updated knowledge, such as social media, workshops, games and education from professionals.

○ We will spread greater awareness of disasters and stay prepared and vigilant, ready to take action at any time to secure our safety, regardless of the type of disaster.

- We will create a world that can collaborate in the event of natural disasters.
- We will widen the network between people through technology to strive for mutually understanding. By these ways, we will raise sustainable awareness for disasters.

○ We will actively participate in, cooperate with, and contribute to safety activities in local communities and initiatives focused on building back better during recovery from disasters to ensure a safe and secure society together.

- We will make sure that students become actively involved in visiting disaster-affected places to learn about first-hand experiences from older generations that were affected.
- We will create local school programs to improve student-community relations.
- We will give information about natural disasters to all generations by using new and traditional media.

We hereby declare that we will protect our irreplaceable nature and prepare for natural disasters while appreciating the blessings of nature and deepening understanding of the threats sometimes caused by nature.

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