

ESD City Okayama

— A Garden City attracting and enriching people's mind with abundant water and greenery —



In 2014 the experiences of ESD around the world will be shared to move forward. Welcome to Okayama! Let's learn and act together for creating a sustainable world!!

Okayama City

Okayama City, located on the north shore of the Seto Island Sea in Japan, is a major hub of education, social welfare, culture, medical services and transportation in West Japan. The city has a population of approximately 700,000 and an area of 790 square kilometers.

Okayama City is ESD leading City blessed with abundant water and greenery.



RCE Okayama



REGIONAL CENTRE OF EXPERTISE
ON EDUCATION FOR
SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT

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Okayama City was acknowledged by the United Nations University as one of the seven initial RCEs (Regional Centres of Expertise on ESD) in the world in 2005. The goal of the RCE Okayama is to promote ESD which reflects the nature of the region and to create a community where people learn, think and act together, through interaction and cooperation between people involved in ESD within and outside the region. Multiple individuals and organizations such as schools, universities, Kominkans, NGOs/NPOs, enterprises, administrations, implement ESD with themes of natural environment, international understanding, community development, agriculture, food, energy etc. The circle of ESD has been widening year by year.

UNESCO World Conference on ESD

will be held in Okayama and Aichi-Nagoya in November 2014!

Host City for



To achieve sustainable development, which is environmentally sound, socially equitable, culturally sensitive and economically just, education is an indispensable element. Since the launch of the **United Nations Decade of Education for Sustainable Development (DESD, 2005-2014)**, more and more individuals and organizations around the world have been implementing Education for Sustainable Development (ESD) with different focuses and approaches (e.g. Biodiversity, Climate Change, Gender Equality, Poverty Reduction, Water, etc.)

In 2014 the **UNESCO World Conference on ESD** which marks the end of the Decade will be held in Aichi-Nagoya and Okayama, Japan. Using the motto "Learning Today for a Sustainable Future", the Conference will celebrate the achievements of the Decade, identify lessons learnt and set the stage for the future of Education for Sustainable Development. It will also showcase initiatives, actors, networks and ideas that the Decade has stimulated. Such examples from all over the world will help to generate future action.

Okayama City will be the venue of a set of Stakeholder Meetings, which will bring together key ESD stakeholder groups such as UNESCO ASPnet^{#1} schools, and youth representatives, and RCEs^{#2} from 4 to 8 November 2014. The Stakeholder Meetings will provide input and recommendations to the World Conference on ESD, beginning two days later on 10 November 2014 in Aichi-Nagoya.

Cf. UNESCO HP: <http://www.unesco.org/new/en/unesco-world-conference-on-esd-2014/>

The schedule of UNESCO World Conference on ESD

Nov.4 Tue.	Nov.5 Wed.	Nov.6 Thu.	Nov.7 Fri.	Nov.8 Sat.	Nov.9 Sun.	Nov.10 Mon.	Nov.11 Tue.	Nov.12 Wed.
Stakeholder Meetings in Okayama								
ESD Week Opening Ceremony		UNESCO ASPnet World Conference						
		Youth Conference		Excursion				
9th Global RCE Conference					High-Level Segment and Plenary sessions in Aichi, Nagoya			
					ESD Week			

※1 ASPnet : Associated School Project Network ※2 RCE : Regional Centres of Expertise on ESD

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