# **Contribution to grass roots movements**

# - The case of Minato UNESCO Association -

 First International Conference on Technologies for Smart Green Connected Societies 2021 (ICTSGS) -



November 29, 2021

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## <u>Outline</u>

- 1. What is UNESCO?
- 2. Grass-roots UNESCO movement in Japan
- 3. Exemplified case : Activities of Minato UNESCO Association
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  - B : Symposium series of thinking for peace
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#### Minato City located in the center of Tokyo Metropolis

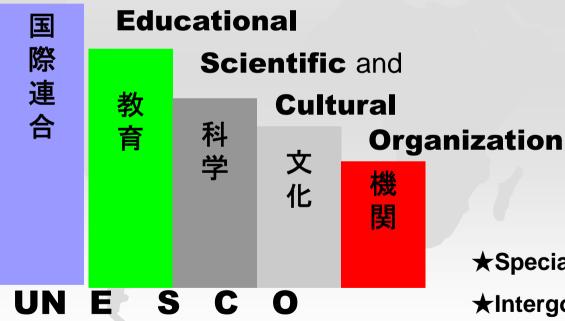


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What is the UNESCO of the United Nations?

United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization

#### **United Nations**



★Specialized Agency of the United Nations
★Intergovernmental organization

Minato UNESCO Association (MUA) - - -

Established in October 1981 by a group of idealistic people, including Dr. Kenzo Tange, the first president of MUA, who agreed with the spirit of "building peace through educational, scientific, and cultural activities" as stated in the UNESCO Constitution.

United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization





The 2<sup>nd</sup> National Convention of the UNESCO Movement in Japan (Sendai, 1948)

#### Constitution of the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization

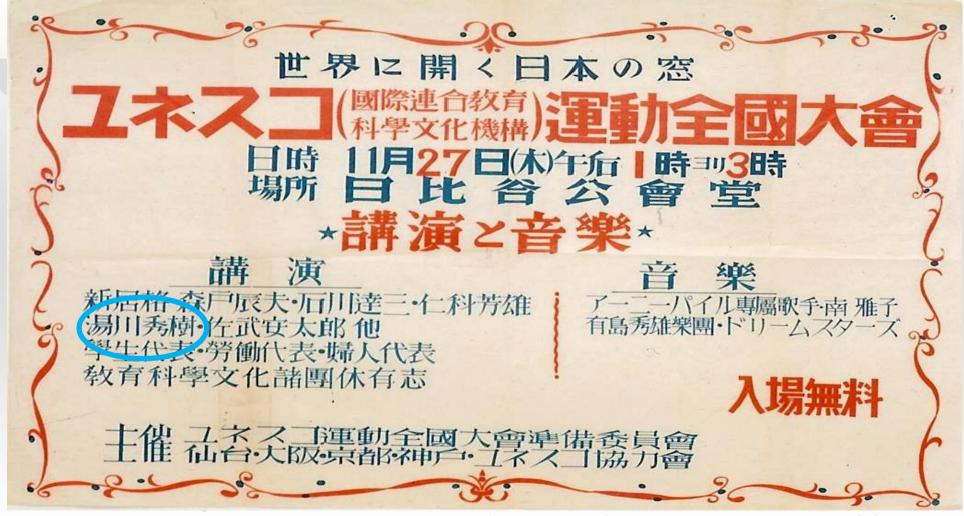


nited Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization

The Governments of the States Parties to this Constitution on behalf of their peoples declare:

That since wars begin in the minds of men, it is in the minds of men that the defences of peace must be constructed;

That ignorance of each other's ways and lives has been a common cause, throughout the history of mankind, of that suspicion and mistrust between the peoples of the world through which their differences have all too often broken into war;



Poster of the 1<sup>st</sup> National Convention of the UNESCO Movement in Japan (Tokyo, 1947)



Speech by the representative of Japan at the UNESCO General Assembly in 1951



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#### A touch on a Japanese Culture

# A light, unlined Kimono wearing class for foreign nationals and youths

Why don't you go out for a firework display or Bon Festival dancing event dressed in Yukata? You can enjoy the summer evening breeze through Yukata. It sure will make a precious memory of your stay in Japan!



#### Instructor Yuko Takahashi

#### Instructor's profile :

President of Hakubi-Kyoto-Kimono Gakuin (Ginza) since 2011. Chief President of Hakubi-Kyoto-Kimono Gakuin Ginza. Tsudanuma, and Chiba area, since 2017. Jury of the Kimono Queen Contest at Ginza Festival and other Kimono contests.

#### Date & Time : Sunday, June 27, 2021

To prevent yourself from COVID-19, please make sure to put on your mask, sanitize your hands and check your temperature at the entrance.

Please note that this event may be canceled or postponed due to the COVID-19 situation.







# Let's Japanese Culture Shoolog Calligraphy Trial Class

for foreign nationals

and youth

Lecturer
 SUIMU KANADA
 MAINICHI Shodoten Member

Date & Time : Sunday, September 26, 2021 13:00~15:30 Why don't you come into another Japanese culture, an Art of producing beautiful lines with bold strokes?

Your writing becomes an art. Let's enjoy time of mental concentration.

#### Contents:

Short lecture of Japanese calligraphy history.
 Practical demonstration by instructors.

Your trial of New Year's calligraphy exercise.







#### Date: JUNE24, 2021 (Thursday) 17:45~19:45

#### Place:

#### SEISHOJI temple

4-7. Atago 2-chome, Minato-ku, Tokyo (See map) Established in 1476. Moved to the current place at the beginning of Edo Shogunate, One of key temples of the Soto-shu school (ZehBuddhism).



#### Zazen practice organized by Minato UNESCO Association



#### Language:

Zazen is explained only in Japanese.

Capacity: 16 (Reduced from the previous 40 due to the pandemic)

Reminder for the participants:

"Please wear a mask," and dress casually to avoid crowdedness in the locker room (which is set up for women and men.) Remove your socks, wrist watch and jewelry before entering the main hall.

#### Fee:

Free for member of Minato UNESCO Association, 500Yen for other participants.

#### Dress:

No special clothes are required but best to choose something loose and comfortable. However, please refrain from the use of bright colors, distracting jewelry, perfume etc.

#### Sitting ZAZEN:

Sitting is usually on a cushion. There are also a limited number of chairs available.



## Korean Home Cooking





#### **Practical Japanese Class**

役立つ日常会話を学びたい人のための日本語教室

HOSTED BY MINATO UNESCO ASSOCIATION MINATO UNESCO JAPANESE LANGUAGE CLASS



Frustrated by your Japanese? Want to learn Japanese for daily use? COME JOIN OUR SATURDAY CLASS!

#### **Class Schedule**

#### SATURDAYS 10:00-11:30AM

Fall Term (10 classes): October 2nd, 9th, 16th, 23rd, 30th November 6th, 13th, 20th, 27th December 4th Winter Term\* (10 classes): 2022 January 8th, 15th, 22nd, 29th February 5th, 19th, 26th March 5th, 12th, 19th Winter Term Venue TBD due to office renovaton\*

#### **Meet Our Teacher**



June Sensei is a highly qualified bilingual Japanese language teacher with more than 15 years of extensive experience teaching Japanese to various levels from conversational to business professionals across all age groups from students to business persons.

# 5th Japanese Speech Contest

Date:

on 12th December(Sun) 2021 From 13:30 to 16:00

Place of Contest:

#### **Gender Equality Center** "Libra" 1F

1-16-1 Shibaura, Minato-ku, Tokyo

#### (Theme of speech)

1.What is Japan like to you? What are your thoughts on global climate change?

3.What are your thoughts on COVID-19?

Stay safe! Please make sure to wear a mask. sanitize your hands an check your temperatur at the entrance.

ODuration of Speech 3 to 5 minutes as standard. Eligibility Non-Japanese of any age who lives in Japan.

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#### Symposium Series of Thinking for Peace No.1

平和を考えるシリーズ 第1回シンポジウム



#### The First Symposium 2019

# What we can do about the climate change

Learning and Action for the SDGs

#### Symposium Series of Thinking for Peace No.2

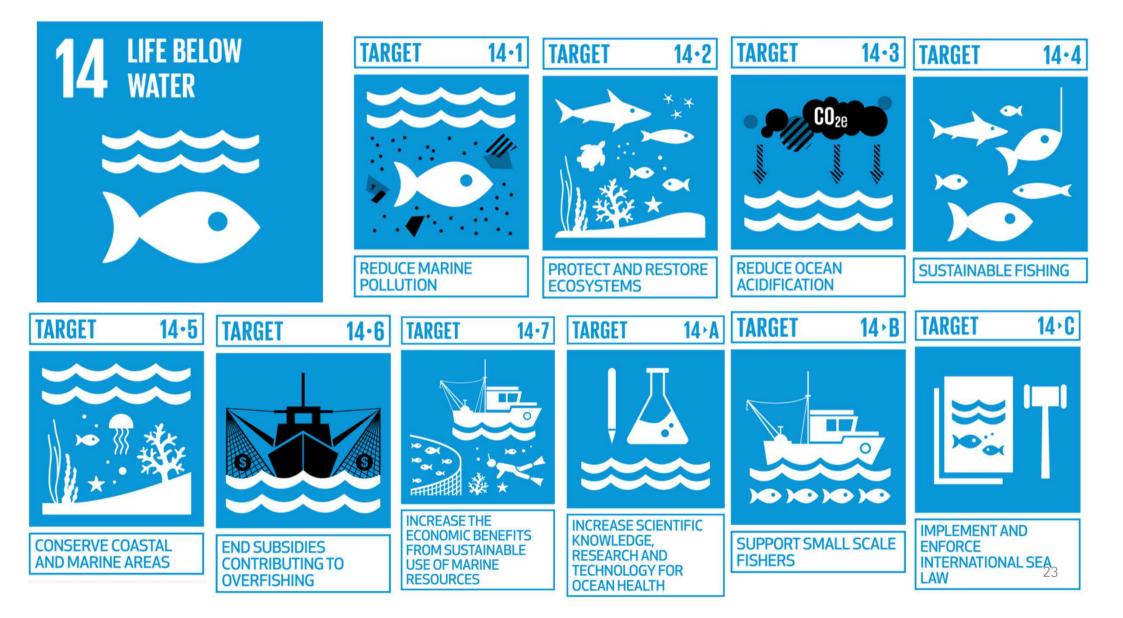


The 2<sup>nd</sup> Symposium 2020

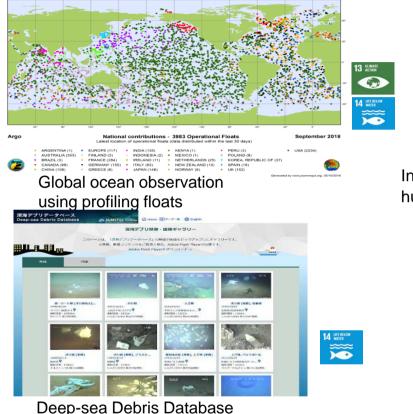
#### Passing on the Charm of the Sea to Future Generations

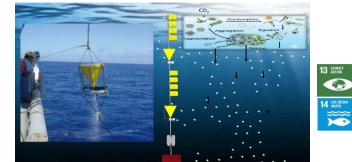
*The United Nations Decade of Ocean Science Begins* 



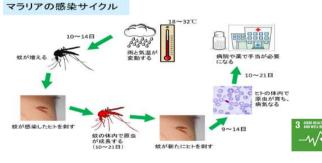


#### **JAMSTEC's Contributions to SDGs**

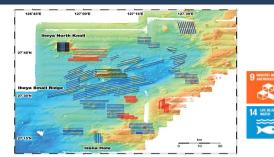




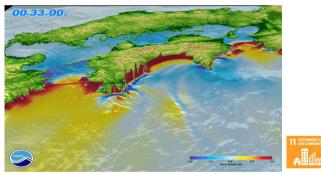
Interactions between ocean and land / human activities



Prediction of climate-based Malaria outbreak



Characterization for seafloor metal resources



Earthquake and Tsunami prediction for disaster mitigation

#### **Contributing to achieving Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs)**

- Efforts to understand and project the behavior of a wide variety of gigantic complex systems that make up our Earth
- ◆ Focusing on understanding how human activity influences the systems globally

#### **Research Vessels / Manned Submersible of JAMSTEC**

**GT: Gross tonnage** 



#### Symposium Series of Thinking for Peace No.3



The 3<sup>rd</sup> Symposium 2021

Nature Reserves Fostered by the Community

UNESCO Biosphere Reserves (UNESCO Eco-Park) "ユネスコエコパークはSDGsの理念と最もマッチしますね!"

Former Director-General of UNESCO, Ms. Irina Bokova: While World Heritage helps to preserve values, Biosphere Reserves are helping to create values, Dresden, June 27, 2011



 世界遺産は、価値を保存す るための制度、生物圏保存 地域は、価値を創造するた めの制度(前ユネスコ事務 局長イリナ・ボコヴァ)

【横浜国立大学松田裕之教授資料を改変】

Tanaka & Wakamatsu (2018) Env. Manag. 61:155-170

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# Final remark

The Minato UNESCO Association, which was born from a grassroots movement, is firmly engaging in communicating to the general public the importance of bottomup activities related to SDGs and the importance of transforming our lifestyle and society, and also the crucial meaning of research activities in realizing these objectives. We will continue these activities further.

#### ご清聴、有難うございました。

### Thank you for listening!



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