Cluster	Subject Title	Instructor	Credit	Semester
A-P	Education and Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) in East Asia	Jing LIU	2	Summer 2019

### Subject Description

The 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development, which was adopted by the United Nations in 2015, has become a shared blueprint for peace and well-being of all human beings and the planet. Education, either as a goal and a means for achieving the global goal for sustainable development, has been given special attention by the global society.

This subject provides a platform for participants to reconsider the relationship between education and sustainable development goals in East Asia. It starts with an introduction to the basic knowledge of sustainable development goals (SDGs) for the development of the global village by 2030. Then, it moves to understand the educational perspectives of the SDGs in the context of East Asia. In the third part of the subject, it discusses achievement and challenges of education and SDGs in Japan's context. It closes by making a group blueprint for education development in/for SDGs in East Asia by participants.

## Objective

Objectives of this subject are to enable students to:

- 1. obtain knowledge of sustainable development goals for the global society by 2030.
- 2. have a more comprehensive and more in-depth understanding of the relationship between education and sustainable development in the global community and the context of East Asia.
- 3. reconsider critically about the current policies and practices of education in/for sustainable development in East Asia.
- 4. raise a blueprint for educational development in/for SDGs in East Asia.

# Leaning Method

During 3.5 day of this subject, participants are supposed to take part in the class through workshops, lectures, group work, field visit, and presentations.

### Content

Day 1 Session 1: Introduction to Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs)

Session 2-3: Understanding SDGs through the 2030 SDGs Game (Guest instructor: Prof. Yuki Watabe)

Session 4: Education and SDGs

Day 2 Session 5: Education and SDGs in East Asia 1

Session 6: Group discussion and presentation

Session 7: Education and SDGs in East Asia 2

Session 8: Group discussion and presentation

Session 9: Japan's Educational Development Experience

Day 3 Session 10-11: Implications of Japan's Educational Development to East Asia

Session 12-13: Workshop at JICA Tohoku Center

Day 3.5 Session 14: Group work

Session 15: Final presentation: How can we contribute to SDGs in East Asia through education?

### Requirement

- Please read the references below in advance.
- Please consider progress and challenges relevant to education and sustainable development goals in your country and East Asia before the class. These information and knowledge will be used for presentation(s) in the class.
- Please bring your laptop to the class for both individual and group work.

### Evaluation

Active participation (50%); Group works (30%); One A4 page reflection report (20%)

## Textbook and reference

(please indicate which are to be provided by instructor and which students need to find by themselves)

No textbook is required. References for pre-course reading can be downloaded from the links below.

# Pre-course reading and preparation (if any)

Please read the following references before your departure. PDF files of Reference 1-4 will be provided to participants by the mid of June, 2019. Please download Reference 5 and 6 from the links below.

- 1. Maruyama, H. (2018). Learning Opportunities Since the Great Earthquake of 2011. In A. Yonezawa, Y. Kitamura, B. Yamamoto, & T. Tokunaga (Eds.), Japanese Education in a Global Age (Vol. 46, pp. 195-210). Singapore: Springer.
- 2. Tokunaga, T. (2018). Breaking in or dropping out? Filippina immigrant girls envisioning alternative lives in a globalized world. In R. Tsuneyoshi (Ed.), Globalization and Japanese "Exceptionalism" in Education: Insiders' Views into A Changing System (pp. 95-111). Abingdon: Routledge.
- 3. Tsuneyoshi, R. (2018). "Exceptionalism" in Japanese education and its implications. In R. Tsuneyoshi (Ed.), Globalization and Japanese "Exceptionalism" in Education: Insiders' Views into A Changing System (pp. 19-42). Abingdon: Routledge.
- 4. JICA (2004). The History of Japan's Educational Development. Tokyo: Institute of International Cooperation, JICA
- 5. United Nations (2015) *Transforming our World: The 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development.* New York: United Nations. (https://sustainabledevelopment.un.org/post2015/transformingourworld/publication)
- 6. UNESCO (2019) Global Education Monitoring Report 2019: Migration, Displacement and Education. Paris: UNESCO. (https://unesdoc.unesco.org/ark:/48223/pf0000265866)