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The Y20 Summit is widely acknowledged as the most influential international diplomatic forum for young leaders in the high-level G20 head of state summit. As part of the institutionalised dialogues with the civil society taking place before the G20 summit, the Y20 is the only officially recognised platform for young people from across the G20 countries to discuss global issues, find solutions and finally submit these to the most important national leaders in the world.



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Y20 SUMMIT 2019 OVERVIEW

【Y20 Summit Overview】

Y20 (Youth 20) is an official G20 engagement group that convenes annually before the G20 summit. Researchers, young leaders and professionals under the age of 30 from every G20 nations are selected and represent the voices of their nations' youth to create a Communique that is submitted to the G20 summit. As this year's G20 Summit was held in Japan for the first time, the Y20 was also held under Japan's presidency through the sponsorship of our organization.

【Y20 Summit 2019 Organizer】

G7/G20 Youth Japan

【Y20 Side Events: Dates & Locations】

May 12th Highschoolers' G20 Summit (Shibuya)

May 19th G20 Youth Scramble (University of Tokyo)

May 26th G20 Youth Dialogue (Rikkyo University)

May 30-31st Excursion/Study Tour (National Park) ※Ministry of Environment Sponsored



【Y20 Main Summit: Date & Location】

May 27 (Mon.) - 30th (Thu.) Y20 Main Summit 2019 (House of Representatives Parliament House, Prime Minister's Office, Prime Minister's Residence)

【Y20 Main Summit 2019 Communique Co-authors】

Y20 delegation : 40 representatives

Invited states & organizations: 6 representatives (The Netherlands, Singapore, Spain, IMF, WTO, World Bank)

【Agenda】

Future of Work / Business and Environment / International Trade

【Media Coverage】

Nihon Keizai Newspaper / MoFA Website / G20 Summit Website / Prime Minister's Office Website etc.



May 29th, 2019

Prime Minister Abe, Deputy Chief Cabinet Secretary Nishimura, Deputy Chief Cabinet Secretary Nogami, Special Advisor to the Prime Minister Hasegawa, Y20 delegation

Y20 SUMMIT 2019 LEAD UP EVENTS



The Highschooler's G20 Summit was held on May 12th at the Shibuya High School. Discussions centered on the "Future of Work", one of the three Y7 themes, and in particular "The Future of AI", "Aging Society" and "Gender Equality". Over 200 highschool students from across the country took part in the event. Past Y20 representatives attended, exchanged ideas with the students and the event culminated in a Communique which was presented to the Y20 2019 summit.



On May 19th, the "G20 Osaka Summit Youth Scramble" was held at the University of Tokyo. The event was geared towards university students and was included in the University's May Festival. Over 400 participants representing 6 university organizations engaged in active discussions on "Business and Environment" and "Future of Work".

【Guests】

Yumiko Udô (news zero Head Reporter)
Mioh Nemoto (Deputy Director of UNICEF Tokyo Office)



G20 YOUTH DIALOGUE

AT RIKKYO UNIVERSITY

With the hope of delivering the voices of young people to the G20, we hosted a public event, the "G20 Youth Dialogue", at Rikkyo University on the first day of the Y20 Summit (May 26). More than 1,000 people, mainly high school, university students and young professionals attended.

Following lectures by experts from political and business leaders and international organizations (part 1), the Y20 Japan delegation and participating youth exchanged ideas through a policy proposal workshop (part 2).

【Guests】

- Hiroshige Seko (Ministry of Economy, Trade and Industry)
- Koji Tomita (Ministry of Foreign Affairs, G20 Summit Ambassador)
- Katsunori Nemoto (Japan Business Federation, Managing Director)
- Yasmin Ali Haque (UNICEF India Representative)
- Jesper Koll (Wisdom Tree CEO)
- Nobuo Sato (Harvard Business School Japan Research Center)
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- Othman Almoamar (MiSK Foundation)
- Joseph Gregorio (WTO)



Y20 SUMMIT 2019 OPENING REMARKS (27TH MAY 2019)

【Mr. Abe Tadahiro】

Former Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of Japan
Former Meiji University Visiting Professor
Former Keio University Lecturer
Y20 Summit 2019 Japan Adviser



Distinguished Delegates, Ladies and Gentlemen, it is my pleasure to be present like this at the opening of the main session of the “Y20 Summit 2019 in Japan”.

First of all, I would like to extend, on behalf of the Secretariat of the “G7/G20 Youth Japan” and myself, our heartfelt welcome to you all, attending this conference. I also would like to express our gratitude to you for having gathered here to discuss on various international issues including those appearing in the agenda. I believe that this is a good opportunities for the young leaders like you who are capable and entitled to take responsibilities of the future prospect of your respective country as well as an international community, seeking to materialize real peace and prosperity. When we got into “ the Post-Cold-War Regime ” in 1989/ 1991, we all expected that we would finally be able to enjoy a peaceful and harmonious international community without worrying about confrontations between the two different political regimes.

Now, through looking at the current international community, we soon realize that the prevailing situation in our community is far from what we expected thirty years ago, with the accumulation of pending issues in a broad range of areas such as economics, politics and security.

Taking examples in the horizontal issues such as international trade, environmental degradations and gender-equality, various efforts by the international community toward improving and solving those issues generally lagged behind the targets we established. There is an urgent necessity for us to comply with the rules and schedules we agreed upon. When we review the regional characteristics of various issues and problems, you can summarize them as follows:

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As to the European region, ① the so-called populist or nationalistic parties are gaining power in the Congress in some countries, preventing a smooth flow of democratic procedures for a legal and political decision making process: ② A serious division among the member countries with regard to the common policy emerges in the horizon. ③ Though the EU has been making utmost efforts to realize its ultimate goal of economic and political unification or integration of its member countries, one of the main members decided to get out of the EU through national referendum and brought about a chaotic dysfunction of its Parliament as well as that of the EU as a whole.

When it comes to the Middle Eastern region, after the " Terror Attack of the 9.11.2001 " and the "Arab Spring of 2008 ", the balance of power of the region has been dramatically changed: Confrontations between the Arabic countries and Persian Country and even among the Arabic Countries became apparent. An international terrorism caused by a religious fanatic makes things much worse. Besides, an unstable triangular relations among the Arabic, the Persian and the State of the Holy City complicates the security as well as the economic situation in the region.

As we look into the Asia/ Pacific region, the two UN Security Council's Permanent Members became more assertive in defending and advancing their interests, sometimes even illegitimately such as unilateral extension of the territorial rights. They are seeking their own sphere of influence separate from the prevailing regime of international rules and orders: They seek to overturn political, security and economic arrangements existing in the current international relations. Besides, one of the ally of those countries has been developing nuclear/missile technologies by ignoring the nuclear-non-proliferation rules and regulations. And the international community failed so far to stop those illegal actions.

And, we can observe more or less similar problems in the African and the Latin American regions. There, really, are numberless problems occurring in the current international community. Therefore, in closing, I wish you all to take good advantage of this opportunity to discuss those issues as I mentioned above and work out a " Joint Communique " possibly to be referred to the G20 Summit representatives through the Government of Japan.

So, I wish you Good Luck and all the best. Thank you.

Y20 SUMMIT 2019 PLENARY SESSION

DAY 1

On the first official day of the Y20, the delegates were presented with a variety of perspectives from the following guest speakers on the topic of Future of Work, one of the themes of the Summit. In the afternoon, the delegates began discussions for the construction of the communique.

【Guest Speakers】

Mr. Tadahiro Abe (Former Ambassador of Japan)
Mr. Koizumi Shinjiro (House of Representatives of the Liberal Democratic Party)
Ms. Jayathma Wickramanayake (United Nations Secretary-Generals Envoy on Youth) ※Video message
Ms. Gabriela Ramos (OECD Chief of Staff and Sherpa to the G20) ※Video letter
Ms. Yasmin Ali Haque (UNICEF India Representative)
Mr. Tanaka Satoshi (Director, Mitsui & Co., Ltd.)
Ms. Patricia Rozada (Founder Partner of Knovva Academy)
Mr. Othman Almoamar (MiSK Foundation)



DAY 2

After the policy recommendations on Future of Work were completed, discussions began for the two remaining themes of International Trade and Business and Environment. Delegates were then exposed to Japanese culture through a session showcasing Japanese tea ceremony and Kyogen theatre.

【Guest Speakers】

Mr. Gabriel Alvim (Division Coordinator for the China Division in the Asia and Pacific Department, IMF)
Mr. Joseph Gregorio (Trade Policy Analyst, WTO)
Ms. Alona Kazantseva (Business Analyst, Global Reimbursable Advisory Services Unit, World Bank)

Y20 SUMMIT 2019 PLENARY SESSION

DAY 3

The completed communique was presented to Prime Minister Abe Shinzo at the Prime Minister's Office. In the evening, the Farewell Dinner marked the final dinner of the Y20 Summit.

【Guest Speakers】

Mr. Abe Shinzo (Prime Minister)

Mr. Nishimura Yasutoshi (Deputy Chief Cabinet Secretary)

Mr. Nogami Kotaro (Deputy Chief Cabinet Secretary)

Mr. Hasegawa Eichi (Special Adviser to the Prime Minister)

Mr. Akahori Takeshi (Executive Director, Ministry of Foreign Affairs G20 Office /Ministry Councilor)



DAY 4

At the Closing Ceremony, Parliamentary Vice Minister for Foreign Affairs Tsuji Kiyoto and State Minister of Education, Culture, Sports, Science and Technology Ukishima Tomoko were invited for the official handing over of the policy recommendations. Afterwards, the delegates visited First Lady of Japan Mrs. Abe Akie at the Prime Minister's residence.

Additionally, the delegates received the opportunity to explore the nature and culture of Japan through an excursion to a national park sponsored by the Ministry of the Environment.

【Guest Speakers】

Mrs. Abe Akie (First Lady of Japan)

Ms. Ukishima Tomoko (State Minister of Education, Culture, Sports, Science and Technology)

Mr. Tsuji Kiyoto (Parliamentary Vice Minister for Foreign Affairs)



Y20 SUMMIT 2019 COMMUNIQUE

FUTURE OF WORK



1. We encourage G20 countries to commit to fundamental workers' rights and social protection for all workers regardless of classifications and sectors, noting new forms of labour in the digital and informal economy. Labour contracts, regulation, and practices should uphold equal pay for equal work, comprehensive benefits, reasonable leave policies and flexible work forms to address structural inequalities that disproportionately affect youth, women and marginalized communities including refugees and migrants. G20 countries should continually monitor the implementation of such policies and exchange best practices.

2. G20 countries should ensure the provision of a free and accessible 'future of work' virtual hub focused on Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts, and Mathematics (STEAM), as well as 21st Century skills. This should provide training programs and a peer network to be utilized by learners and educators at all ages, given the need for life-long learning. The hub should be accompanied by existing physical face-to-face learning centres, and should supplement educational curricula. Participation can be incentivized inter alia by stimulating mentorship, financial support, and globally recognized certification, with an annual review mechanism.

3. G20 countries should agree to use economic levers including government procurement agreements, rebates, and tax incentives, to encourage private companies to provide meaningful paid domestic and international career and entrepreneurship development opportunities for young people. Those opportunities must develop industry and sector-related skills and exposure to support labour force resilience to the changing nature of work, and to foster the entrepreneurial aspirations of young people.

Y20 SUMMIT 2019 COMMUNIQUE

BUSINESS AND ENVIRONMENT

1. We encourage integrated Environmental, Social, and Governance (ESG) reporting requirements be made mandatory for all business entities in G20 countries urgently, and at the latest by 2030. Corporate Reporting must be monitored and based on science-based targets reflecting the climate crisis and other planetary boundaries to be disclosed according to the frameworks participating in the Corporate Reporting Dialogue. Disclosure should also be encouraged through public-private platforms that are available to the public and on social media, to raise engagement among the public, especially youth.

2. In order to combat the climate crisis, G20 countries should:

A) Incentivize carbon emission reductions by appropriately costing greenhouse gas related activities; in particular those relating to the fossil fuel and the meat production industries.

B) Incentivize multi-stakeholder investment to provide resilient infrastructure and capacity building on emergency preparedness and sustainable practices, while prioritizing the needs of vulnerable populations that are affected in a differentiated manner.

C) Financially support collaboration between private sectors and academic institutions in order to conduct Research, Development, and Deployment (R&D&D) on sustainable technologies.

D) Strengthen the ESG requirement of the Global Infrastructure Hub; and adopt the recommendations of the Task Force for Climate-related Financial Disclosures (TCFD).

3. G20 countries should address the significant issue of global waste creation by embracing the circular economy approach to waste management, prioritizing the 3Rs (reduction, reuse, and recycling). To achieve this, G20 countries need to develop national and corporate standardized circularity indicators that measure and monitor the movement and reuse of by-products. G20 countries must also commit to reducing waste by incentivizing the private sector through regulations including bans, and economic levers such as taxes, as well as extended producer responsibility, paying particular attention to avoidable single-use plastic and microplastic.

Y20 SUMMIT 2019 COMMUNIQUE



INTERNATIONAL TRADE

1. We call on G20 countries to strengthen the multilateral, rules-based trading system within the framework of the WTO. We recommend:

A) The improvement of the monitoring and notification system;

B) The establishment of a permanent multilateral investment dispute settlement mechanism;

C) The reform of public procurement rules, industrial subsidies and IP rights. Additionally, trade reforms should particularly account for equitable access of MSMEs to global markets, which also promote youth engagement.

2. We call on G20 countries to adopt Integrated Reporting as a mandatory, enforceable mechanism to align corporate behavior that supports transparent and sustainable business, with specific respect to fair value chain activity and the eradication of all forms of modern slavery. Moreover, establish a mandatory “Sustainable Development Clause” in trade agreements, encompassing minimum standards on human rights, labour, environment, and disclosure. This can be achieved through strengthening and expanding aid for trade programs, equitable technical assistance and sectoral policy dialogue.

3. We call on the G20 countries to ensure the free flow of data, enabled by a concerted international effort to adopt a coherent framework that protects personal data and consumer rights. Further, we encourage engagement in the on-going e-commerce negotiations among a group of WTO members in order to achieve interoperability of data and consumer protection rules. This shall be achieved through establishing international standards and regulations, enforcement mechanisms, and adopting mutual adequacy decisions on digital services and technologies.

REFLECTIONS ON THE DISCUSSIONS (FROM THE CHAIRMEN)

【Future of Work】 (Kasahara, Tanimoto)

Discussions centered around the policy options for a variety of social issues including aging and the fourth Industrial Revolution. Debates were held on how best to engage the private sector as delegates stressed the importance of the acquisition of skills, including those that cannot be replaced by AI as well as skills gained through lifelong learning by both students and educators. As the private sector holds insight on the kinds of skills that actually drive economic activity, delegates were cognizant of the need for government to address “incentives” in addition to “regulations” to effectively cooperate with the private sector. Concrete policy recommendations included a proposal for a G20-led lifelong education platform for all.

【Business and Environment】 (Kunii, Tokunaga)

This policy issue encompassed a wide variety of themes, and the opinions expressed by the various delegates varied dramatically as well. A portion of the deliberations continued well into the night, reflecting the efforts by the delegates to exchange their views until a satisfactory conclusion was reached by all. On the theme of “Setting targets for environmental issues and information sharing,” a proposal included requiring private companies to disclose and report climate related information by 2030. However, opinions clashed on the feasibility and viability of setting 2030 as the deadline. Of the three themes, discussions on “Circular Economy,” which involved talks on the microplastics issue, concluded most. On the whole, policy recommendations ranged from those devised from existing policies to bold and new proposals, resulting in creative and thoughtful exchanges of ideas.

【International Trade】 (Kasahara, Tanimoto)

Discussions were driven by the rise of protectionism and the breakdown of rules-based, free and fair international trade in recent years, as evidenced by the escalating U.S.-China trade war. Agreement was reached to emphasize data governance to strengthen international coordination, reform the existing trade system, and increase trust through free flow of data, and maintain order in response to new digital technologies. However, heated debate continued well into the night over the nature of the governing body that will set and enforce these international standards and rules of data and its distribution. Perspectives also clashed between conservatives who advocated for implementation through existing frameworks in the WTO and innovationists who pressed for the creation of an entirely new institution. Demonstrating the vitality of youth, opinions fractured less along country lines and more along each delegates’ assessment of “boldness” in light of its relevance to policy.

AFTER THE SUMMIT (FROM THE ADVISER, PRESIDENT, CO-REPRESENTATIVES)

【Mr. Abe Tadahiyo】

Former Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of Japan
Former Meiji University Visiting Professor
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It has been three decades since the international community transitioned to the post-Cold War system. The end of the Cold War brought with it an expectation that the realization of true world peace and prosperity was near. That optimism is now disappearing as we face the reality of new problems emerging in politics, economics, foreign affairs, and international security. In this complex, problem-ridden international environment, the Y20 Summit 2019 in Japan brought together young people from the G20 countries plus many other nations and international organizations who are tasked with leading the next generation. The Summit fostered active discussions and prevailed in producing a joint statement—a task that is becoming ever more difficult among heads of state at the G20 Summit. It is a great success, and it is now up to you to celebrate this accomplishment with all your heart.

【Comments from President Chiba】

Preparations to host the Y7 Summit in Japan began in 2016 with the proposal to host the Y7 in conjunction with the G7 Ise-Shima Summit. Without status as an official engagement group, lacking in funds, and low in personnel, the process of finding resources and communicating with organizations across 20 countries was quite the challenge. However, our committee members believed in the ability of the Summit to better our society and provide a unique platform for youth as the only official channel for young people to propose policy to the G20. I believe it was because of this conviction, along with the support we received from our many partners, that led to the successful hosting of the Summit in Japan. To all who supported and contributed to the effort, I express my most heartfelt gratitude.

【Comments from Co-Representative Yokono】

Since the executive office was first established in July of 2018, our team has worked collectively for almost a year towards preparing for the Y20 Summit. I extend my deepest gratitude to all who have contributed to the success of the Y20. While presenting the policy recommendations of youth to the G20 Summit brought me happiness, I believe that a task remains for youth: “not only presenting recommendations, but implementing them through action.” To realize a better society, the delegates and the executive team will continue to work as one to take this “action.”

【Comments from Co-Representative Negishi】

To all who have contributed to the success of the first Y20 Summit held in Japan, I express my sincere gratitude. While the preparations spanned over the course of a year, the Summit was made possible through the hard work of countless staff who toiled even in invisible roles. I sincerely hope that the Y20 Summit will lead to the future development of not only the international delegates who participated in the Summit, but to all who were involved in the Summit.

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