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# **UN Global Compact Communication on Engagement**

With this letter, Sophia University expresses its continued support for the UN Global Compact and renews its ongoing commitment to the initiative and the Ten Principles. Broadly speaking, since our participation in 2015, we have been engaged with the UN Global Compact in the following areas and the activities, the details of which are described in the attached report.

- 1. Educational activities on topics related to the Ten Principles of the Global Compact;
- 2. Carrying out applied research and taking initiatives in advocating for active leadership and engagement in promoting the Ten Principles of Global Compact.

As a long-term goal of its education and academic research and advocacy, Sophia University is also determined to contribute to dissemination of the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs). Sophia University is an institution established by the Jesuits whose educational spirit of "Men and Women for Others with Others" has been the University's key concept in fostering the human resources serving Japan and the global society. Driven by this high motivation and moral commitment, the University is confident to lead the academic community in Japan and abroad to advance the Global Compact globally.

Cordially submitted,

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## Implementation Report on Activities for United Nations Global Compact

# (August 2017-October 2019)

## (1) Sophia University UN Weeks events and joint events with the Global Compact Network Japan

Since 2014, Sophia University holds UN Weeks twice a year in June and October. This is intended to help cultivate human resources with global commitment, provide opportunities "to consider our future and the world through UN activities" and also to contribute to the activities for public awareness of SDGs. Symposia and various other events are held during the Weeks. Open to the public and high school students, the events help to introduce widely the activities of Sophia University and UN organizations and our partnership.

In our efforts to support UNGC activities, we have carried out joint activities with Global Compact Network Japan (GCNJ) during each UN Weeks.

#### **◆UN Weeks October 2017**



# Joint event with GCNJ during UN Weeks October 2017

Expectations of Japanese Companies: Embedding Respect for Human Rights in Mega Sporting Events Wed., October 25, 2017 13:30—16:00

Organisers: Sophia University, GCNJ, EY Japan Climate Change and Sustainability Services

#### **◆UN Weeks June 2018**



## Joint event with GCN during UN Weeks June 2018

**Business and Human Rights Symposium** 

How do businesses respect human rights in Japan and overseas? --Stockpiling ongoing efforts and remaining challenges Thursday, June 7, 2018 9:50-16:30

Organisers: Sophia University, GCNJ, EY Japan, IDE-JETRO

Keynote: Lene Wendland, Chief of the Human Rights and Economic and Social Issues Section, OHCHR

## **◆UN Weeks October 2018**



# Joint event with GCNJ during UN Weeks October 2018

Symposium: Backgrounds and facts we should know for attaining the SDGs Goal 8 and 9, What are the strategies of companies

Monday, October 29, 2018 13:30~17:45

Organizers: Sophia University, GCNJ, UNIDO, ILO, JICA

Supports: EY Japan



## Joint event with GCNJ during UN Weeks June 2019

Symposium

ESG inv ESG investment and integrated reporting in EU: What is expected of Japanese enterprises?

Wed., May 22, 13:30 - 17:40

Co-organizers: Sophia University, GCNJ

Supported by: Henley Business School, University of Reading, EY Japan Climate Change and Sustainability Services

ILO Centenary seminar on Labour Dimension of CSR

Efforts of Government, Employers and Workers towards Decent Work of Migrant Workers

Friday, May 31, 14:00-17:30

Organizers: ILO Office for Japan, The Japan Association for Advancement of ILO Activities (ILOA) and Sophia University.

Supports: GCNJ and Japan Productivity Centre

#### **◆UN Weeks October 2019**



#### (2) Implementation of SDGs Student Photo Contest

To bring widespread awareness of the SDGs, SDGs Student Photo Contest has been hosted by the United Nations Information Centre and Sophia University, with special cooperation from Getty Images. This contest is open to university students, junior college students, postgraduate students and vocational school students.

In 2017, theme for contest was titled as "My View on the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs)", and more than 1000 applicants from 73 countries and regions joined the contest. The Grand Prize was awarded to Mr. Luis Gustavo Cavalheiro Silva from Brazil.

2018's theme was "Let's capture the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) you've found in Japan!", and there were more than 600 applicants. The Grand prize was awarded to Mr. Yuto Hoshino from Sophia University.

News on Web

2017 https://www.unic.or.jp/news\_press/info/26339/

2018 https://www.unic.or.jp/news\_press/info/30802/

## (3) Education and Research activities

1. Implementing a new course on SDGs

In 2018, a new academic course titled "Learning the SDGs" was inaugurated. Selected lecturers are those of JICA, UNDP, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Ministry of Justice, NGO's, and entreprises.

2. Adoption of "Research Branding Initiative for Private Universites" by the Ministry of Education, Culture, Sports, Science and Technology

In 2016, Sophia University was adopted to the above initiative for the research project of "Trans-disciplinary and Trans-national Research Program for Achieving Regional Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) through River Basin Environment Conservation and ManagementtThis is Shunichi Horiuchi at Sophia.". The primary focus is to establish a next generation framework of river basin governance with new concepts and to develop new guidelines of river basin management accordingly. The ultimate goal is to contribute to achieving SDGs at watershed scale. This was a 3 year project and successfully concluded in 2018.

Sophia was selected for the Research Branding Initiative again in 2017 with the "Project for Formation of an International Center of Excellence in the Realization of Human Security". As a consequence, the Sophia Institute for Human Security was established to play a leading role in the project.

# (4) Special lecture by the UN Secretary-General

Sophia University invited Mr. António Guteress, the UN Secretary-General on December 14, 2017 and implemented a special open lecture on campus for the students and public under the title of "Global Challenges: The Role of Human Security".

News on web https://www.sophia.ac.jp/jpn/news/PR/2017/1221news.html

# (5) Our faculty member's cooperation with GCNJ event

The 6<sup>th</sup> Learning Forum in Kansai

Friday, February 8 15:00~18:00

Venue: Osaka Gas Co. Ltd. Midosuji Higashi Building 3F hall

Professor Yoshiteru Uramoto of the Center for Global Education and Discovery made the keynote lecture on "Progress of SDGs and expectation of enterprises" followed by a panel discussion on "Reviewing SDGs and initiatives from now, views of different perspectives, such as enterprises, financial firms and public services.

# (6) Acquisition of "A+" rating from PRI

Sophia School Corporation which runs Sophia University has acquired an A+ rating for the "Strategy and Governance" module in the Assessment Report from the Principles for Responsible Investment(PRI) for two consecutive years in 2018 and 2019.

The signing of PRI Initiative has been a step forward to our commitment to the investment policy integrated with our basic principle to contribute to the global issues as well as demonstrating the principles of UNGC in our asset management. Through PRI Japan network we will work on ESG issues together with other domestic and international organizations.

# (7) Implementation of academic courses on The Ten Principles of UNGC and SDGs

## <SDGs related courses>

GOD, MAN AND THE WORLD: INTERDISCIPLINARY PERSPECTIVES ON SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT

ADVANCED WASTE MANAGEMENT IN ASIA

**CLIMATE CHANGE POLICY** 

**ENVIRONMENTAL ADMINISTRATION** 

**GLOBAL HEALTH POLICIES** 

JAPANESE ENVIRONMENTAL LAW

SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT

WASTE MANAGEMENT IN ASIA

DEVELOPMENT IN AFRICA: THE 2030 AGENDA FOR SUSTAINABLE SOCIETY

SOCIAL FINANCE & INVESTING IN THE GLOBAL SOCIETY

INVESITIGATIONS FOR VOLUNTEER ACTIVITIES

SEMINAR (INTERNATIONAL COOPERATION)

SEMINAR (UN& CONFLICT RESOLUTION)

SEMINAR (ENVIRONMENTAL LAW POLICY IN INT'L PERSPECTIVE)

SEMINAR (SOCIETY AND DEVELOPMENT IN DEVELOPING COUNTRIES-DEVELOPMENT GOALS

AND ECONOMIC RESPONSIBILITY)

APPLIED MARKETING

ADANCED LECTURE IN CLINICAL SOCIOLOGY OF EDUCATION AND SCHOOLING

**ENVIRONMENTAL ADMINISTRATION** 

SOCIOLOGICAL PERSPECTIVES ON EDUCATION AND INTERNATIONAL DEVELOPMENT

BASIC RESEARCH SEMINAR IN MANAGEMENT

INTERNATIONAL COOPERATION

INTERNATIONAL EDUCATIONAL DEVELOPMENT AND COOPERATION: THEORIES, ISSUES AND REALITIES

INTERNATIONAL EDUCATIONAL DEVELOPMENT

LECTURE IN INTERNATIONAL EDUCATIONAL DEVELOPMENT

SEMINAR IN INTERNATIONAL EDUCATIONAL DEVELOPMENT

ADVANCED LECTURE IN INTERNATIONAL EDUCATIONAL DEVELOPMENT

SEMINAR IN INTERNATIONAL EDUCATION: Migration and SDGs

LECTURE IN INTERNATIONAL EDUCATION (SDGs and International Education)

ADVANCED SEMINAR IN INTERNATIONAL EDUCATION: Migration and SDGs

ADVANCED LECTURE IN INTERNATIONAL EDUCATION (SDGs and International Education)

LEARNING SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT GOALS

**CURRICULUM IN ADULT EDUCATION** 

INTRODUCTION TO LIFELONG LEARNING

POLICY ON CLIMATE CHANGE ISSUE

**INTRODUCTORY SEMINAR ON LAW & POLITICS** 

## < Human Rights related courses>

**INTERNATIONAL LAW SEMINAR (HUMAN RIGHTS)** 

**HUMAN RIGHTS ISSUES IN ASIA** 

**CHRISTIANITY AND HUMAN RIGHTS** 

CHRISTIAN THOUGHTS ON MODERN PROBLEM

GLOBALIZATION, INTERNATIONAL MIGRATION AND HUMAN RIGHTS

GLOBALIZED WORLD AND JAPANESE CIVIL SOCIETY

SEMINAR (GLOBALIZATION AND HUMAN RIGHTS)

JAPANESE CONSTITUTION (HUMAN RIGHTS)

INTERNATIONAL HUMAN RIGHTS LAW

## <Environment related courses>

ADVANCED WASTE MANAGEMENT IN ASIA

CLIMATE CHANGE POLICY

**ENERGY AND ENVIRONMENT: SCIENCE AND POLICY LINKAGES** 

JAPANESE ENVIRONMENTAL LAW

WASTE MANAGEMENT IN ASIA

ASIAN ENVIRONMENTAL LAW

U.S. ENVIROMENTAL LAW

SOCIO-ECONOMIC AND HUMAN DEVELOPMENT STUDY OF INDIA: CASE STUDY OF KERALA MODEL

**ENERGY AND ENVIRONMENT** 

**ENVIRONMENTAL EDUCATION** 

**HUMAN DIGNITY AT ECOZOIC ERA** 

GENDER AND ENVIRONMENT

CHEMISTRY AND DAILY LIFE

**ENVIRONMENTAL POLICY AND ECONOMIC SYSTEM** 

**ENVIRONMENT AND SUSTAINABLE CONSUMPTION** 

**HUMAN AND ENVIRONMENT** 

**ENVIRONMENTAL FOLKLORE** 

**ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT** 

**ENVIRONMENTAL RISK MANAGEMENT** 

**ECOLOGICAL RISK ASSESSMENT OF POLLUTANTS** 

**ENVIRONMENTAL CHEMISTRY IN GAS PHASE** 

**ENVIRONMENTAL EDUCATION** 

**ENVIRONMENTAL FINANCE** 

**ENVIRONMENTAL CRIMINAL LAW** 

CORPORATE ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT

**ENVIRONMENTAL ECONOMIC** 

**ENVIRONMENTAL ECONOMICS** 

**ENVIRONMENTAL PLANNING AND RISK** 

STATISTICS FOR ENVIROMENTAL STUDIES

**ENVIRONMENTAL ENGINEERING** 

**ENVIRONMENTAL ADMINISTRATION** 

**ENVIRONMENTAL ADMINISTRATION** 

**ENVIRONMENT ADAPTIVE MATERIALS** 

**ENVIRONMENTAL HISTORY** 

CASE STUDY FOR ENVIRONMENTAL HISTORY: NORTH AMERICA

**ENVIRONMENTAL SOCIOLOGY** 

**ENVIRONMENTAL POLICIES** 

**ENVIRONMENTAL ECOLOGY** 

ADVANCED ENVIRONMENTAL ECOLOGY

**ENVIRONMENTAL CASES** 

**ENVIRONMENTAL LITIGATION** 

TOPICS IN ENVIRONMENTAL MOLECULAR BIOLOGY

INTRODUCTION TO ENVIRONMENTAL MOLECULAR BIOLOGY

**ENVIRONMENTAL ANALYTICAL CHEMISTRY** 

**CURRENT ISSUES ON ENVIRONMENTAL LAW** 

**ENVIRONMENTAL LAW** 

**BASIC: ENVIRONMENTAL LAW** 

**ENVIRONMENTAL LAW** 

**ENVIRONMENTAL LAW POLICY** 

INTRODUCTION TO ENVIRONMENTAL LAW

GLOBALENVIRONMENT AND SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY

**ENVIRONMENTAL PROBLEM** 

**ENVIRONMENTAL ETHICS** 

**ENVIRONMENTAL ETHICS** 

NURSING THEORY: INTERACTION OF HUMAN AND ENVIRONMENT

**BUSINESS & ECO - MANAGEMENT** 

LAW OF BUSINESS & ENVIRONMENT

**ECONOMY AND THE ENVIRONMENT** 

PUBLIC HEALTH AND ENVIRONMENTAL

INTERNATIONAL ENVIRONMENTAL LAW

INDUSTRIAL PSYCHOLOGY

LOCAL ENVIRONMENTAL POLICY LAW

**ENVIRONMENTAL SCIENCE OF HUMAN HEALTH** 

LIFE AND CHEMISTRY: FAMILIAR CHEMISTRY WORLD

POLICY ON CLIMATE CHANGE ISSUE

THE ENVIRONMENT AND SCIENCE

**ENVIRONMENTAL STUDIES** 

**ENVIRONMENTAL STUDIES OF GERMANY AND JAPAN** 

JAPANESE ENVIRONMENTAL LAW

ADVANCED JAPANESE ENVIRONMENTAL LAW

**CLEAN COMBUSTION SCIENCE** 

COMPARATIVE ENVIL. LAW

COMPARATIVE ENVIRONMENTAL LAW

**SEMINAR (LAW OF BUSINESS & ENVIRONMENT)** 

SEMINAR (INTERNATIONAL ENVIRONMENTAL LAW)

SEMINAR (ENVIRONMENTAL LAW)

SEMINAR (ADMINISTRATIVE LAW AND THE ENVIRONMENT)

SPECIAL TOPICS IN PHYSICAL CHEMISTRY (ENVIRONMENTAL SCIENCE)

## <Labor related courses>

LABOR ECONOMICS

LABOR LAW

LABOR AND EMPLOYMENT LAW

BUSINESS AND HUMAN BEHAVIOR

SEMINARA (WORK AND EMPLOYMENT IN JAPAN)

THE STUDY OF EMPLOYMENT POLICY

HUMAN RESOURCE MANEGEMENT

SEMINAR ON COMPARATIVE EMPLOYMENT RELATIONS

SEMINAR (EMPLOYMENT LAW)