

July 20, 2022 Keio University

# Climate Change × Creative Learning: me, you, and each other's vision of tomorrow SDGs Workshop (July 21-28) & Exhibition (July 29-30) -Co-organized by Keio Chutobu Junior High School, Keio Museum Commons, and KGRI-

With a specific focus on "Climate Action," the 13th goal of the United Nation's Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs), Keio Chutobu Junior High School, Keio Museum Commons (KeMCo), and Keio University Global Research Institute (KGRI) will co-organize a series of workshops for students, as well as an exhibition which is open to the public.

Keio Chutobu Junior High School is well-known for taking a wide range of actions to tackle the SDGs, and KeMCo functions as a place where various communities can interact with each other using artefacts as a starting point. Furthermore, KGRI serves as a platform for fostering the seeds of innovation across fields and generations.

### 1. Overview

Dates (Workshop): July 21 (Thurs.) – 28 (Thurs.), 2022

\*Closed on Sunday. Workshops are <u>not</u> available to the public (some parts will be made available on YouTube at a later date).

Dates (Exhibition): July 29, 13:00–18:00 (Fri.) / July 30, 10:00–15:00 (Sat.), 2022 Venue: Keio Museum Commons (East Annex, Keio University Mita Campus) Admission: Free. Advance reservation not required. URL: <u>https://bit.ly/3Ap7Yvq</u>

\*Depending on the current COVID-19 status, the exhibition period is subject to change. Please check the exhibition website for the latest information.

# 2. About the Workshop and Exhibition

Leveraging the integrated educational environment of Keio University, KeMCo has been conducting workshops for students of the Keio Chutobu Junior High School at each of their exhibitions — from the grand opening inaugural event series "Cross-scapes: Interconnecting Art," where members of the Chutobu Calligraphy Club and students taking the "Calligraphy × Art" elective class took part. KeMCo student staff members comprised of Keio University students and alumni (referred to as "KeMCoM") have also been active as facilitators.

For this exhibition and workshop, one of KGRI's projects, "Emergence from the Intersections of Different Ideas, Different Cultures and Different Media" will join as an organizer, to help us to zoom in on the urgent 13th SDG of "Climate Action."

Through making things (creative learning), students, faculty, and staff from all corners of Keio University will come together to consider the topic of climate change, to think about what we as individuals can do, and what we can do together.

• KGRI's project: Emergence from the Intersections of Different Ideas, Different Cultures and Different Media <u>https://www.kgri.keio.ac.jp/en/project/2022/C22-07.html</u>

## 3. Details of the Workshop and Exhibition

The workshops will be craft-based but will also include an introduction (lectures by middle school teachers and KeMCo faculty members) and reflection (dialogue and reflection among participants) to enable each participant to see the SDGs and climate change as personally relevant, and to create an environment where participants can learn from each other across disciplines and generations.



Images: Previous workshops conducted at KeMCo

At the exhibition, the venue will be transformed into an ocean and forest and the artworks created in the workshops (using trash and other materials generated on campus) will be displayed. The mother ocean accepts everything in circulation and nurtures life. However, garbage discarded by humans stays in the ocean. Even at this very moment, garbage continues to flow into the ocean at an alarming rate. The exhibition will communicate the current state of the ocean through manufacturing, question the causes of climate change, and sound a warning bell for the future. In a lush forest, there is a Mother Tree (an entity with mystical powers that supports the forest and nurtures the trees around it), and the living, growing forest is conveyed through manufacturing, calling for recovery from the critical state of climate change and transmitting actions to change the future.

In addition, there will be a space at the exhibition site where visitors can leave comments about their impressions of the works and their thoughts on the SDGs and climate change, and together with the visitors, we will all think about tomorrow and the future of the earth.



Sustainable Development Goal 13 "Climate Action"

#### 4. Access

#### Venue:

East Venue: Keio Museum Commons (East Annex)

#### Address:

2-15-45 Mita, Minato-ku, Tokyo 108-8345

East Annex, Keio University Mita Campus

#### Access:

- Tamachi Station (JR Yamanote Line/Keihin Tohoku Line) 8-minute walk
- Mita Station (Toei Subway Asakusa Line/Mita Line) 7-minute walk
- Akabanebashi Station (Toei Subway Oedo Line) 8-minute walk





Keio Museum Commons (East Annex, Mita Campus)

#### 5. Organizers

Keio Museum Commons (KeMCo) Keio Chutobu Junior High School Keio University Global Research Institute (KGRI)

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