

**Notice**  
**2017 International Essay Contest**  
**On Theme *Learning from Nature***

The Goi Peace Foundation Japan is going to organize an annual international Essay Contest for young people in 2017. This programme as an activity of the UNESCO Global Action Programme (GAP) on Education for Sustainable Development (ESD).

**Theme**

***"Learning from Nature"***

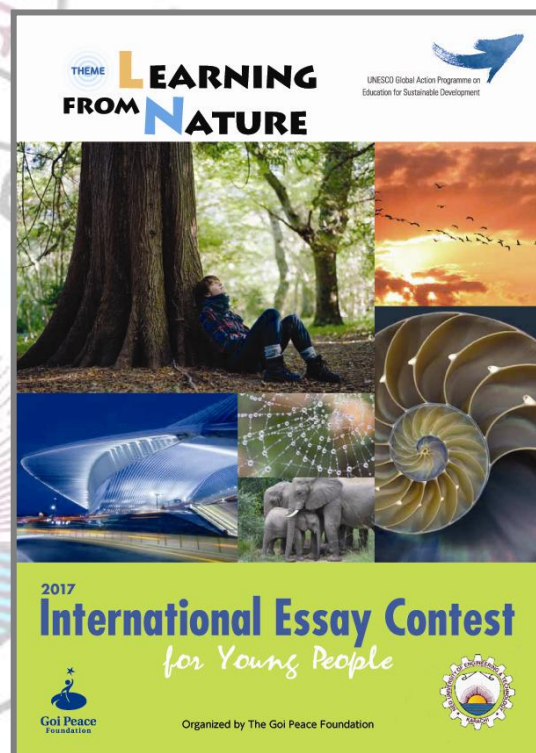
Modern civilization has developed through controlling nature and exploiting its resources. At the same time, we human beings are part of the natural world, and nature has many things to teach us. Scientists, philosophers, poets, and artists have all found inspiration in nature. What can we learn from nature, and how can we make use of that learning for the future? Please describe your ideas, including your own observations and experiences.

**Guidelines**

1. Essays may be submitted by anyone up to 25 years old (as of June 15, 2017) in one of the following age categories:  
a) Children (ages up to 14) ★ b) Youth (ages 15 - 25)
  2. Essays must be 700 words or less in English, French, Spanish or German, or 1600 characters or less in Japanese, excluding essay title and cover page. Essays may be typed or printed.
  3. Essays must have a cover page indicating (1) category (Children or Youth) (2) your essay title (3) your name (4) address (5) phone number (6) e-mail (7) nationality (8) age as of June 15, 2017 (9) gender (10) school name (if applicable) (11) word count.
- \* Entries missing any of the above information will not be considered.  
\* Please note that the organizer is unable to confirm receipt of essays or answer individual inquiries concerning results.
5. Essays must be original and unpublished. Plagiarized entries will be rejected.
  6. Essays must be written by one person. Co-authored essays are not accepted.
  7. Copyright of the essays entered will be assigned to the organizer.

**Deadline**

**Entries must be received to *Department of Students Affairs* in PDF format by May 26<sup>th</sup>, 2017.**



## **Awards**

The following awards will be given in the Children's category and Youth category respectively:

1<sup>st</sup> Prize: Certificate, prize of 100,000 Yen (approx. **US\$880** as of February 2017) & Gift (1 entrant)

2<sup>nd</sup> Prize: Certificate, prize of 50,000 Yen (approx. **US\$440** as of February 2017) & Gift (2 entrants)

3<sup>rd</sup> Prize: Certificate & Gift (5 entrants)

Honorable Mention: Certificate & Gift (25 entrants)

\* 1<sup>st</sup> prize winners will be invited to the award ceremony to be held in Tokyo, Japan on November 25, 2017 and will receive the Minister of Education Award. (Travel expenses will be covered by the organizer.)

\* All prize winners will be announced on October 31, 2017 on the Goi Peace Foundation web site ([www.goipeace.or.jp](http://www.goipeace.or.jp)), Certificates and gifts will be mailed to the winners in December 2017.

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**Controller Students' Affairs**

To,

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