

Overview of Virtual School Exchange between Ginowan Senior High School (Okinawa, Japan) and Kranji Secondary School (Singapore)

Kranji Secondary School prides itself in our commitment to our students' holistic development and to be future-ready as part of their Kranji Experience. With globalisation, the need to possess multi-cultural literacy becomes increasingly important. The driving force behind Kranji Secondary School's Internationalisation Programme is the board concept of experiential and authentic learning extending beyond the context of Singapore.

In 2020, Kranji Secondary established a new partnership with Ginowan Senior High School in Okinawa, Japan for school exchanges to deepen our students in the 21st Century Competency of Global Awareness and Cross-Cultural Literacies. In response to the travel restrictions due to the COVID-19 pandemic, the teachers from both schools redesigned the school exchange to a virtual format, and would begin in June 2020. A surprise benefit of this virtual school exchange was the possibility of allowing more students to participate, and extending the exchange over a longer period of time.

The e-exchange in 2020 involved 29 students from each school, and largely centered on inter-cultural appreciation and understanding. Building on the success in 2020, we have continued the exchange in 2021 with student participants engaging in discussions of the different Sustainable Development Goals.

ANNEX: Planning document for the 2021 Ginowan-Kranji e-School Exchange (Session #4)

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Session	Date	Discussion Topic on specific Sustainable Development Goals (Live Conferences)	Flipgrid Video Topic
1	17 th Feb	#6 – Clean water & sanitation #14 – Life below water	Self-introduction
2	26 th Mar	#7 – Affordable & clean energy #11 – Sustainable cities & communities	Hobbies
3	28 th May	#12 – Responsible consumption & production #15 – Life on land	Favourite food
4	27 th Aug	#13 – Climate action	Tourist destination in your own country
5	Nov (tentative)	Present on action to take to promote sustainability	TBC

Session 4 Meeting Plan

	Meeting Flow	Format	Duration
0	Flipgrid video to be done before session 3: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Show us one tourist destination in your country What can tourists do there? Why should tourists visit that place? 	Individual	-
1	Sharing on buddy's Flipgrid video <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Whose Flipgrid video did you watch? What tourist destination did they show? Share one thing you like about the video! Ask one question Buddy to answer the question 	Whole Group	15 mins
2	Buddy discussion <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Topic: SDG #13 Buddies to note down discussion points on shared Google slides 	Buddy pairing	15 mins
3	Wrap up buddy discussion <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Buddies to share what they discussed 	Whole group	10 mins
4	Brainstorming of how they can take action <ul style="list-style-type: none"> What is one action you can take to promote sustainability? How often will you do this? Make a plan! Note down discussion points into Google Slides (URL above) 	Buddy pairing	10 mins

5	Closure	Whole group	3 mins
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