

## **The 21<sup>st</sup> Kansai High School Model United Nations**

The 21<sup>st</sup> annual Kansai High School Model United Nations was held from June 21<sup>st</sup> – 23<sup>rd</sup> at the Kyoto International Conference Center. 230 students from eleven high schools participated, deliberating on the agenda topic of Food Security. The students represented 53 countries in Commission A and 51 countries in Commission B. Leadership for the conference was provided by students and teachers from Kyoto Gaidai Nishi High School.

Student delegates produced four resolutions for each commission. Resolutions were prepared by regional blocs and introduced to each commission, requiring a 2/3 majority yes vote in order to be adopted. After much debate and many amendments, the delegates of Commission A voted to adopt 3 resolutions and in Commission B, all four resolutions were adopted.

Below is a summary of 4 resolutions introduced at the KHSMUN.

### **Topic 1: Improving Nutrition, Food Quality and Safety**

*This resolution was introduced by the Africa & Middle East bloc in Commission A*

- Requests developed countries to increase ODA (Official Development Assistance) in order to increase the amount of nutritional food available to developing countries;
- Urges the United Nations to make and maintain a Hunger Map detailing hunger areas and where AID is needed most;
- Recommends that ODA donor countries consult with the Hunger Map annually when providing ODA.

### **Topic 2: Managing Access and Control of Food Supply**

*This resolution was introduced by the Latin America & Caribbean bloc in Commission B*

- Urges all member nations to establish subsidized school lunch programs to increase the number of students attending school;
- Requests donor countries to offer support and AID for school lunch programs in developing countries;

- Requests all member nations to establish laws against gender discrimination;
- Calls on developing nations with food security issues to allow more women in leadership roles in controlling the food supply.

### **Topic 3: Ensuring a Sustainable Food Supply**

*This resolution was introduced by the Asia and Pacific bloc in Commission A*

- Requests the United Nations and developed countries to establish farming education programs in developing countries;
- Calls on all countries to establish public education programs on sustainable agriculture;
- Requests the United Nations work with developing countries to set up food banks in countries that have a lack of food.

### **Topic 4: Providing Emergency Food Aid**

*This resolution was introduced by the Europe and others bloc in Commission B*

- Calls on all developed countries to earmark 0.7% of their GDP to the World Food Program (WFP);
- Calls on the WFP to establish stock piles of food all over the world to be used in emergency situations;
- Encourages the United Nations to train local experts in emergency disaster management;

The 21<sup>st</sup> Kansai High School Model United Nations was a great success. Students continue to talk about how difficult it was, but how much “fun” they had. The event brings together students of different English abilities to participate together in an English event. Many students not only improve their English, but also develop more confidence in using the language outside of the classroom. This, combined with developing an interest in global issues, makes the Kansai High School Model United Nations a fantastic experience for teachers and students.