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G7 International Conference on Vehicle Storytelling Education	Toyama City	April 27 (Thu), 2023	Toyama City Hall etc.	Regarding experience of mobility management of elementary school students in this city, sharing public transportation examples with students through Web-based collaboration between San Sebastian (Spain) that will newly cooperate with this city, as well as Southeast Asia, exchange of ideas, and promotion of mobility management from a global perspective.
SDG–Universities Platform (SDG-UP) “Transformation of Behavior at Universities through Efforts to Achieve the SDGs”	United Nations University Institute for the Advanced Study of Sustainability (UNU-IAS)	March 29 (Thu), 2023	Online or UNU-IAS	SDG–Universities Platform (SDG-UP) was launched in October 2020 to strengthen efforts by Universities in Japan toward reaching sustainable development goals (SDGs) and collaboration between stakeholders, both in Japan and abroad. Presently, 32 Universities from across the nation participate in the platform, and monthly workshops are organized to carry out discussions on the role and possibilities of Universities in Japan in solving global issues. Four working groups on University Management, SDGs Curriculum, University Collaboration, and University Evaluation and Accountability cooperate to promote behavior changes in stakeholders engaged in higher education, and to contribute to activities for creating sustainable future. The United Nations University Institute for the Advanced Study of Sustainability (UNU-IAS) will present results and achievements of SDG-UP obtained during 2.5 years, and discuss how Universities in Japan can contribute to the society through SDGs-related efforts.
Hokusai Kokorozashi Mosaic Art Project	Kokorozashi Art Project	May 14 (Sun) – 15 (Mon), 2023	Kanazawa City	2030 MISSION To nurture global citizens who will brighten the world at your corner for global interests through cherishing all lives and valuing traditions and culture of every nation, thus addressing critical challenges faced by modern humanity. 2030 VISION Along with 17 SDGs adopted at the 2015 UN Summit, to expand <i>kokorozashi</i> ("aspiration") education and opportunities to declare <i>kokorozashi</i> spirit to 200 countries of the world and 1,800 municipalities in Japan by 2030 toward nurturing global citizens. PROJECT DESCRIPTION <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Hokusai Kokorozashi Mosaic Art Project • World Youth Kokorozashi Presentation Contest
Hospitality City Trash Pick-up Battle at Toyama Station	Toyama Prefecture Regional Revitalization Group MARUGOTO TOYAMA	April 23 (Sun), 2023	Toyama Station South Exit Station Plaza	We welcome all participants in the G7 Education Ministers' Meeting and visitors to Toyama! We all will clean up all the way from the gateway to Toyama through the Toyama International Conference Center, the venue of the Education Ministers' Meeting. We will also create momentum to publicize the G7 Education Ministers' Meeting in Toyama and Kanazawa to people passing by or involved in events near the station.

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2023 Toyama Citizens College Opening Ceremony and Special Lecture	Toyama City Board of Education	April 17 (Mon), 2023	Toyama Shimin Plaza 4F Ensemble Hall	On the occasion of the beginning of 2023 academic year at Toyama Citizens College, an opening ceremony will be held, and a special lecture will be delivered to raise public awareness of lifelong education.
Toyama Glass Art Museum and Toyama City Public Library Main Building: School Invitation Program	Toyama City	June 26 (Mon) – December 1 (Fri), 2023	TOYAMA KIRARI	Elementary school students from Toyama City and municipalities within the urban collaboration area will be invited to Toyama Glass Art Museum and Toyama City Public Library Main Building to develop rich sensitivity.
Backstage Tour at Toyama's Energy Park of the Next Generation	Toyama City	May 13 (Sat), 2013	Environmental facility in Toyama City	A tour will be arranged for children and their parents at the theme facility dedicated to small hydropower plants, mega solar power plants, and other next-generation energy technologies, thus aiming at environmental education of elementary school students.
Lecture session "Thinking of Hometown Scenery"	Toyama UNESCO Association	April 22 (Sat), 2023	Sunship Toyama, Training Room 601	A lecture session will be held on the sidelines of the general meeting of Toyama Prefecture Federation of UNESCO Associations and Toyama UNESCO Association. The lecture session will connect to hometown education through taking a fresh look on the splendiddness of light, sound, scent, water and wind of the hometown. This event will also publicize the Education Ministers' Meeting and contribute to momentum for its opening.
30th Anniversary of the Society to Reflect on Toyama Prefectural Library "School libraries for education! School librarians for school libraries! Exhibition of top 50 books selected by school librarians of Toyama Prefecture"	Society to Reflect on Toyama Prefectural Library	May 1 (Mon) – December 31 (Sun), 2023	Exhibition corner of public libraries and bookstores of Toyama Prefecture	About 200 librarians of elementary, junior high and high schools of Toyama Prefecture will select 50 books they thought of lately as "Interesting! I would recommend it to children and students!" These 50 books will be displayed in public libraries and bookstores of Toyama Prefecture.
Panel Exhibition in Commemoration of G7 Education Ministers' Meeting in Toyama and Kanazawa	Hokuriku Business Start-up Support Center, Micro Business and Individual Unit, Japan Financial Corporation	May 2 (Tue) – May 14 (Sun), 2023	Kanazawa City Tamagawa Library Mini Gallery	Panel exhibition and lending services for materials related to the participating countries of G7 Education Ministers' Meeting in Toyama and Kanazawa Panel exhibition and brochure display for "High School Student Business Plan Grand Prix" aiming at enhancing entrepreneurial mindset among younger generation who will lead the future

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34 th KOSEN Programming Contest	Japan Federation of KOSEN Association	October 14 (Sat) – October 15 (Sun), 2023	Sundome Fukui	This contest is a place where technical college students from all over Japan compete for their ideas and skills to realize them in ICT technology field by making use of achievements in their daily studies. Even under the COVID-19 pandemic, the contest was held online in 2020 and 2021, and then in face-to-face format in 2022 with appropriate infection prevention measures, thus continuously providing a flexible educational ground with regard to the coronavirus and other circumstances. The contest of 2023 is scheduled to be face to face, while online format is also provided in case of infection spread to create an example of future education with regard to the impact of coronavirus.
Youth Center Kanazawa – Pre-opening Event –	3rd Staff Room	March 31 (Fri) – April 1 (Sat), 2023	Youth Center Kanazawa	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Youth Center Kanazawa will open on May 21 as a third place, other than school or home, for young people to make friends, plan events or engage in other activities they want to do. It is also a place to provide advices for young people and to support their growth. • In the context of social connections weakened by the pandemic, meeting different people of all age beyond school and club activities provides children with opportunities to try learning new things, thus contributing to school education as well. • At this event, we will introduce the opening of G7 Education Ministers' Meeting in Toyama and Kanazawa, and talk with children about the future education and school.
Global Partnership for Education	Global Partnership for Education	– December 31 (Sun), 2023	Headquarters: Washington D.C. Partners: about 90 countries all over the world	<p>(i) Focused development support and urgent emergency aid In GPE, about half of the funds are allocated for assistance to children affected by poverty and conflicts. Development support for developing countries and emergency aid for troubled regions are realized through flexible and prompt response using funds raised from all over the world.</p> <p>(ii) Building of education systems in cooperation with governments of developing countries We support building of functioning education systems through cooperation with developing countries, based on responsibility of their governments and domestic activities. GPE is aimed at building of efficient education systems to ensure that we provide every child with the opportunity of school education.</p> <p>(iii) Fair and efficient economic assistance through partnership We actively collaborate with governments and organizations all over the world, the focus being placed on effective and efficient use of development aid. We allocate funds in coordination with governments and organizations all over the world, including developing countries.</p>
Hokuriku Youth Summit 2023 – What is Well Being? –	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Kanazawa Izumigaoka High School SDG Workshop B • 3rd Staff Room, Youth Center Kanazawa 	April 19 (Sun), 2023	Online conference system	On the occasion of G7 education summit co-hosted by Ishikawa Prefecture and Toyama Prefecture, we schedule this citizens' event together with Youth Center Kanazawa (provisional name) and with assistance from youth centers of Ishikawa and Toyama. The youth summit dedicated to well-being education will be held on Zoom, featuring guest speakers.

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RCE Youth Art Challenge	United Nations University Institute for the Advanced Study of Sustainability (UNU-IAS)	A. Exhibition of award-winning works 2022: May 19 – June 19, 2023 B. Call for works 2023: May 19 – August 15, 2023	A. Exhibition of award-winning works 2022: Global Environment Outreach Center B. Call for works 2023: online	RCE Youth Art Challenge is an international art contest to encourage youth's creativity and use their artistic talents, and to raise awareness and behaviors toward sustainable future as well as to encourage participation of young people. RCEs (Regional Centres of Expertise on Education for Sustainable Development) are regional bases to promote education for sustainable development approved by the United Nations University; UNU-IAS serves as a secretariat for a worldwide network of more than 170 RCEs.
Symposium: How to improve well-being of children? – Practicing children's rights in a classroom	Japan Committee for UNICEF	May 10 (Wen), 2023	UNICEF House Hybrid format	The symposium will consider basic plan for the promotion of education for the next period, revised student guidance summary, UNICEF (UN Children's Fund) survey studies on education and well-being as well as examples of practicing children's rights in Japanese schools to discuss the future of education with regard to the impact of coronavirus. Specifically, focus will be placed on how to assess well-being of children, particularly Japanese children, whether well-being of children can be improved through incorporating children's rights into teaching practice, etc.
Beauty Mountain Izumi Co. Children's Appreciation Experience Support Project	Izumi School of Kyogen	July 16 (Sun) and September 9 (Sat), 2023	Cerulean Tower Noh Theatre	The traditional Japanese art of kyogen is very educational and thought-provoking in its content and passing down for generations; once it was even written with characters meaning "educative words". One can say it is education for people to live better lives. This project is aimed to foster Japanese spirit and tradition in people of ages through kyogen, and to help meeting challenges of the future.
Special exhibition in commemoration of Koshinokuni Museum of Literature 10th Anniversary and opening of G7 Education Ministers' Meeting "Hyakunin Isshu – World of Waka and Beauty"	Koshinokuni Museum of Literature	March 19 (Sun) – June 5 (Mon), 2023	Koshinokuni Museum of Literature	The poetry anthology "Hyakunin Isshu" has been read and enjoyed as a basis for the card game of <i>karuta</i> by many generations. This special exhibition presents the world of waka poetry versatile charm of "Hyakunin Isshu" that embodies the elegance and beauty sense of royal court culture as well as portraits of celebrated poets, <i>karuta</i> cards, and ukiyoe paintings. In addition, we schedule, in cooperation with schools, side events such as a <i>karuta</i> competition and tea party as a Japanese traditional culture experience.
Yakamochi Medal/Koshinokuni Poetry Award ceremony and other projects	Toyama Prefecture	June – August, 2023	Koshinokuni Museum of Literature etc.	3rd ceremony of presenting Yakamochi Medal/Koshinokuni Poetry Award, established to celebrate 1300th anniversary of birth of Otomo no Yakamochi, will be held on July 16; in addition, workshops will be arranged in June – August to familiarize children with Yakamochi and folk songs "Etchu Manyo." *Yakamochi Medal is conferred to prominent poets from different nations, including G7 countries.
Training in Toyama, Japan to learn SDGs and environment for improvement of educational skills	Indonesian Education Promotion Foundation	September 9 (Sat) – 17 (Sun), 2023	Toyama Prefecture, Ishikawa Prefecture and Tokyo	The remodeled "Project for development, dissemination and support of the new subject 'Environment,' and retraining of school teachers in Indonesia," a pilot project supported by EDU-Port Japan in 2020, provides training in Japan for educational skills transfer to spread digitalization of SDGs/environment education and Japan's "lesson study" method to Indonesian isolated islands.

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Philosophy school at Saikyoji Temple in Oyabe City – Relationship between “An Inquiry into the Good ” by Kitaro Nishida and Ryohon/Jinjyo Kiba –	Suetomo Neighborhood Association and Kitakanda Regional Revitalization Council in Oyabe City (co-hosting)	May 12 (Fri), 2023	Saikyoji Temple Hall	On the occasion of the opening of G7 Education Ministers' Meeting in Toyama and Kanazawa, “Philosophy School at Saikyoji Temple in Oyabe City” will be arranged as an opportunity to find out how Kitaro Nishida and Ryohon/Jinjyo Kiba are related to philosophy of G7 countries.
Connect and learn online ESD “The Spacecraft Earth Mission!”	Sustainability Dialogue, Inc.	July 2 (Sun) and 9 (Sun), 2023 (planned dates)	Online (venues: Sapporo City and Furano Area on Hokkaido, Koga City in Fukuoka Prefecture, and others)	We will run an environmental education course called “The Spacecraft Earth Mission!” to gain knowledge supporting the practice of sustainable development together with future generations for building a sustainable society with no one left behind. Online learning environment will be created for small teams of 3-4 children and 2 adult assistants to learn globally recognized ESD topics by natural steps, through group work together with friends from all over the country.
Creation of Mini Garden	Toyama Prefectural Chuo Agricultural High School	April 28 (Fri) – June 25 (Sun), 2023	JR Toyama Station	We will create and display a mini garden to publicize the G7 Summit.
Hands-on workshop “Climate Change and Water Cycle”	Toyama UNESCO Association, PEC Toyama	June 10 (Sat), 2023	Toyama Prefectural University DX Center	As part of post-coronavirus education, we will familiarize children with discussions held at the G7 Education Ministers' Meeting in Toyama and Kanazawa, and provide them with an opportunity for experiment-based learning about climate change and water cycle.
Japan Education Forum (JEF for SDGs)	Hiroshima University, University of Tsukuba	scheduled for first half of July, 2023	Online	The Japan Education Forum (JEF) is an annual international forum established in March 2004 as part of Japan's international contribution in the field of education. 17 forums held so far have gained recognition among international educators. The forthcoming forum will be arranged and held considering that this year is the year of G7 Summit/G7 Education Ministers' Meeting in Toyama and Kanazawa, revision of the international cooperation network, and halfway to SDGs.
Project HESO seminars	Kanazawa University Collaboration Office	1 st seminar: April 29, 2023; schedule for June onward yet to be determined	Kanazawa Mirai No Machi Creation Center etc.	Schools affiliated with Kanazawa University are engaged in projects using advanced technologies and educational data as well as in social innovation programs based on research findings of each school to propose a novel education model of the Reiwa period. These project seminars will spread these findings and discuss specific topics with the participants, while creating a new borderless educational community. https://project-heso.w3.kanazawa-u.ac.jp/
Waiting at Shokoji Temple National Treasure! Clean-up activities – G7 Education Ministers' Meeting in Toyama and Kanazawa support project –	Katakago Nursery School, Katakago Kindergarten	May 10 (Wen), 2023	Around Shokoji Temple	On the occasion of G7 Education Ministers' Meeting in Toyama and Kanazawa, we thought it would be great to have the Ministers to visit Shokoji Temple. Thus the kids and local residents will do a clean-up to create a welcome atmosphere in the area.

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Radio show project in commemoration of G7 Summit	NextKiz	Around August 15, 2023	Community FM radio station Senri 83.7 MHz	Taking into account that the G7 Summit is a peace summit set in Hiroshima, we will broadcast a show featuring peace education. The show promoted support for Ukrainian refugees and peace as an approved project for the 30 th anniversary of the establishment of diplomatic relations between Ukraine and Japan (Embassy of Ukraine in Japan, December 2022). This time, we will address such topics as peace education activities by teachers of Ukrainian elementary schools and interviews with Nobel Peace Prize laureates. The show is an EXPO 2025 Co-creation Partner to support SDGs challenges of elementary school students. We schedule a programming summit, picture book exhibition, and “Future Teachers Forum.”
SDGs Education Meeting based on Japan-Finland cooperation in geoparks	Kanazawa Institute of Technology SDGs Promotion Center	June 16 (Fri), 2023	Kanazawa Institute of Technology SDGs Promotion Center (hybrid format)	Activities of Japan and Finland in geoparks and education will be presented, and education system of each country will be discussed toward collaboration in the international community. In addition, in a joint effort with a geopark in Hakusan City, we provide an opportunity to experience a trial lesson using gamification materials related to UNESCO initiatives. This event will serve to promote the leading-edge education system of Ishikawa Prefecture across Japan and overseas.
SDGs Origami Crane Project – “No one left behind”: let’s bring this message to G7 Hiroshima Summit –	Platform of Environmental Citizenship Toyama (PEC Toyama)	May 12 (Fri) and	SOGAWA BASE	This national project is developed to put realization a world where no one is left behind as well as citizens’ feelings and appeal for peace into the origami cranes and messages to be delivered to G7 Hiroshima Summit from all over Japan. We will launch this project here in Toyama on May 12 and 13 in time with the Education Ministers’ Meeting.
3 rd International Education Cooperation Week	Education Cooperation Week Secretariat	September 7 (Thu) – 9 (Sat), 2023	Japan International Cooperation Agency (JICA) + online (hybrid format)	We will hold a hybrid seminar for those engaged in international education cooperation. Many children all over the world have lost learning opportunities because of the outbreak of COVID-19, and achieving SDGs 4 by 2030 is under threat. This event is an annual meeting held to build an education cooperation platform for rallying the wisdom of Japan’s experts in education cooperation, and co-creating a strategy to achieve SDGs 4. The last year’s meeting attracted more than 2,000 participants. This year, participation of EDU-Port Japan and international organizations is expected to accelerate discussion toward achieving SDGs 4.
Kanazawa Student Guides (Travel Designers)	Awesome Kanazawa Guide Osamu Minami, 3rd year student of N High School	July 15 (Sat) – 31 (Mon), 2023 (from August onward, scheduled on every 2nd Saturday of the moth)	Kanazawa: Kenroku-en, Higashi Chaya District, Nishi Chaya District, etc.	Students from Kanazawa and Toyama will be engaged in international exchange with foreign visitors. (i) Expansion of inbound tourism will contribute to regional revitalization due to young tour guides. (ii) Students will experience international exchange. (iii) Through exchange with young people, tourists will experience old and new Kanazawa, while the elderly and families with small children will enjoy as well.
Webinar: special lecture “SDGs in the Post-coronavirus Age – Development of Global Human Resources”	PADECO Co., Ltd. Toyama College of Welfare Science	August 9 (Wen), 2023	Toyama College of Welfare Science/online (hybrid format)	Post-coronavirus age, SDGs age, VUCA age – the age of uncertainty and rapid change; many students feel unsure what to study and what career to pursue. With such students in mind, specialists engaged in international cooperation, global problem solving, and contribution to SDGs as well as experienced academics will deliver a discussion on what is now required from global human resources. Participating students will think about their own future careers from a global perspective to provoke a specific vision.

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Future Teacher Training and Future Education	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> •Joint institute of Teacher Education, School of Education, University of Toyama •School of Teacher Education, College of Human and Social Sciences, Kanazawa University 	October 21 (Sat),2023	KKR Hotel Kanazawa	The joint teacher training program by the University of Toyama and Kanazawa University, launched in April 2022, seeks to train teachers in a wider area and the future of education. This symposium will provide an opportunity to consider future education from the perspectives of the current status and issues of lectures given remotely at both universities, the region and teacher training, and the internationalization of education.