

Support Project for Building WWL (Worldwide Learning) Consortium in FY2019

Overview Utilizing the achievements up to now of the Super Global High School (SGH) Project

◆ To foster global and innovative human resources for the future, MEXT is aiming to designate hub schools as part of the World Wide Learning (WWL) Consortium. This will entail domestic and overseas universities, companies, international organizations, and others collaborating with high schools to develop initiatives for providing advanced learning opportunities to high school students, the holding of international conferences for high school students on various themes, and the creation of advanced learning networks of high schools.

- ◆ Commissioned project: Trustees (managing organizations: prefectural and municipal boards of education, national universities, schools)
- ◆ Target schools: National, public, private high schools and combined junior and senior high schools (targets of research and development may also include elementary and junior high schools)
- ◆ Designated period: In principle, 3 years (extension possible depending on evaluation in 3rd year)
- ◆ Number of designated schools: up to 10 schools (1 lead school)
- ◆ Support funding: 10 million yen annually in expense funding per school (depending on scale, including contents of R&D and number of target students, etc.)

Specific initiatives (examples)

- ✓ Development of curriculum for research into global social issues (themes related to SDGs, economics, politics, education, art, etc.)
- ✓ Setting of school-designated subjects and courses, including “global inquiry” courses that merge several subjects such as foreign languages and social sciences around various themes
- ✓ Holding in Japan of international conferences for high school students on various themes in which Japanese and overseas high school students participate
- ✓ Systematic inclusion of short-term and long-term student exchanges and overseas training in curriculum
- ✓ Acceptance of talented human resources from overseas and arranging joint lessons, study activities between Japanese high school students and international students
- ✓ Preparation of programs with advanced and diverse subject contents through high school – university articulation, including programs offering credits for courses taken at universities (utilization of system for credited auditors)
- ✓ Providing advanced classes in foreign languages emphasizing communicative competence
- ✓ Strengthening of collaboration with overseas schools, etc. through utilization of ICT.
- ✓ Building of networks among domestic and overseas high schools
- ✓ Writing research papers on various themes in a foreign language
- ✓ Conducting of teacher training, seminars, etc.



“Water is Life” high school conference, July 2018]

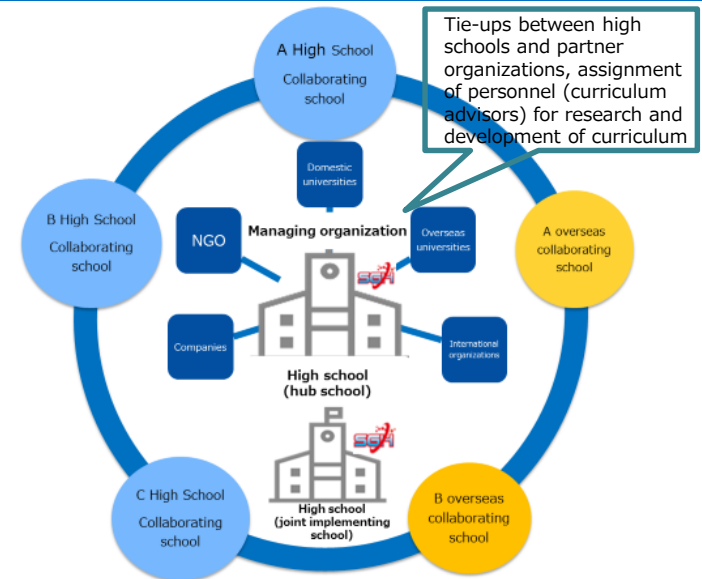
Fostering of human resources for Society 5.0

Transcending traditional humanities/sciences divide, high school –university articulation reforms for study of both humanities and sciences.

Programs will be established as part of the WWL Consortium that will enable high school students to study in line with their individual interests, concerns, and specialties advanced and diverse subjects, including courses taken at the university-level for credit. National, public, and private high schools in each prefecture will be designated as hub schools, with a yardstick of 60,000 high school students per consortium hub. All high school students will be able to participate in online and offline courses after a selection process. Through these initiatives, the project will foster global and innovative human resources who are able to enter top-class universities in Japan or overseas. In addition, talented human resources will be accepted from abroad, enabling Japanese high school students to participate in classes and inquiry-based research activities together with international students in English.

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Visualization of Advanced Learning Network



Creation of networks among high schools so that Project will effectively function through holding of international conferences and other joint activities