## SGHN071 **Our Virtual Country:** Ritsumeikan High School **Creating a Sustainable Future** Introduction

In our school, we have an event called RSGF (Rits Super Global Forum) to talk about these global issues passionately with overseas students every year. We believe that young generations like us have to think about these ploblems more carefully as they will be our legacy. This year, we prepared a virtual country which has problems like those that exist in the real world, and we decided to discuss and together create a sustainable country for all.

## **Basic Information of the Virtual Country**

**Population**: 20 million people, average age 25 years old. Land area 37,000 km<sup>2</sup>

**Climate** Tropical climate over the whole country, with a rainy season and dry season. There are frequent typhoons during the rainy season.

What are the problems in this virtual country?

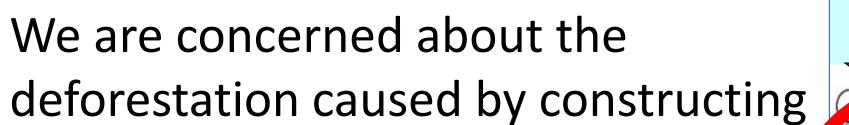
We can not get high wages. Our standard of living has not improved in the system. And our children are not able to receive enough education because we have allowed them to work.



I have farms near the river, but we frequently face heavy rain so our fields are damaged. The heavy rains may be caused by climate change....



I am the governor of this region. I think that lives of people living near the river is the most urgent problem to be solved. Some people say that levee is not good for the environment.



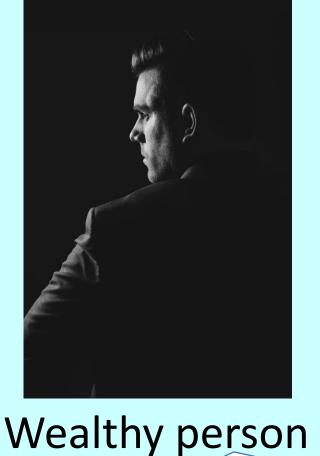






levees.

So we are not in favor of constructing levees to prevent flooding.





I am critisized by many people such as the poor who want to take care of and live in a more stable environment. We just want to develop this country more...



I come from another country, so I do not know the language here. So, it is difficult to find jobs, and earn a stable income. Furthermore, I'm concerned by



As a fisherman, I'm really concerned about water pollution. Fish are affected by chemicals, so they cannot be exported. Also, I want to protect marine diversity.



We live in the slum area near the river. Our house is not strongly built, and when disasters happens, we lose our houses. But when it comes to forced eviction, we can't accept that. Beacause we don't have

**Problem 1** Disasters from extreme weather (typhoons) Related SDGs: #6, #9, #11, #13, #15, #17 Mission: Consider the disaster mitigation measures to prevent damage by typhoons and the assurance of secure and safe water.

Problem 2 Deforestation due to rubber farming and environmental destruction through industrialization Related SDGs: #1, #3, #4,#7, #8, #9,#11,#13, #14,#15, #17 Mission: Encourage rubber farms and rubber industries to create a sustainable business model which protects biodiversity!

**Problem 3** Disparity in Urban Areas Related SDGs: #1, #3, #4, #10, #16,#17 Mission: Realize a diverse and tolerant society!







