

# Messages from Advisor

生徒交流会を進行するアドバイザーの先生方からDiversityにかかわるメッセージをいただきました。

Since time immemorial, never has there been two similar snowflakes that drifted down to Earth. Yet, when we look at a white expanse of snow, it appears uniform. As no two snowflakes are exactly alike, no two individuals have ever been alike either. Yet, if we look at the vastness of humanity, we might see it as the sum of billions of humans. As the uniqueness of each snowflake makes snow so beautiful, so does the distinctiveness of each individual. Diversity is the law and beauty of Nature. Diversity is the law and beauty of Humanity.

When we think of biological abundance, diversity has always been a fact on earth. In our current global society, diversity is being widely and positively promoted as a factor that strengthens our lives. Nevertheless, it is also subject to debate and controversy. Race, languages, gender, etc. can be named as some of the topics where such opposing opinions arouse. How is society benefiting from diversity? Why is it so hard to achieve? What can we do as individuals? Many questions come to mind. Surely, there must be a diversity of answers as well!

Understanding Diversity is not only understanding others, but also understanding yourself. Through the eyes of others, you can become aware of a self you were not aware of. Understanding diversity and respecting and empathising with diverse others is not only about understanding and respecting others, but also about understanding and respecting yourself. Expand your Johari window through diversity.  
\*Johari window: The psychological model used for self-analysis proposed by psychologists Joseph Luft and Harry Ingham.

There are many ways diversity manifests in society, as the word “diversity” means a range of many people or things that are very different from each other. To get our conversation started, consider the following questions:

What aspects of diversity are you interested in, and why?

Have you experienced difficulties stemming from acknowledging diverse viewpoints in your home or classroom?

How can we connect cultural diversity and biodiversity to create a sustainable society?

I want to design dialogue by highlighting that we may all have divergent opinions on “diversity.”