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A Post-COVID Renaissance in Kanagawa at the 2023 Japan Metropolitan Model United Nations Conference

Takatsu, Kanagawa, Japan - From March 25th to March 26th, more than 340 students representing more than 50 schools from across Japan will gather at Senszoku Gakuen Junior and Senior High School to hammer out solutions to some of the world's thorniest issues at the 2023 Japan Metropolitan Model United Nations (JMMUN 2023) Conference.

For two days, students will set aside their own nationalities and interests to take up the mantle of other nations with student-delegates representing a wide-range of countries from global powers, such as the United States, China and Russia, to regional rivals, such as India and Pakistan or Syria and Israel, to some of the smallest nations, such as Laos and Iceland. Student-delegates will participate in committees reflected in the actual world body, including the UN Environment Programme, UN Development Programme, WHO, and Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights. In staking out positions and sharing ideas in various caucuses, students will gain a deeper understanding of diplomacy and international relations as well as experience in forging difficult compromises and, hopefully, reaching consensus.

"JMMUN is more than a conference. It is an incredible opportunity for students to learn from each other, grow as human beings, and make lasting, lifelong and potentially life-changing friendships," said the Secretary-General of JMMUN 2023, Natsuki Tada. "We are thrilled to host a conference that inspires our peers to become global leaders and advocates for positive change in their communities and the world beyond our borders."

Since its inception in 2015, JMMUN has gained a reputation as one of the most polished and prestigious Model UN conferences in Japan. The conference grew in participation each year until coronavirus forced a one-year hiatus in 2020. In 2021, the conference organizers pivoted to an entirely online conference, followed by a hybrid (online and in-person) event in 2022. This year marks the return of full in-person participation with an added advanced, online component. Just as the world emerges from the shadow of the pandemic, this year's conference has emerged with a focus on the theme of "Renaissance" and an aim to reimagine the future.

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About JMMUN: JMMUN is the annual conference of the Model United Nations club of Senzoku Gakuen Junior and Senior High School. A student-run, advisor-supported organization, Senzoku's MUN Club plans, prepares, and staffs the entire JMMUN conference. In addition to the conference, the club also hosts a number of simulated conferences for new student-delegates to become comfortable with the inner workings of the United Nations over the course of each academic year. With more than 100 club members, Senzoku MUN club is one of the largest in Japan. Club members are proud to dedicate their time and energy to promoting global awareness and leadership skills among students. In addition to hosting our annual conference and simulated conferences, members of the club travel to other conferences throughout Japan and abroad. Each year club members participate in the Harvard MUN Conference, one of the most prestigious in the world. In 2022, members of the club received delegate awards at Harvard MUN. Whether through our own events or our participation in other programs, Senzoku MUN Club hopes to inspire and empower the next generation of global citizens both within our school walls and beyond.