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Biological diversity presents various challenges and issues requiring not only the sincere commitment of local governments, but also the ideas provided by initiatives created by children and young people. With this in mind, we held [the City Biodiversity Summit 2010](#) together with COP 10 in order to discuss the challenges facing local governments in different parts of the world and the plans they have put into action. Support was also given to conferences at which children and young people from around the world can become engaged in this issue. These meetings highlighted the notable efforts taken within this region to spread information worldwide.

KODOMO COP 10 in Aichi-Nagoya



As an associated conference of COP 10, "KODOMO COP 10 in Aichi-Nagoya" was held for children from Japan and many other countries in order to discuss the global issues on biodiversity and convey the outcomes to all over the world.



The International Children's Conference on Biodiversity Aichi-Nagoya 2010

In October 2010, 568 children from 32 countries including Japan gathered at "The International Children's Conference on Biodiversity Aichi-Nagoya 2010." It collected the opinions of all the attendees regarding what children should do and what adults should do to conserve biodiversity. The children conclusively made "Declaration of the International Children's Conference on Biodiversity Aichi-Nagoya 2010."

On October 27, the declaration was announced by representatives of the children at the high-level segment of COP 10.

• **Date and Places** : Learning Excursion: August 16 (Mon.) - 19 (Thu.), 2010 (Shirakami Mountain Range)

"The International Children's Conference on Biodiversity Aichi-Nagoya 2010" and special programs: October 21 (Thu.) - 25 (Mon.) (Aichi Mihama Youth Outdoor Learning Center in Mihama-cyo, Nadya Park in Nagoya City, etc.)

• **Host** : KODOMO COP 10 Aichi-Nagoya Promotion Committee (Affiliated members: Aichi Prefectural Board of Education, Aichi Prefectural Government, Nagoya City Board of Education, City of Nagoya, AEON Environmental Foundation, Chubu Electric Power Co., Inc., Toho Gas Co., Ltd., Toyota Motor Corporation) United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP)

• **Co-host** : Aichi-Nagoya COP 10 CBD Promotion Committee

International Youth Conference on Biodiversity in Aichi 2010



In August 2010, the International Youth Conference on Biodiversity in Aichi 2010 was held in Aichi Prefecture.



International Youth Conference on Biodiversity in Aichi 2010

With the CBD Post-2010 targets in mind, one hundred youths aged between 15 and 24 from 66 countries including Japan shared ideas about what can be done to prevent the global loss of biodiversity. The activities included case studies, excursions, workshops, discussions, and presentations.

On the final day, the International Youth Biodiversity Forum was held and a statement and other results were delivered to showcase the accomplishments of the conference.

On October 27, the outputs of the conference were presented at the side event of COP 10 by representatives of the youth conference. Also on October 28, the youth delegation presented the outputs at the high-level segment of COP 10.

- **Date and Places** : Homestay: August 21 (Sat.) - 22 (Sun.), 2010
(General households in Aichi Prefecture)
- Conference: August 23 (Mon.) - 26 (Thu.),
(Aichi Health Plaza in Higashiura-cho, Chita-gun, Aichi Prefecture)
- Excursions: August 24 (Tue.)
(Komono-cho, Mie-gun, Mie Prefecture)
- Exchange Meeting: August 24 (Tue.)
(Aichi Shukutoku University and several places in Nagoya City)
- Presentation: August 27 (Fri.)
(Toyoda Auditorium, Nagoya University in Nagoya City)
- **Host** : Ministry of the Environment
- **Co-host** : Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Aichi Prefectural Government

CBD-COP10 Forum for Community-Academia Dialogue —Mainstreaming Biodiversity—



The "CBD-COP10 Forum for Community-Academia Dialogue 'Mainstreaming Biodiversity'" was held at Nagoya University (Chikusa-ku, Nagoya) on September 4 (Saturday) and 5 (Sunday), 2010. The Forum was attended by 550 people on the first day and 400 people on the second day. A total of 110 presenters and general participants also attended the informal social gathering on the Saturday evening.



Session(Toyoda Auditorium)

On the first day, under a theme of "What are the issues facing Japan and the rest of the world?" Dr. Ian Thompson (senior research scientist at the Canadian Forest Service) delivered a keynote address, regarding the Convention on Biological Diversity and main arguments of COP 10. At the following two sessions, reports were presented on current biodiversity issues in Japan and the rest of the world.

On the second day, under a theme of "What should we do?," four sessions were held in the morning, in which reports that delved more deeply into the topics presented on the first day was presented. In the afternoon, two panel discussions were held to consider the use of land and resources as well as the nature of life, business and society in the 21st century.

Although a considerable amount of time was set aside for Qs and As session, as a trial to connect viewpoints of citizens (society) and viewpoints of experts (academia), the time was ran out because so many questions was asked at sessions and panel discussions. The fact shows that citizens and experts stepped closer to each other.

• **Date** : September 4 and 5, 2010

• **Place** : Nagoya University

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