

Message from the Chairperson of the Executive Committee

It is my great pleasure to welcome you to the 2021 FALCon International Student Conference at Mishima. We are very grateful to Kawata Construction Co., the Shizuoka Shimbun and Shizuoka Broadcasting System and Mishima City Office for the tremendous support they have provided and to the Conference Organizing Committee, whose members have put together an engaging program. I would like to refer also to the many initiatives that have taken place among some students and teachers hosted by Mishima Kita Senior High School .

The participants in the program are uniquely placed to discuss the key theme “A Multi-Dimensional Approach to SDGs: Crisis prevention and management”. The wonderful thing about this conference is the international perspective our members bring to these discussions. You are absolutely sure to get an innovative idea on how to overcome the uncertainty in today’s world (such as COVID-19).

I sincerely hope you will enjoy our conference and find something novel. Thank you for your participation.

Naohide Kinae

Chairperson, Executive Committee

Superintendent, Shizuoka Prefectural Board of Education

Message from the Principal of the Center School for WWL

Thank you to each and every one of you for joining us here at Mishima, Shizuoka. It is our pleasure to welcome our partner schools who have been with us for a long time and the five overseas schools who are joining us online.

Today marks the start of our four-day conference and we are proud to be able to host it here at Mishima-Kita Senior High School. We have set a challenging theme for you, which is to create a sustainable society that is prepared for any crisis. It will not be easy to address the challenges laid out in the seventeen intricately integrated SDGs. To do so, we must remind ourselves that what is important is to put ourselves in someone else’s shoes. It is only with individual ownership, knowledge and experience sharing, and understanding the needs of others that we are able to create development that is sustainable and that leaves no one behind. With your enthusiasm, we believe that this conference will become a platform for lively discussions and meaningful collaboration. I look forward to the ideas that would be put forth by you at this conference.

Last but not least, I would like to express my sincere gratitude to everyone who has helped us make this conference a success. Thank you once again for your generous support and cooperation.

Suzuki Toshihiko

Principal, Shizuoka Prefectural Mishima Kita Senior High School

Member, Executive Committee