ESD Okayama Award 2018
— Application Guide —

The world has become more intertwined and borderless, and what happens here will affect other parts of the world today and in the future. The various challenges that we face, such as climate change, loss of biodiversity and poverty cannot be solved alone. In order to facilitate action to build sustainable societies around the world, 17 Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) were created to implement the 2030 Sustainable Development Agenda, which was adopted by world leaders in September 2015 at the UN Summit. Promoting Education for Sustainable Development (ESD) is considered critical to ensure quality of education for achieving these goals.

In Okayama, since the establishment of the ‘Okayama ESD Project’ in 2005, diverse stakeholders have been working together to promote ESD in the region. Okayama City also hosted the Stakeholder Meetings of the UNESCO World Conference on ESD in 2014 and played a leading role in accelerating collaborative actions among people working for ESD.

Okayama City has also been selected as one of the UNESCO Key Partners of the Global Action Programme on ESD (GAP) in Priority Action Area 5 (Accelerating sustainable solutions at the local level), and we are committed to further advancing ESD beyond 2015. With this purpose, Okayama City launched the ‘ESD Okayama Award’ in 2015. The ESD Okayama Award is organized by Okayama City and the ESD Okayama Award Steering Board, composed of organizations which have been promoting ESD in Japan and around the world.

The Award aims to showcase good practices worldwide and to further advance ESD. We sincerely look forward to receiving your application.
1. **Application**

(1) **Application form and other materials**

Please check the materials to be submitted below.
※If the required materials will not be submitted, the application will not be accepted.

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<td>a) <strong>ESD Okayama Award 2018 Application Form</strong></td>
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| [Required] | Please complete the ‘ESD Okayama Award 2018 Application Form’.  
※The form must be written in either English or Japanese.  
※The form can be downloaded from the URL below.  
| ☐     | b) **Upload the Movie or Slideshow of the Project** |
| [Required] | Please prepare a Movie or Slideshow of the project and upload it on YouTube or Vimeo.  
※Please note that a Movie or Slideshow cannot be over 5 minutes.  
※Please upload the data on ‘YouTube’ or ‘Vimeo’, and write the URL on the column of the Application Form. Please do **NOT** send the data by e-mail.  
※If you have several Movies or Slideshows, please select **ONE** and give its URL.  
※The Movie or Slideshow of the nominated project will be used for the online voting. |
| ☐     | c) **Supporting Documents** |
| [Optional] | You can attach relevant Supporting Documents to the Application Form. Supporting documents cannot be more than 5 pages (A4 Paper) in total.  
※Documents exceeding 5 pages will not be accepted or considered. |

(2) **Deadline for application**

The Application deadline is **29 June 2018 (Friday), 17:00 (Japan Standard Time)**

(3) **Submission of Application**

Please send application documents by e-mail to the Secretariat.

**ESD Okayama Award Secretariat** (at Okayama City ESD Promotion Division)  
E-mail: [esdokayamaaward2018@city.okayama.lg.jp](mailto:esdokayamaaward2018@city.okayama.lg.jp)  
※Please write “ESD Okayama Award Application” in the subject line of your e-mail.  
※Please note that the data must be less than 7 MB. We cannot receive data exceeding 7MB.

2. **Organizers**

ESD Okayama Award Steering Board※ and Okayama City  
※The ESD Okayama Award Steering Board is composed of the following organizations:  
- United Nations University Institute for the Advanced Study of Sustainability (UNU-IAS)  
- UNESCO Bangkok, Asia and Pacific Regional Bureau for Education  
- Asia-Pacific Cultural Centre for UNESCO (ACCU)  
- Japan Council on Education for Sustainable Development (ESD-J)  
- The Goi Peace Foundation  
- Okayama ESD Promotion Commission

3. **Contact**

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1-1-1 Daiku, Kita-ku, Okayama City, Japan 700-8544  
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E-mail: [esd@city.okayama.lg.jp](mailto:esd@city.okayama.lg.jp)  
Contact Person: Ms. Miki Konishi, Mr. Hirohisa Iwata
◆ **Eligibility**
Organizations based in any country, including Japan, implementing ESD activities in local communities are eligible to apply for the Global Prize.
※ Only one application per organization can be accepted.
※ Projects which received the Global Prize in the past are not eligible.
※ The organization whose project received the Global Award in the past can apply for this Award with other projects.
※ The project should have already been running for at least two years at April 2018.

◆ **Prize**
US $3,000

◆ **Number of Award Winning Projects**
The Global Prize will be given to up to two projects.

◆ **Selection Criteria**
The Global Prize will be given to outstanding projects that can serve as global models contributing to the promotion ESD in local communities. Submitted projects will be reviewed by ESD experts based on the following criteria.

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<td>Vision</td>
<td>Project outlines local issues, and objectives are clearly stated.</td>
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<td>Collaboration</td>
<td>Project has a (clear) implementation structure with various collaborating stakeholders (individuals and organizations).</td>
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<td>Integration</td>
<td>Project integrates environmental, social, and economic dimensions of ESD.</td>
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<td>Empowerment</td>
<td>Project takes educational approaches such as interactive methods for problem-solving and promoting actions to shape a sustainable future. Project also leads to behavior change of individuals, including the transformation of values, attitudes and actions, and to the empowerment of local communities.</td>
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<td>Innovation</td>
<td>The project demonstrates an innovative approach to ESD.</td>
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<td>Future Strategy</td>
<td>Project is expected to be developed and expanded in the future and it will bring positive influences to other communities as well.</td>
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Selection Process

- Submitted projects will go through the First Round of Selection by the Secretariat.
- Projects selected by the Secretariat will go through an online voting and ‘Movie or Slide Show’ of the project will be reviewed.
- Juries will review nominated projects considering the online voting’s result, and award-winning projects will be decided.

Application’s Deadline 29 June 2018 (Friday), 17:00 (Japan Standard Time)

First Round of Selection by the Secretariat

The Organizations conducting the nominated projects will be informed of selection results, and the results will also be published on the website around the middle of August.

Online Voting of the Nominees

‘Movie or Slide Show’ of the projects will be reviewed.

Second Round of Selection

Decision on Award-Winning Projects

The organizations receiving the award will be informed, and the results will also be published on the website around the middle of September.

Website: http://www.city.okayama.jp/esd/top.html

Award Ceremony

Award winners will be invited to the Award Ceremony on October 27, 2018 (Saturday) in Okayama, Japan, and will be requested to give a presentation on the project.

※ The detailed information will be sent to award winners.