

*Talanoa stories*

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# Climate Youth Japan

# Who are we?

**Climate Youth Japan** is a non-governmental organization established in 2010 by young people who experienced COP15.



# Why YOUTH?

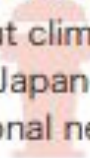
1. **YOUTH** is one of the members of society.
2. **YOUTH** is future generation that may suffer from climate change.



# What we do?

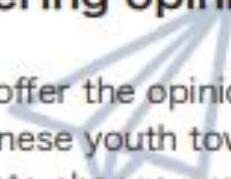
## Training climate leaders

We turn out climate leaders by sending Japanese youth to international negotiation



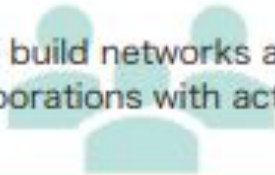
## Offering opinions

We offer the opinion of Japanese youth towards climate change problem



## Building Network

We build networks and corporations with actors



## Raising awareness

We raise awareness toward climate change problem and politics



# Question 1

– Where are we?

## **Making a platform of advocacy about climate change problem**

- 1) We held a policy-making workshop about climate change at Tokyo and Sendai
- 2) We had study meetings more than 5 times and public meeting about 10 times. We wrote opinion paper and submitted them to Japanese delegation during COP
- 3) We joined in a public meeting about Japanese climate change policy with Japanese government (Ministry of Economy, Trade and Industry / Ministry of Foreign affairs / Ministry of Environment)
- 4) We joined in a public meeting with low carbon Working Group of Tokyo Olympics organizing Committee. We agreed that the Tokyo Olympics would be an opportunity to show sustainable society in the future.
- 5) We built a sustainable olympics division, and made a foundation of advocacy by establishing strong connection with various Olympics actor and tracing the progress of Olympics

## **Making a platform of advocacy about climate change problem**

6) We held workshops about sustainable olympics at Japan Pavilion at COP22 and COP23. We also corporated with policy making at YOUNGO

7) We corporated with more than 30 Olympic organizations more than 40 times and built strong connection.

- \* We had a lecture at national training camp by youth corporation Japanese Team
- \* We contributed to the establishment of SUSPON network which realize sustainable sports
- \* We had the booth at volunteer forum 600 young people participated in
- \* We hosted an event called Gareoly which means “Olympic legacy” with other 4 organizations
- \* Our member launched a renewable energy project for students and a forestry project

# Our Achievement 2015-2017 (detailed information coming later)

## **Collaborating with young people from other countries**

1) We held COY 11 Tokyo, and 80 young people from more than 8 countries participated in it. We made Youth of East Asia Action Agenda (YEAAA) and COY Manifesto there.

2) We co-hosted Asian Youth Climate Network (AYCN) and present Japanese climate change policy at Korea pavillion and a Climate Scorecad Project event. We held workshop to convey the voice of youth to G7 Iseshima summit in Japan with 13 organizations.

3) We wrote an article about Japanese GHG reduction goal, responding to the request by NGO the Global Call for Climate Action (GCCA)

4) We held Make It Real workshop which aim to combine business and environment in Tokyo and Sapporo with six experts.



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- 5) We joined public meeting with Japan-CLP (climate leaders partnership) and other 2 environmental NGO
- 6) We interviewed youth from other countries and researched the reality of the climate change policies and made a report
- 7) In 2017, we hosted COP debriefing session about ten times at universities and presented at Kyoto Protocol birth 20th anniversary lecture. We shared our experience at COP with more than 500 people there
- 8) We cooperate with Earth Company and host a workshop by inviting Marshallese youth, Kathy Jetnil-Kijiner as the guest

# Our Achievement since the foundation (Japanese version)

CYJは2010年春、気候変動問題に高い関心を持って活動しているユースによって設立されたネットワーク型NGOです。2009年にコペンハーゲンで開催された気候変動の国際会議(COP15)にて、海外ユースの活発な活動に刺激を受けた日本の青年により、日本国内からの気候変動問題解決を目指して設立されました。「気候変動」「政策」「ユースの意見発信」という3つのキーワードをもとに若者が社会の中で声を上げることにより、気候変動問題の解決、それを通じた公平で持続可能な社会の実現を目指します。

## ワークショップ運営

気候変動を解決するためにはより多くの人が関心を持ち政策決定者を動かしていくことが求められます。ひとりでも多くの人が関心を持ち、また気候変動問題への知識が向上するよう、さまざまなワークショップ、セミナーを開催しています。



経産省の方をお招きしてのWS。

## COP派遣事業

気候変動問題において最も規模の大きな国際会議であるCOPへ、ユースを派遣しています。COPでは、世界の最前線で行われている国際交渉を間近で見たり現地からメディアを通じて意見発信したりします。世界中のユースとも繋がります。



2013年COP19の会場内の様子。



## イベント企画

活動範囲を広げより多くの人に深く気候変動問題のことを知ってもらうため、ワークショップの他にも様々なイベントを主催、協力しています。これまでに中央省庁、NGO、NPOそして企業とコラボレーションイベントを成功させてきました。



U30 Symposiumの様子。

## 声明文発表

政策を通した気候変動問題解決を促すため、政策決定者に直接会って声明文を発表/提出します。毎年COPが開催される前には、環境省、外務省、経済産業省に直接伺い声明文提出や意見交換会を実施しています。



環境省での意見交換会の様子。



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## Question 2

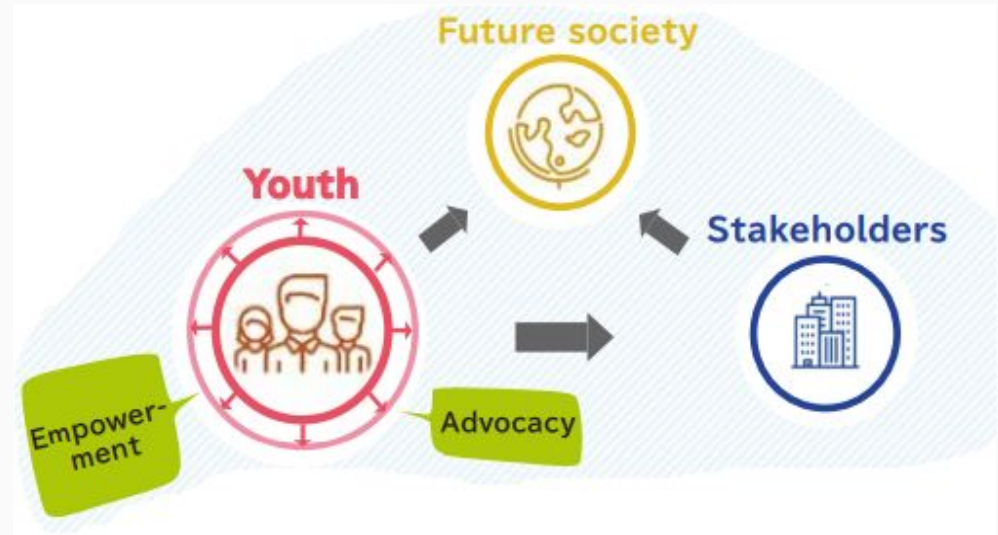
–Where do we want to go?

# Vision of the future

Our Vision is to realize the **fair and sustainable** society for the future generations.

Our Role :

- Raising awareness/ownership on climate change
- Advocating to government or industrial sector
- Take Actions



## **Empowerment**

As Japan's Strategic Energy Plan is reviewed, we will pay more attention by policy proposals to achieve Japan's NDCs. We create a society where more young people can participate in policy proposals. We open up the process of consolidating opinions and preparing the proposals.

Our organization is a network type organization with no base. We collaborate with university-based organizations and conduct projects (e.g. global warming prevention at universities). We open a joint study group for youth groups and individuals who are active in the field of climate change.

## **Introducing Youth Delegates Programme**

Participation in decision-making is one of the key priority areas of the United Nations agenda on Youth. Youth delegate programme is coordinated by the Focal Point on Youth at the global level, but it is the responsibility of the Member States to establish a youth delegate program at the national level, and to decide who will represent the young people of their country.

Our goal is to introduce UNFCCC Youth Delegates Programme in Japan.

Currently, Japanese youth has not had rights to speak at the conferences of United Nations. In COP 23, we interviewed youth from countries which have already participated in the programme in order to make strategies for participation in this program.

Over the next few years, we will encourage the government to realize the programme, aim to foster human resources, improve the transparency of meetings through the participation of youth and create intergenerational rules that do not put off the climate change problem.

# Gaps and Challenges to our goal

## **1) Youth Empowerment**

The number of readers of our article was increased, but this simply couldn't lead most young people to take action. In addition, those who read our article or come to our workshop have some interest in climate change before. It is not easy to approach those who have no interest in climate change.

## **2) the Influence of our activities**

Climate Youth Japan has interacted and cooperated with various organizations at COY and COP, however, couldn't have an influence on the conclusion of the meeting because we couldn't engage in advocacy of YOUNGO deeply. This is also because Japanese government don't attempt to listen to the opinion from youth , which became a main obstacle to promote Youth Delegation Program

# Question 3

–How do we get there?



# How ways in which the UN Climate Change process can help achieving our goals?

**We ask the UN Climate Change process to foster the inclusion of Action for ACE programme in Japanese NDCs.**

In Japan, "Action for Climate Empowerment" (ACE) is the focus of Article 6 of UNFCCC and helps empowering youth and the public on taking climate action. ACE calls on governments to develop and implement educational and public awareness programmes, foster access to information, and promote public participation in addressing climate change.



## Resional conference on climate change in Japan

Before COP21 Conferences of Youth were held simultaneously on 6 continents and 9 cities worldwide.

Through the COY 11 Tokyo, the goal was to create East Asian youths with the opportunity to raise their abilities to solve climate change problems, to disseminate opinions and take action by themselves.

We had online-meeting with youths gathered in other areas and created a manifest as East Asian youth. On the last day of the program, we participated in the street march "Earth Parade 2015" held in Tokyo and carried out actions.



## Our Action - COP project

COP project aims to train young people who address climate change problems in the future by sending them to international conferences.

Before attending a conference, we learn how negotiations are going on and plan what we can do there. As main activities, we interact with participants and youths from other countries, and offer information for people in Japan through SNS and debriefing sessions.



# Our Action - Next-generation Energy Workshop



Next-generation energy workshop is the energy education program for young people who will bear the future society. Energy problem is complex because we have to think many components such as economy, environment and security.

After the accident of Fukushima nuclear power plant and adoption of the Paris Agreement, it's getting more and more important to discuss the energy choice from long-term perspective. We aimed to maximize the potential of young people and promote their participation for the discussion. This program made by Climate Youth Japan and best experts could provide best opportunity to participants.

## Our Action - Make it Real ①

Make It Real is a community of young people all over the world thinking about and realizing a project to improve the environment and social problems related to climate change. It began with the Conference of Youth 11 (COY 11) before COP 21 and held in Antananarivo, Brazil, Benin, Hong Kong, Spain etc.

In 2016 Make it Real was held in Tokyo and it became a platform for innovation of Japanese youth. Participants were able to strongly recognize the need to share problems due to climate change in their area of residence and to address those issues as youth. Collaboration project with the Tokyo Olympic low carbon working group also occurred as a result.



## Our Action - Make it Real ②

In the same year, Make it Real was also held in Sapporo, Hokkaido and two projects were created. The first is to do simple natural agriculture at the elderly home to heal the loneliness of elderly people. The second is to invite artists and musicians to use a vacant house to make it a place to get inspiration.



## Our Action - Sustainalympics ①

Sustainable + Olympics/Paralympics = Sustainalympics and this is a word we created to show our wish to make the Tokyo 2020 Games sustainable.

We have been working to achieve Sustainalympics since 2016. To find out how we can contribute to Sustainalympics, we discussed with the low carbon committee of the Games, NGOs working towards the same cause, and youth working on Olympics/Paralympics but in non-environmental fields. In conclusion, we decided that “Sustainalympics” will aim for a legacy of youth actions through Tokyo 2020.



## Our Action - Sustainalympics ②

At COP23 we had a workshop at Japan Pavilion ~ Sustainalympics by Japanese Youth -Discussing Youth Participation~. We had a lecture on the relationship between the Olympic Games and environmental issues, and the history and activities of the Sustainable Olympics Movement. Then with participants we had a discussion on how to involve youth and other generations towards the Movement.

22 participants from various generations, backgrounds and nationalities learnt about Sustainalympics. We compiled ways to include all generations in climate action. Some methods are: making climate action fun, focusing on education, using technology wisely, and sharing experiences from past actions to improve climate action.





## Our Action - Collaboration with the government, COOL CHOICE campaign

COOL CHOICE is the campaign which aimed to achieve CO<sub>2</sub> reduction goal by suggesting a smart life style to people. In this campaign, Ministry of the Environment mainly tackles the “redelivery problem”.

More and more people request redelivery in Japan, and it causes increase of workload and more CO<sub>2</sub> emission. Studies show that young people living alone request redelivery so much. Climate Youth Japan conveys honest and candid opinion to ministry of the environment from young people’s perspective in order to take effective measure.

