

Conference Theme

The Eighth Pacific Rim Conference on Education

Cooperation in Education Across Regions and the World

November 4-5, 2017, Sapporo, Japan

Hokkaido University of Education, in partnership with Illinois State University (USA), Busan National University of Education (Korea), University of Taipei (Taiwan), and Burapha University (Thailand), will host The Eighth Pacific Rim Conference on Education from November 4-5, 2017, in Sapporo, Japan. The mission of the Pacific Rim Conference on Education is to offer a forum for researchers and educators to get together and present ideas and work, thus contributing to the understanding of current issues in education in the Pacific Rim and other parts of the world.

In the fast-changing 21st century, collaboration and cooperation in education are in demand more than ever. Collaboration between schools and communities is indispensable. Communities themselves need to function as a big “school” where children can experience their surrounding environment and the society of which they are an important part, as they grow and develop. Therefore, each school is required to be open to all residents in the community, young and old, for mutual learning. Also, without the involvement of parents and communities, we would not be able to make any progress in conducting inclusive education aimed at building an inclusive society. Furthermore, much more international educational cooperation is needed in order to achieve Quality Education- goal 4, of the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs). Therefore, it has been decided that the main theme of this year’s conference should be “Cooperation in Education Across Regions and the World”.

Professor Kazuo Kuroda (Waseda University Graduate School of Asia-Pacific Studies; Lead researcher of the JICA-RI Project: “Disabilities and Education in Asian Developing Countries: Empirical Evidences from the JICA RI Study”) will be a keynote speaker at this year’s conference to give a talk titled “Disability and Inclusive Education in Asian Developing Countries”, reporting the latest research findings in this field.

We will also have the following seven presentation sessions under the conference theme:

- A. Regional Cooperation in Education
- B. International Cooperation in Education

- C. Special Needs Education
- D. Education in Remote Areas and Small Schools
- E. Improvement of Higher Education
- F. Teacher Education
- G. Other topics

We look forward to active discussion from various perspectives in the keynote lecture and presentations in each of the seven themed sessions.

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