

✓ What is KISSY (Kansai Intercultural Summer School for Youths) ?

KISSY is a boarding summer school for children between the ages of 10 and 16, which aims to help children develop a global citizenship perspective through the use of digital technologies. NPO Pangaea, which organizes KISSY, was awarded the Global Citizenship Award 2018 by the Japan Foundation and has been in operation for 22 years. Since its founding, Pangaea has held the philosophy that the most important thing for children is to develop the skills to collaborate and solve problems with children from different parts of the world.

KISSY has attracted attentions from overseas academic institutions and media as a leading example of a digital-based initiative to promote the formation of a society that embraces diversity and the SDG goal 4.7 "Education for Global Citizenship". KISSY will tackle "issues that must be solved to sustain the earth". In KISSY 2025, children of different races, languages, religions, and countries will think together about what they can do as global citizens, discuss, and communicate to others in the midst of the current difficult world situation.

KISSY has been held 8 times so far, and children from various countries have participated. Participants from abroad have participated virtually since 2020 due to the COVID situation, but this year participants from Kenya and Georgia will be coming to Japan again. The children overcome language and cultural differences to work together toward a goal and deepen mutual understanding. This is an important step toward building a more peaceful world in which the next generation can play an active role in a global society, as Pangaea .

✓ What we aim through KISSY

- ◆ Join youth from around the world to overcome language, cultural, and work-style barriers by tackling shared challenges and exchanging ideas.
- ◆ With expert-led lectures on AI and digital literacy, participants harness AI to drive their own projects.
- ◆ Ignite a true desire to communicate across languages. Spark the feeling of "I want to speak another language!" and turn that excitement into self-motivated language learning.
- ◆ Explore how to build a peaceful society in the age of AI. Think critically, speak out, and connect with peers across borders.
- ◆ Engage in digital, project-based workshops—researching, conducting fieldwork, and sharing discoveries with fellow participants worldwide.
- ◆ Contribute to a sustainable future for the next generation.

✓ KISSY2025 Overview

KISSY2025 is an eight-day, seven-night program held in Nara, home to the historic Heijō Palace ruins. Participants from Japan and abroad will gather in person for the following activities:

- ✓ Workshops on cultural differences and diversity Experience, understand, and enjoy one another's cultures.
- ✓ Fieldwork Visits to cultural sites, museums, and related facilities.
- ✓ Digital literacy sessions Lectures followed by hands-on practice in applying digital tools including AI.
- ✓ English presentations for an international audience
- ✓ Talent show and recreational events

<https://pangaeaan.org/en/kissy2025-en/>

✓ KISSY2025: Shaping the Future as Global Citizens

In KISSY 2023 we challenged a grand workshop where we looked back at the "**past**" on how people built civilized societies and think together about the future. In other words, the three countries of Asia, Europe, and Africa were able to share a bird's eye view of their long history. In KISSY 2024 we tackled the "**present**". The common things for all participating countries is that they go to school, the day is 24 hours long, and the year is 365 days long. Generative AI was born in the ever-developing world of information and communication, and we learned diverse perspectives as each presented what kind of usage and rules are needed. **In the upcoming KISSY 2025, we will think about the "future"** as global citizens, consider what is necessary to make the earth a better place, what viewpoints and actions are needed to make the earth a better place, have a dialogue, and work together to produce a video using various expressions as a message to the world. This workshop uses Pangaea's original multilingual tools for language differences.

Many of the past KISSY participants have already reached the age of university students or working adults. Many of them have chosen to pursue careers in international nursing, global culture, IT industry, etc., based on their experiences at KISSY and Pangaea, and we have many positive reports from their parents. These participants continue to support Pangaea activities as facilitators and technical staff.

✓ **Collaborators** National Museums of Kenya , 123 School (Public school in Tbilisi, Georgia)