

Message from Chairpersons at the Closing Ceremony



Here at the 'High School Students Summit on "World Tsunami Awareness Day" 2018 in Wakayama', we have declared to carry forward the spirit of "Inamura-no-Hi" to the future. To show our commitment to the spirit, in respect for the fire of rice sheaves, let's hold up the torches!

At this summit, we have learned a lot of things which are valuable for all countries. The phrase "disaster prevention" means not only to protect our lives but also protect what is important for us. Please take back what you've learned at this summit to your local communities, and let's prepare for future disasters. It is us, the Youth Ambassadors for World Tsunami Awareness Day, that take leadership in disaster prevention around the world. So, please don't forget that we can change the world by taking action actively.

I hope this summit has given you a chance to deepen your understanding and friendship. I think we are now more prepared for an earthquake or tsunami and to help each other. We are really happy that you came here to our home prefecture in Wakayama. I hope you like it here and I hope we can make friends.

With fire as a symbol, the spirit of "Inamura-no-Hi" has spread to the hearts of us all here. Please keep the fire alive in your heart, and share the spirit with the people around you.

We have now reached the end of the 'High School Students Summit on "World Tsunami Awareness Day" 2018 in Wakayama'.

Thank you very much for participating.

Chairperson

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