



# IESO2016

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Mie Japan

## Preparing the Test

Discussion on the content of the written test, which will be delivered to the 10<sup>th</sup> International Earth Science Olympiad, started on Sunday at 3 pm. The written test consists of two parts, Theme 1 and 2. The final version of Theme 1 test was fixed by 9 pm after a 5 hours discussion and was distributed to mentors. Afterwards the mentors translated the test into 18 languages and final versions were submitted by yesterday noon. The test was printed and enclosed yesterday afternoon. Theme 2 test was discussed yesterday morning and translation continued until last evening. Yesterday, the practical test was also discussed and translated.



Clockwise from top left: Discussion room, proposal for revision, waiting final version of Theme 1 test, translating at midnight, printing, and enclosure.

## Today's Schedule

### Students

- 06:30 - 08:00 Breakfast
- 08:10 Departure to Mie University
- 09:30 - 11:30 Written Test
- Lunch
- 12:30 - 14:00 Written Test
- 14:00 - 15:00 Explanation of Earth Science Project (ESP)
- 15:30 - 17:00 Visit Mie Prefectural Museum
- 18:30 - 20:00 Dinner (Rotation)
- 19:30 - 21:00 Earth Science Project (ESP)

### Mentors and Observers (Alterable)

- 07:00 - 08:00 Breakfast (Room Ise)
- 09:00 - 12:00 Translation of Practical Tests (Room Aoi)
- 12:00 - 14:00 Lunch (Room Ise)
- 14:00 - 17:00 Workshop on Earth Science Education
- 17:00 - 18:00 Enclosure of Test Sheets (Room Shobu)
- 18:00 - 20:00 Dinner (Room Ise)
- 19:00 - 21:00 Enclosure of Test Sheets
- Coordinator Meeting (Room Hagi)

## Weather Forecast

### Today (23)



max 34 °C  
chance of rain 20%

sunny, cloudy in evening

### Wednesday (24)



min 26 °C  
max 31 °C  
chance of rain 20%

cloudy, partly rain

### Thursday (25)



min 25 °C  
max 30 °C  
chance of rain 40%

cloudy, partly sunny

## Ise Jingu with the Local Students

Students of IESO visited the city of Ise, which is located 40 km southeast of their accommodation in Suzuka city. In Ise, they were welcomed by 77 students of the local Uji Yamada Commercial High School in Ise Jingu Kaikan Hall and enjoyed quizzes related to the culture and geography of Ise. The team Bangladesh won the quiz. IESO and local students talked together and decided routes to walk around the Ise Jingu shrine and a classical street named Okage-Yokocho in front of the shrine. During the walk, the Uji Yamada students explained various details including the way of worshipping and the history of the shrine.

Clockwise from top left: Local students welcoming IESO students. An Australian student returning a salute. Team France answering. Team Italy walking through Ise Jingu. Team Norway trying Udon noodle. Team India reading a map.



## Today's Quiz

Do you know Subaru? Maybe the name of a Japanese motor company comes first into your mind. However, originally, it is the ancient name of an astronomical object seen in the sky of Japan. The question is: What is Subaru?

- A) Lyra, a constellation that can be seen during the summer
- B) Pleiades or M45, an open star cluster
- C) Andromeda Galaxy or M31



Emblem of a Subaru car

## Mie

### Word of Today

Mie-ken or Mie Prefecture, where we are staying, is a prefecture in the Tokai region located in the central part of Japan. The capital is named Tsu. Mie-ken has a population of 1.84 million and the area is 5,777 km<sup>2</sup>. At Mie-Mu (Mie Prefectural Museum), which students will visit today, you can explore the nature and culture of the prefecture. The student accommodation lies in Suzuka city, well-known as the center of motorsports in Japan. Honda has a major auto plant in this city and the F-1 races are held in the circuit nearby.



I was born in Mie.

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