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Written Test Finished

The written test of the 10th International Earth Science Olympiad started yesterday morning. At 9:00, the students arrived at Mie University where they have written tests. They entered in the examination room at 9:20. Since a question sheet was mistakenly distributed, the start of the Theme 1 test and the following Theme 2 test has been delayed for 30 minutes. All written tests finished at 14:35 and afterwards the students departed the university and visited Mie-Mu (Mie Prefectural Museum). They have practical test today at Mie University.



Students at MieMu

Students visited Mie-Mu (The Museum of Mie Prefecture) after the written test. Mie-Mu was built in 2014 and its fresh exhibition style is well known nationwide. Students enjoyed watching specimens such as the complete skeleton of *Stegodon miensis*, a Pliocene elephant found in the prefecture.



Students with *Stegodon miensis*

Today's Schedule

Students

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| 06:00 - 07:00 | Breakfast |
| 07:20 | Departure |
| | (Group A) (Group B) |
| 08:20 - 11:50 | Practical Test |
| | Lunch |
| 12:50 - 16:20 | Practical Test |
| 18:30 - 20:00 | Dinner (Rotation) |
| 19:30 - 21:00 | Explanation of International Team |
| | Field Investigation (ITFI) |

Mentors and Observers (Alterable)

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| 07:00 - 08:00 | Breakfast (Room Ise) |
| 08:30 | Departure |
| 09:30 - 12:30 | Cultural Trip (Visit Ise Jingu) |
| | Lunch around Ise Jingu |
| 12:30 | Departure |
| 14:45 - 17:00 | Cultural Trip (Visit Iga Ueno) |
| 17:00 - 19:00 | Dinner (Room Ise) |
| 19:00 - 21:00 | Jury Meeting 2 (Room Aoi) |

Weather Forecast

Today (24)



max 31 °C
chance of rain 30%

cloudy, thunder shower in some place

Thursday (25)



min 26 °C
max 31 °C
chance of rain 40%

cloudy, partly rain

Friday (26)



min 25 °C
max 31 °C
chance of rain 40%

cloudy, partly sunny

Mie Prefecture Declaration

Students will announce the “Mie Prefecture Declaration” at the closing ceremony of the 10th International Earth Science Olympiad in Mie next Saturday. The declaration contains recognition of the present status of the Earth environment and how to cope with them. The Governor of Mie Prefecture requested the participating students to draft the declaration. On Monday evening, a sketch of the declaration was presented to the students and they discussed enthusiastically to make the final version of the declaration draft.



Make our future better!

Today's Quiz

Do you know the annual amount of precipitation in your region? Precipitation means water that falls on the ground under gravity, such as rain, snow, hail and others. Owase, a city in the southern part of Mie prefecture is one of the places that have the highest annual amount of precipitation in Japan: almost double of the Japan's average. The question is: Which of the following numbers is closest to the annual precipitation in Owase?

- A) 4000 mm
- B) 7000 mm
- C) 10000 mm

Free bottled water provided in this IESO comes from Owase, also known as a part of a UNESCO World Heritage “Kumano Kodo” old pilgrimage routes.



Medal

According to the IESO regulations, students in the top 10% of all participants receive a gold medal. In most cases, 10% of all students have fractional points, which should be rounded. Since exactly 100 students are participating, there will be 10 gold medal winners in the 10th IESO (it's easy!). The number of silver medal winners is 20 (double of the gold). Basically, the number of bronze medal winners is 30 (triple of the gold). However, the top student of each team that could not win any medal receives as well a bronze medal.

Word of Today



Design of the medal of the 10th International Earth Science Olympiad

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