



環境省

Ministry of the Environment

Act to change the world!  
To create a sustainable future by 2030

Education for Sustainable Development

**ESD** means ...

Education where each individual takes people all over the world, living things on the Earth, and our future into consideration and finds out what we can do and acts to make the Earth a place where all people live in happiness.

\*ESD stands for Education for Sustainable Development.



The MOEJ ESD  
character "Hug"

# What is ESD?

## <Today's Global Environment>

Do you know that there are various environmental issues on the Earth, including global warming, waste problems, and the extinction of animals and plants? If we keep our lifestyle as it is, the global environment becomes worse and worse.

**There are many unsolved problems in the world.**

### Environmental issues

- Global warming and natural disasters
- Increasing waste
- Lost biodiversity and other issues



### Economic issues

- Income gap
- Poverty
- Energy and other problems



### Social issues

- Population problems
- Food issues
- Mass production and consumption issues

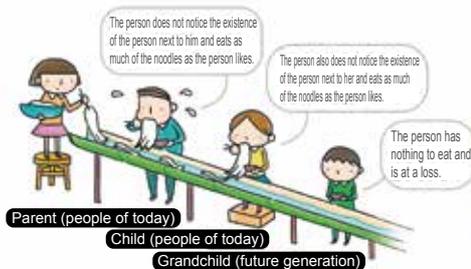


In order for us to keep on living on this planet and to create a society where future generations can live with a sense of security, it is necessary to reconsider how society should be and change it into a sustainable one.

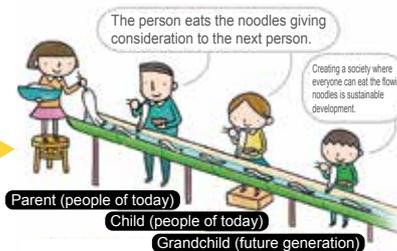
## What we need for this purpose is ESD!

### ESD changes the behavior of each individual.

If we compare it to how to eat flowing noodles ...



Change in behavior caused by ESD



Each person is aware of the existence of the next person and gives consideration to them when eating noodles.

# Now, act for the future!

How can we solve each of the environmental, economic, and social issues and create a sustainable society? In fact, there are goals we should achieve for this purpose. They are SDGs.

## What are SDGs?

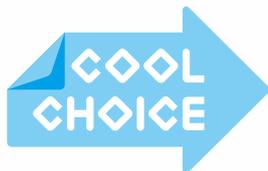
SDGs are the goals the whole international society should achieve by 2030 to realize a sustainable world. Under the philosophy of "No one will be left behind," they include such goals as ensuring that each individual learner acquires the knowledge and skills needed to create sustainable society to facilitate the change in behavior.

\*SDGs stands for Sustainable Development Goals.



## How can we achieve SDGs?

To achieve SDGs, it is necessary to significantly shift the way of thinking by aiming at the creation of a cultivated society of a new type. The MOE Japan promotes a variety of approaches that children and adults can work together.



未来のために、いま選ぼう。



限りある資源を未来につなぐ。  
今、僕らにできること。



## What can we do?



# Take the following four steps in ESD!

## 1. Become aware of the problem!

Example:

- I heard that the river in my neighborhood was clear, and people could swim or catch fish there. Today, we see only a few fish and muddy water.



## 2. Investigate the problem carefully!

Examples:

- Where does the river water come from and where does it go?
- What kinds of animals and plants live in the river?
- What polluted the river? Does it have something to do with our lives?



## 3. Consider what you can do!

Examples:

- It seems that wastewater from our houses causes the pollution. What can we do to prevent it?
- What about having a discussion about it at home or at school? A good solution can be found if we work together.



## 4. Put them into practice!

Examples:

- I discussed with my family, and we decided to use an environmentally friendly detergent.
- My classmates worked together to draw posters that told people in the community that wastewater from our houses caused water pollution in the river.
- We may take more action if we work together with people in the community.



Although each one of us only do a little,  
great things will be achieved if **we work together!**

