

English Education as a Foreign Language at the Primary Level in Various Countries/ Economies

-- Initial Strategy for Developing Global Human Resource --

Tuesday, January 19, 2016

13:00-17:00

MEXT 3F Auditorium

To further develop global human resource, the Ministry of Education, Culture, Sports, Science and Technology (MEXT) plans to introduce English activity classes from Grade 3, which under the current system, starts from Grade 5. Grade 5 onward, the MEXT also plans to upgrade the English activity classes to an elementary school subject. This symposium aims to share knowledge about English classes and activities that teachers are expected to include in their classrooms, and encourage discussion on the topic by learning from domestic and international advanced cases.

Section 1

Part 1: Keynote Address

"Developing global human resources and English education at primary level in Japan"



Kensaku Yoshida

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Part 2: Presentations from various countries and economies

Chinese Taipei

Yaming Tai

Associate Professor,
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Thailand

**Pornpimon
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Lecturer,
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Finland

Anu Halvari

Counsellor of Education,
Finnish National Board of Education



Japan

Satoshi Yamada

Supervisor,
Gifu Prefectural Board of Education



Section 2

Panel Discussion

Moderator

Masao Niisato

Professor,
Kansai Gaidai University



Panelists:

Kensaku Yoshida,
Yaming Tai,
Pornpimon Prasongporn,
Anu Halvari,
Satoshi Yoshida

- There is no attendance fee for joining this event.
- Simultaneous translation will be provided in Japanese and English

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