



Challenges to Geography Education – Can It be the Education for Sustainability?

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There was a historic joint meeting of ICSU and ISSC in Taipei in late October 2017, where merger of the two organizations into a new academic body called International Science Council (ISC) was decided. The IGU Executive Committee discussed the slogan to put on the IGU poster to be exhibited at the meeting, i.e. exposed to the eyes of the world leaders of sciences, and adopted “Geography: the Science for Sustainability”.

Two months prior to this ICSU/ISSC meeting, Science Council of Japan issued an official proposal titled “Consolidation of Geography Education for Creation of Sustainable Society” on behalf of the Committee on Geography Education, and it was soon followed by a successful open symposium of Science Council of Japan under the same title with subtitle “the Role of Education for Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs)”.

The lecture will discuss how geography education can be the education for sustainability, with these experiences in Japan as an example.

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