

## S08-1 **Out-of-campus Education of elementary school pupils about drugs and environment Aiming at the realization of the humanism mind**

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Since 2000, teaching staff members of this university have been providing education programs on drugs and environment to neighboring elementary school pupils. With increases in the number of programs, teaching staff members have been calling on students to participate. The number of students who spontaneously participate has been gradually increasing.

#### **New programs**

At present, students visit children's clubs and schools to contribute as leaders in water quality investigations as part of education on the environment. They also participate in educational programs for the prevention of smoking and drug abuse and support educational on drugs by school pharmacists. Some students even plan and implement education programs by themselves. Since the number of students who can personally interact with children is limited, however, we started last year classes on drugs at elementary schools using an Internet TV conference system in order to enable more students to participate.

#### **Changes in students' awareness**

Students' self-initiative has increased gradually through participation in children's education on drugs and environment, eventually increasing their learning motivation. Participants want to make use of what they have learned and participate in their university's contribution to regional community. After participation, they are stimulated by children's zeal. They realize how difficult is to teach children and provide them with easy-to-understand explanations and understand that "To teach is to learn twice."

This experience provides students with opportunities to sketch their future as a specialist of drugs and environment and present it to children.