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“Defining “Global Citizen” for Japanese and Dual-Nationality Students Attending International Schools”

A lecture and Q&A session by Dr. Yujiro Shimogori, academic expert in the field of bicultural identity development and related issues in multicultural living/learning environments.

TNK Parent Education Committee and NIS Development Office will co-host this special thought-provoking and insightful lecture by life-long bicultural educator and researcher, NIS alumni (class of '76) and former NIS G3 teacher, Yujiro Shimogori, Ph.D., who teaches in the Psychology and Human Development Department at California State University, San Marcos.

Title: “Defining “Global Citizen” for Japanese and Dual-Nationality Students Attending International Schools”

Date & Time: Tuesday June 14th from 8:30 to 9:30 a.m.

Place: 2nd Floor of the Media Center

Dr. Shimogori is a Developmental Theorist of Cross-Cultural Identities, and has extensive teaching experience both in Japan and the United States. Upon his return to Japan this summer, he offers us a one hour lecture and Q&A based on personal and anecdotal accounts regarding the challenges (and sometimes struggles) he has faced in his life through trying to embrace both cultures. His presentation will cover such topics as "the development of self-awareness for the international school graduate" and “the future of international school graduates”, offering insights in particular for Japanese and mixed-nationality families, however valuable for many parents in general.

Advocating the critical necessity of having a strong sense of one's own cultural identity (in his case, Japanese), Dr. Shimogori challenges the existing concept of the "Global Citizen" and has created his own theory of "neoterism", the process for developing a third cultural identity through the development of two cultural identities. He will also discuss implications for citizenship, with reference to the impact of both cultural and legal requirements of "being Japanese".

This lecture will be given in Japanese for the benefit of local families, however Dr. Shimogori is bilingual in English also and is happy to conduct the Q&A session in either language. Attendance is free and everyone in the Nishimachi community is welcome.



Photo of Dr. Shimogori's presentation at NIS on June 14, 2016