



Haiku For Peace

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Problem statement

- People often face difficulties in reaching others with their feelings.
- This causes misunderstanding among the people of different countries.
- The misunderstanding results in discord and trouble.

Goal

- To raise awareness of university students in Cambodia and Japan about peace through Haiku.
- To provide them an opportunity to think, write and read Haiku at university in each country.
- To build a sense of community among friends, families, and organizations by sharing their Haiku.



Target

University students

(Undergraduate students, 1st ~ 4th year

Graduate students, MA ~ Ph.D)



Why Haiku?

- Haiku (俳句) is a traditional form of Japanese poetry, consisting of 3 lines of 5, 7, and 5 syllables each. (more flexible in English Haiku)
- Haiku happen all the time, wherever you are.
- People can express what they see in everyday life, using Haiku.
- People can see into the life of things by reading Haiku.
- People can share their feelings through Haiku.



Timeframe

- Formal activity: Once every three months
- Informal activity: Irregular



Other options

- Make a Haiku Card in several languages
- Establish a Haiku club at school
- Publish a collection of Haiku in a book
- Hold a haiku contest for peace

Expected outcome

- We can promote the concept of peace among the university students by having their Haiku.
- Sharing Haiku with others can help remind the university students of loving peace.



Haiku

- *Desire and Hope*

Existing in the whole world

Peace will come