**Guideline for “Japan Travel Plan Contest – Data Science Contest 2022– ”**

*Presented by Yamato Kogyo Co.,Ltd.*

1. **Finals Date:** 23 October 2022, 9:45-12:55 (JSDT) 8:45-11:55 (Taiwan / W Australian SDT)
2. **Organizer:** Hyogo Board of Education, University of Hyogo

**Co-organizers:** Yamato Kogyo Co.,Ltd., JTB Corp. Himeji

**School in Charge:** Hyogo Prefectural Himeji Nishi Senior High School

1. **Participating schools:**

* 14 Super Science High Schools in Hyogo prefecture including Himeji-Nishi Senior High School in Japan (40 students) \*Super Science High Schools were designated by the Ministry of Education, Culture, Sports, Science and Technology.
* Rossmoyne Senior High School in Australia
* Students from Taiwan

1. **Procedure:**

* Students from each country will join the contest. The participants will be split by way of drawing lots into around 20 groups. Each group will have six students: two from Senior High Schools in Hyogo, two from Taiwan, and two from Rossmoyne Senior High School.
* Students in each group will communicate in English through online communication tools (Zoom, Meet, Teams KakaoTalk, LINE etc.) and make an English report detailing an original travel plan for visiting Japan. The deadline for submitting the written report will be September 20th 2022. The report should include the plan’s target customers, estimated travel cost, travel schedule, destinations to be visited and activities to be done at these destinations. These items should be based on data and data analysis. Each group should also explain the considerations they had when designing the travel plan, as well as describe the advantages and the unique features of their plans. More information on the report will be available at a later date.
* After submission of the report, preliminary judging will be carried out. Four groups with the best travel plans will be selected to advance to the final round of the contest, which will be held on October 23rd.
* At the final round, an online conference, the four chosen groups will give a presentation on their travel plans to a panel of judges. After each presentation, the judges will ask each group questions on their travel plans. The questions will be asked in English, and students should also answer in English. After all the presentations, the judges will choose the group with the best travel plan out of the four groups.
* The winning group with the best travel plan will be awarded a trip to Japan sponsored by Yamato Kogyo Co.,Ltd. Members of the winning group will meet in Japan for the first time and embark on a three-day trip in Japan together. Due to the coronavirus, we are not sure if we could hold the award trip or not yet, but if it is not possible a suitable substitute award will be given.

5) **Contest** **Schedule**

July 10 (Sun.) Contest officially starts. On this day, the participating schools and students will attend an online conference. The teams will be announced. At the same time, we will go over the contest schedule and report requirements in greater detail. It is important that students exchange contact information at this point as communication will be essential to this project.

Sep. 20 (Tue.) Report submission deadline.

Sep. 30 (Fri.) Announcement of Finalists (4 groups in total)

Oct. 23 (Sun.) Final Round

End Jan. 2023 Winning group’s trip to Japan (If it is possible)

6) **Judges:**

* Kazuhiro Nomura, Chief Judge, Konan University
* Munehiko Sasajima, Judge, University of Hyogo
* Hiroaki Taniguchi, Judge, Yamato Kogyo Co.,Ltd
* Hiroyuki Okabe, Judge, JTB Corp Himeji
* Takaya Osato, Judge, TEIKOKU DATABANK, LTD