



Report on the SDGs Exhibition at the Main Library

The Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) are a set of 17 goals with the ultimate purpose of maintaining a sustainable, equitable and prosperous world. These goals provide a framework for facing global challenges, from poverty, peace and justice, to environmental problems such as the climate change and environmental degradation. The goal of the SDGs is to create a better future by acting in the present. They represent a broad and interconnected future vision of humanity where no one is left behind, and emphasize the importance of inclusive growth, social equity, and environmental sustainability. To achieve the SDGs, we need the unity of global, national and local levels, including governments, businesses, civil society, and individuals.



The precise goals consist of 17 issues: Poverty, Hunger, Health and Well-being, Quality Education, Gender Equality, Water

and Sanitation, Energy, Economic Growth, Industry, Innovation and Infrastructure, Inequality, Cities and Communities, Consumption and Production, Climate Action, Life Below Water, Life on Land, Peace, Justice and Strong Institutions, and Partnerships for Goals. As mentioned previously, to achieve the SDGs main concept of “No one should be left behind”, collaboration is a key factor. Governments, industries, civil society, and each individual should be aware of the global concerns.



We, Tohoku University students, are committed to contributing to the achievements of the SDGs through innovation, research, and community engagement, as our university is recognized for International Research Excellence. Our mission is to apply the knowledge and skills to address global challenges, promote sustainability and foster inclusive environments. We should encourage the active participation of sustainable practices, local and international collaboration, and advocate for adequate policies.

Through interdisciplinary research, one of our New Year resolutions includes promoting the awareness of the SDGs and addressing the global challenges, thus contributing to the meaningful effort of bringing sustainable equity and prosperity to our global society.



Reported by Yin May Zin Han

Reader's Choice: What to Read Next?

This section introduces a book from our available selection at the Tohoku University Main Library. It is intended to pique your interest and fill your grey matter with intellect and emotion. Sit back and enjoy it!

"*Sophie's World*" by Jostein Gaarder is a really interesting book that tells a story while also teaching about the big ideas from Western philosophy. It's about a girl named Sophie who gets these strange letters that ask her deep questions, like "Who? are you?" and "Where did everything come from?". These letters take her on a journey where she learns about different thinkers and their ideas, starting from the old-time philosophers like Socrates and Plato, and going up to the more recent ones like Descartes. It's like a fun puzzle that helps you learn about how people have thought about life and the world throughout history.

The novel's structure is ingenious, with the philosophical teachings embedded within a mystery that unfolds at a compelling pace. Sophie, the young main character, represents an ordinary person thrown into a world of big ideas, and her journey serves as an excellent vehicle for the reader's own philosophical exploration. The letters she receives act as a catalyst for a series of philosophical discussions that are both informative and thought-provoking.

Gaarder does a great job of summarizing each philosopher's ideas in just a few pages without making them hard to understand. He covers almost everything from the pre-Socratics to existentialism, giving each era its due respect. Throughout the book, you can really see his appreciation

for the subject. It's a celebration of our search for knowledge and understanding.

What makes "*Sophie's World*" special is that it encourages you to think without it being preachy. Gaarder poses profound questions about the nature of reality, the self, morality, and encourages readers to ponder these alongside Sophie. The book is not just a history lesson; it's a philosophical inquiry that invites readers to participate actively in the search for wisdom.

In conclusion, "*Sophie's World*" is more than just a book; it's an experience that opens the door to the rich and rewarding world of philosophy. It's a book that can be read at various levels, offering new insights with each reading. For those unfamiliar with philosophy, it serves as an excellent primer; for those with some background, it offers a refreshing overview and a chance to revisit old ideas.

Book: ソフィーの世界：哲学者からの不思議な手紙

Author: ヨースタイン・ゴルデル

Translator: 池田香代子

Publisher: 東京：日本放送出版協会

Call No.: HC1/089

Location: Main library 2F Student Reading Room

Language: Japanese

Written by **Zhang Wenxin**

Quote of the Month

This section introduces famous quotes from a recommended book from our available selection at the Tohoku University Main Library. The quotes have been meticulously chosen by our Concierge members with the intention of promoting interest in books and providing motivation to our readers. We hope that you will enjoy our selection!

"Now, there is no time to think of what you do not have. Think of what you can do with what there is. Man is not made for defeat. A man can be destroyed but not defeated."

"Every day is a new day. It is better to be lucky. But I would rather be exact. Then when lucky comes, you are ready."



Book: The Old Man and the Sea

Author: Ernest Hemingway

Publisher: New York, Scribner

Call No.: KS158-3/20

Location: LIB-B1-Stacks-NDLC-Foreign

Written by **Helen Li**

Manga Corner

At Manga Corner, you will see scenes that frequently happen to newly enrolled students.

Hi! I am Andhika from Indonesia! I like reading and drawing manga, and I hope you enjoy my short manga.



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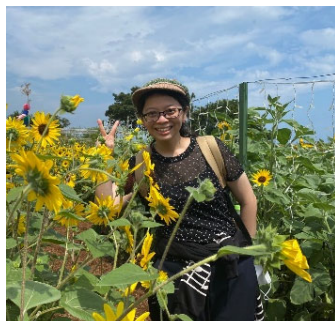
A graduate student from North Macedonia enrolled in the Graduate School of International Cultural Studies. She has many hobbies, some of which include: singing, journaling, travelling, reading, watching movies, and photography. She has lived in 3 different countries so far, travelled across Europe, and is hoping to embark on an Asian tour in the near future. Her secret dream is to be a member of a rock band, but since that has not come true yet, you can often find her in a karaoke booth instead!

Helen Li

A 3rd year PhD student from Economics and Management Department, majoring in monetary economics and financial time series analysis. She previously lived in the USA and came to Japan in 2019. She has been playing the piano for over 10 years, and is also a semi-professional athlete of speed skating since before she was 14. She is an excellent female gamer of MOBA games such as DOTA and Honor of Kings. Her dream is to become a university professor or a diplomat, but a superior professional athlete of Esports if she was 10 years younger.



Andhika Wijaya



A graduate student from Innovative Japanese Studies Major, who was born and raised in Jakarta, Indonesia. She never had seen snow before she came to Japan, so she's always going 'wakuwaku' when the snow is falling down even though she has to struggle a lot with the cold temperature. She loves drawing, reading comics, travelling to scenic places, enjoying nice music, singing at karaoke, and playing with cute animals. Please don't mind her if she makes strange noises when she saw a photo of cute animals. Aside of those, one of her major passion is enjoying food and making review notes about it.

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