

SUMI TRUST GROUP INITIATIVES 01

Supporting Education for Children to Grow into Next-Generation Leaders

## We Support UWC ISAK's Goal of Empowering Changemakers\*1

The Group is a proponent of the educational philosophy of United World College ISAK Japan (abbreviated UWC ISAK), which is to "Empower Changemakers." Since 2013, we have been supporting a two-week summer school program aimed at junior high school students on the ISAK Japan campus. Many of the students who participate in the summer school are from developing countries and impoverished socio-economic backgrounds. Each year the Group pays the tuition fees and other expenses of one scholarship student participating in the summer school from a developing country such as India.



The 2019 summer school ran from July 21 to August 3 and accepted 81 junior high school students from 34 countries around the world.

\*1 A "changemaker" is a leader who helps transform the next generation of society.

### Advance to Universities in Japan or Abroad/Gap Year\*2

International baccalaureate (IB) diploma  
Japanese high school diploma



### United World College ISAK Japan (UWC ISAK Japan)



Selection



Selection

### Summer School

**Main supporter**

Every year SuMi TRUST Group pays the tuition fees for one scholarship student.

Selection

### Accept applications from junior high students from countries worldwide



\*2 Gap year: A period when high school students who have received a letter of acceptance to a university gain various life experiences without immediately proceeding to higher education. During the period, individual students pursue social experiences such as volunteer activities and internships, study abroad programs, and travel.

TOPIC 01

### About UWC ISAK, the school we support

UWC ISAK, a campus in the wilderness of Karuzawa, is a boarding-only high school that fosters changemakers who can play an active part in the international community. The school accepts students from 83 countries around the world. Of the approximately 200 students who attend the school, about 70% are overseas students. Many of the students are from economically disadvantaged backgrounds, and about 70% of the student body is on scholarships that do not require repayment. UWC ISAK's greatest attraction is living in dormitories with colleagues from all over the world. Students from a variety of social and economic backgrounds, as well as nationalities, become keenly aware of each other's viewpoints and cultures in an environment of sharing. In this environment, students grow up into adults who understand and respect different values and beliefs, rather than denying or rejecting them.



Karuzawa campus



## Students SuMi TRUST Group Have Supported Since 2013

2013



Vietnam  
Hong Lien  
Ngyuen

2014



India  
Thulasi Priya  
Ramesh

2015



India  
Thanuja  
Ramesh

2016



Mexico  
Eduardo  
Bautista

2017



India  
Prashanth  
Babu

2018



India  
Prathana  
Himalachi

2019



India  
Hemant  
Sharma

### A Thank-You Letter from Hemant

My hobbies are soccer, watching movies, music, and getting along with many types of people. Thanks to your support, my life has become full of possibilities. I am deeply grateful for the fact that I am here now thanks to your support. Thank you very much.

Hemant is a 13-year-old boy who joined the summer school from Shanti Bhavan in India. He got to know all the students who the Group had supported in the past and said, "I'm really happy to be here this year, and I appreciate your continued support."

In the "Finding Purpose" group discussion we visited, Hemant demonstrated leadership that inspired everyone in the room.

"If you know how the economy works, you should be able to support yourself, your family and your country," he said confidently about his dream of becoming a certified public accountant. We hope that Hemant's dream comes true in the near future.



Commemorative photo with the Sustainability Management Office representative at the summer school

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Founder Lin Kobayashi

### Displays in Branch Lobbies Nationwide

Starting in fiscal year 2017, an ISAK lobby display toured branches across Japan. During the panel exhibition, UWC ISAK Japan founder Lin Kobayashi told us, "Three of the students you have supported to date at our high school are from Shanti Bhavan. I would like to express our appreciation for your deep involvement in helping to establish the first steps in changing the lives of these students. I sincerely hope that when they return to their home country in the near future, they will transform their society without succumbing to the disadvantages they face and will be able to make a significant contribution to society."



Display in the lobby of the Kawasaki branch

## TOPIC 02

### Support for the Children in Shanti Bhavan

The Shanti Bhavan school was established for the purpose of educating children who are the most socially and economically disadvantaged under the caste system, which has persisted for 2,000 years in India. All the summer school students from India that we support with scholarships are from Shanti Bhavan. They are highly interested in issues such as discrimination, poverty, and the human rights of women, and they strongly hope to improve their homeland. We will continue to watch after these future changemakers as they take action to abolish the caste system.



A vicious cycle of despair for children living in slums who don't have an opportunity to receive an education