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Planetary Health
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Hello.

This is Kohno Shigeru from Nagasaki University.

In the beginning this year I announced “For Planetary Health, Nagasaki University,” which is the President’s theme. I have received many replies.

A professor from the Faculty of Education suggested a possibility of developing a planetary health curriculum unit by making the most out of forming interdisciplinary organizations of researchers named “Institutes” (Gakuiki).

I would like to thank Professor Matsumoto from the Faculty of Education for his comment. He wrote that we have an important role in education and teacher training to protect and maintain the mental health of children in terms of “Planetary Health.”

A professor emeritus sent the following link to resources of the former president of the Rockefeller Foundation, Judy Rodin, and others who have advocated for “Planetary Health.”
<https://www.rockefellerfoundation.org/our-work/initiatives/planetary-health/>
<https://www.rockefellerfoundation.org/about-us/news-media/planetary-health/>

Professor Kamiya from the School of Tropical Medicine and Global Health introduced me to an entry for “Planetary Health” in the World Health Glossary written by himself.
<https://seesaawiki.jp/w/jaih/d/%a5%d7%a5%e9%a5%cd%a5%bf%a5%ea%a1%bc%a5%d8%a5%eb%a5%b9>

There have been many other generous and encouraging replies.
I appreciate your thoughtful comments.

I strongly hope that the key phrase “Planetary Health” can be our contribution to the world by assembling and incorporating the knowledge and wisdom that Nagasaki University has.

I’m still learning more about planetary health. Please continue to advise and guide me.

For the future of our university, I'm looking forward to reading your constructive feedback.