

Lecture Topics: Global Environment

1. **The Earth Now** – A lecture on the issues of wastes, dioxins, endocrine disrupters, food, energy and other issues close to home as well as the future of the earth.
2. **Ozone Layer Depletion** – Reduce the time you spend outside on days with strong, direct sunlight. Wear a hat, long sleeves, sunglasses and sun screen.
3. **Climate Change** – A lecture on abnormal weather patterns, rising of the sea level, food shortage, mass refugees and other issues. Measures to counter global warming such as reduced use of personal vehicles and saving of electricity and gas are also discussed.
4. **Deforestation (Acid Rain)** – The speed of deforestation is several times faster than the speed of forest growth. All forests in the world will be lost in 100 years if nothing is done.
5. **Extinction of Species** – Human beings are starting to destroy the ecosystem and human beings will not be spared from the damages.
6. **Population Explosion and Poverty** – Poverty is not a cause of population explosion but is a result of it. Find out the mechanism of population explosion and take a new look at our lifestyles.
7. **Environment and Economy** – The current system of economy inevitably depletes resources and destroys the environment. Mass consumption and mass waste must become phenomena of the past.
8. **Sustainable Society** – We must re-instate the self-sufficiency of the earth as a whole. The way society should be in the near future and the necessary change to our sense of values are discussed.