

BEYOND Tomorrow Endeavour 2020 Participants



Riko Ichikawa Tomiseisho High School, Nagano Prefecture

Riko lives with a foster family after a painful experience that she was unable to talk to anyone about. Now she would like to be a person who can listen to others in similarly or even more difficult situations while talking about herself also. By doing so, she hopes that she will be able to create a comfortable environment for people who are struggling to talk about themselves. In the future, she aims to work as a social worker. In her spare time, she enjoys playing *Kendama* (a Japanese cup-and-ball game), and feels a sense of accomplishment from acquiring new *Kendama* skills.



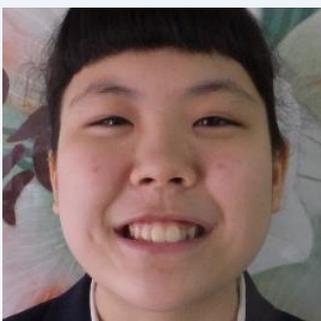
Sho Kikuchi Toride 1st High School, Ibaraki Prefecture

Sho has been supported well at his foster care group home, which he entered after living in poverty. Thanks to this experience, in the future he aims to be a person that can support others. He would like to expand his potential by studying economics at university so he can support his family when in need. He belongs to a basketball club and goes to training every day. Through BEYOND Tomorrow Endeavor program, he is looking forward to sharing his experiences with new friends coming from all over Japan and sharing the sense of compassion.



Miyu Keino Yaeyama High School, Okinawa Prefecture

Because of her own difficult experiences in the past, Miyu's dream is to become a social worker for children, just like Miyu's foster care group home's staff supported her. By participating in BEYOND Tomorrow Endeavor program, she would like to talk to people in pain and/or depression for different reasons. In what will be her first visit to Tokyo, she is looking forward to meeting new friends from different regions and experiencing different values and ways of thinking through BEYOND Tomorrow Endeavour program.



Amane Sudo Kasukabe Girls High School, Saitama Prefecture

Amane applied to BEYOND Tomorrow Endeavour program to share the thoughts she had kept to herself with peers of the same generation in similar circumstances after being separated from her parents and living in the foster care group home. Amane is interested in becoming a teacher in the future while she also hopes to expand her outlook through BEYOND Tomorrow Endeavor program, and build her career from many different options. By taking on new challenges outside of her usual domains and meeting various people, she wishes to build on her experiences, find something to devote herself to no matter how small it might be, and to become more proactive.



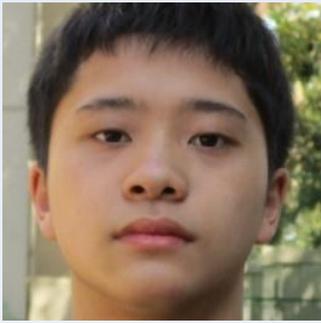
Aya Takano Hiro High School, Hiroshima Prefecture

Aya grew up in the foster care group home. Aya feels that she has been supported by the power of words from books and songs whenever she faced a hardship. Because of this experience, she wishes to take on a job in writing and deliver the power of words to many people. To achieve this dream, Aya hopes to broaden her horizons by studying literature at university. At BEYOND Tomorrow, Aya looks forward to expanding her perspectives, finding new interests, and taking on new challenges.



Kana Hashimoto Imabari Kita High School Omishima Branch, Ehime Prefecture

Kana has often felt a sense of loneliness from being placed in different foster care facilities and foster families. However, she feels that she has learnt to understand people's feelings through these experiences. Her dream is to work in media and produce programs that can bring smiles to children in need. Through participating in BEYOND Tomorrow Endeavour program outside of her hometown, she hopes to meet and interact with new friends that are also unable to live with their families, and possibly grow and mature through the experience.



Kentaro Hase Yokohama SO-GAKUKAN High School

Kentaro was saddened by the loss of his mother and moving to the foster care group home, but he thinks that it made him stronger and more mature. After graduating from high school, Kentaro hopes to study sociology or international politics at university, and wishes to make use of his English to learn about foreign cultures. Also, he would like to study abroad and eventually pursue a global career. Through taking part in BEYOND Tomorrow Endeavour program, he hopes to find his unknown potential and visualize his future career.



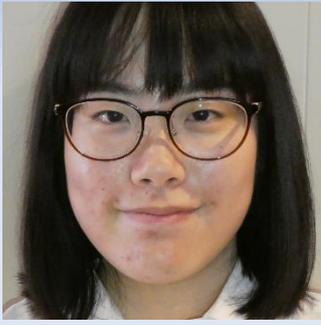
Ryoko Harano Komatsushima High School, Tokushima Prefecture

While living with her foster family after her father's death and during her mother's illness, Ryoko got interested in becoming a food nutritionist for hospitals. Through BEYOND Tomorrow Endeavor program, Ryoko hopes to understand various career options and think about her future because she feels her knowledge is limited in her limited environment. Also, she aims to broaden her horizons by communicating with many new people. In her high school, Ryoko volunteers for international exchange and community work.



Ayaka Matsukawa Hakodate City High School

Ayaka's most painful experience was disclosing the abuse she had suffered to her school teacher; however, it led to making a change for her future. She became positive by coming into touch with people's kindness and engaging in her passion of music through the life at her foster family. Ayaka currently spends a fulfilling time at her high school as part of a band, and gets involved in paper-lantern festivals. As she feels that she lives in a small world and her future options are limited, Ayaka hopes to see the new world and find a dream to pursue for her future.



Yuna Murakami      Ichiomiya Commercial High School, Chiba Prefecture

Yuna was constantly exposed to hardships when she was living with her family, but she decided that she would find her own roles instead of just staying miserable. It was only after she entered the foster care group home that she could start thinking about pursuing further education, and now she dreams of studying information processing and web design at university. By participating in BEYOND Tomorrow Endeavor program, she would like to have more chances to interact with people and be able to enjoy talking with all people.



Arisa Yamasaki      Chinzei Gakuin Haigh School

There were times when Arisa felt lonely when she had to leave people as she moved from one foster care group home to another. However, she was supported by the staff and friends living in her foster care group home, and now she feels like they are her own family. Her dream is to broaden her perspectives and horizons by learning foreign languages at university and studying abroad, and eventually to get a job by taking advantage of her language skills. At school, she belongs to the ESS club and volunteers at international exchange festivals to deepen her understanding of different cultures.