

# Tokimeki International School

## “Future Dream of Peace”

Odawara City



Start of Tokimeki International School



Farewell party in fiscal year 2019

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**Situation  
(background,  
aims, etc.)**

In 1990, when Odawara City was preparing for the International Exchange Festival, based on the philosophy of “future, dream, peace”, Noriaki Ozaki established and became the chairman of Tokimeki International School Committee. Although the first project was held using funds from the private sector, after that first time the project has been operated as a joint project between Tokimeki International School Committee and Odawara City.

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**Details  
(project  
outline, etc.)**

“Tokimeki International School” is a mutual youth exchange project between Manly City, currently Northern Beaches City, Australia and Odawara City. In fiscal year 2019, the project marked its 29<sup>th</sup> year with more than 1,500 participants from both cities. It provides participating students with opportunities to think and act by themselves through an annual program consisting of prior training, overseas exchange, domestic exchange and follow-up training.

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**Results  
(features and  
innovations,  
future  
developments,  
etc.)**

By having participants share their knowledge and experience obtained through the exchange programs with citizens, “Tokimeki International School” helps youth develop a global mindset, as well as contributing to the internationalisation of the regions and to nurturing citizens’ international awareness.

In addition, the project is held with cooperation from many citizens, including host families and volunteer staff. By expanding the connections at both community and grassroots levels, it is hoped to help stabilise international relations. In the future, the city will consider improving operating procedures by further collaborating with organisations in the private sector, as well as former project participants.

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