

Technos International Week Mission Statement and Objectives

(Translated from the Japanese “Technos International Week Charter”)

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Technos International Week (hereafter called TIW) is an event aimed at enhancing international education and global understanding while strengthening relationships between the participating (sister) schools, ideally and ultimately leading to friendship and mutual cross-cultural understanding that promotes world peace.

In his speech commemorating the 50th anniversary of the Tanaka Ikueikai Educational Foundation, Dr. Kenji Tanaka, Honorary Chairman and creator of Technos International Week commented:

“With my experience of war, I could not help but strongly wish for the next generation of young people to deepen mutual understanding across national borders and to obtain wisdom that allows them to lead society to peace without being bound by the misunderstandings and stereotypes that arise from historic and cultural differences.” That is to say, cross-cultural understanding and international exchange leading to world peace frame the spirit of TIW.

This mission statement and spirit can only be achieved if Technos College and the participating (sister) schools cooperate through awareness of their respective TIW roles and responsibilities. Technos College sets forth the following objectives and obligations for Technos College and the participating (sister) schools as participants of TIW.

1. Objectives and Obligations of Technos College

With the ultimate goal of world peace in mind, TIW is a unique educational opportunity for students, faculty and staff at Technos College to connect with people from various cultures and backgrounds. This interaction broadens global perspective, deepens understanding and respect for cultural diversity, and leads to personal, academic, and professional growth.

a. Technos Students should

- Make an effort to interact and communicate with the (sister) school participants
- Strive to understand and respect different cultures, backgrounds, and beliefs
- Have a desire to share their cultures and their specialized fields of study at Technos
- Attain personal and professional growth by improving communication, interpersonal, and organizational skills through collaboration and cooperation with others during TIW

b. Technos Faculty and Staff should

- Make an effort to interact and communicate with the (sister) school participants
- Motivate and support Technos students to achieve the objectives in “a.” as much as possible
- Participate in the event and cooperate with the TIW committee planning as much as possible
- Ensure their respective courses and departments cooperate with TIW activities as much as possible
- Through collaboration with the (sister) school participants, create opportunities to enrich future educational activities by promoting information exchange, nurturing professional relationships and friendships, and gaining professional insight

c. Technos College should

- Treat TIW as not only an opportunity to hone expertise in specialized fields, but as a means to provide opportunities to promote the development of (new) international programs between Technos and its sister schools
- Raise awareness of the Technos Teaching Assistant Internship Program among the participants
- Offer opportunities for international exchange beyond the walls of Technos College to contribute to the worldwide community and peace envisioned by Dr. Tanaka

2. Objectives and Obligations for the Participating (Sister) Schools

For the (sister) school participants, TIW is a special opportunity to experience Japanese society and culture. Therefore, delegates from the (sister) schools should recognize that TIW is not a personal holiday for sightseeing, and be mindful that they are participating in an educational program as representatives of their school and country.

a. The Participating (Sister) School Students should

- Make an effort to interact and communicate with Technos students, faculty, and staff in English
- Strive to understand and respect different cultures, backgrounds, and beliefs
- Actively participate in all programmed activities with an open mind and a positive attitude
- Participate in TIW not simply as guests, but with the intention to contribute to the event's overall success

b. The Participating (Sister) School Faculty and Staff should

- Make an effort to interact and communicate with Technos students, faculty, and staff in English
- Strive to understand and respect different cultures, backgrounds, and beliefs
- Share their expertise, interests, and culture with Technos students, faculty, and staff
- Contribute actively to TIW's overall success, including the exchange of ideas and opinions on educational values and methods with Technos students, faculty, and staff in order to promote mutual growth

c. The Participating (Sister) Schools should

- With Dr. Tanaka's vision and the spirit of TIW in mind, select participants who can participate in TIW according to the above mission statement
- Pursuant to the mission statement, objectives, and obligations, ensure that its TIW participants have an understanding of their above-described responsibilities, as well as a desire to understand cultural diversity and broaden their global perspective