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# Head of School and Secondary Principal will Join "En Committee" as the "GLOBAL CHANGE AMBASSADORS"

Aoba-Japan International School (A-JIS), located in Nerima ward, Tokyo, would like to announce that its Head of School, Kenneth Sell and Secondary Principal, Robert Thorn will join an organization "En Committee" which is aiming to deliver sustainable and measurable results, as the Global Change Ambassadors. The Global Change Ambassadors will be overseen by the En Committee; a collaboration between RoundTable Global and First Lady of Japan Akie Abe.

A-JIS offers global standard education as an IB World School for all ages, which has been authorized by the International Baccalaureate Organization (IBO). Through IB programmes, graduates of A-JIS will not only be able to obtain internationally recognized qualifications for university applications but will also acquire the skills and dispositions to use that knowledge and create new understandings. By fostering global perspectives, A-JIS is expecting its students' abilities to present and communicate their ideas to be enhanced. A-JIS aims to develop global-minded, compassionate, collaborative learners inspired to learn, take risks, and lead positive change in the world.

The Global Change Ambassadors Group has been launched by RoundTable Global aiming to create much needed change in the world. There are sixty leaders and influencers from three generations focused on initially creating change in Asia, Middle East, North Africa, Europe and the Americas. They range from First Ladies to Ministers, CEOs and Activists and each person is volunteering their time to focus on the RoundTable Three Global Goals of Educational Reform, Empowerment for All and Environmental Rejuvenation. The full list of Global Change Ambassadors can be viewed here <a href="http://www.roundtable.global/ambassadors/">http://www.roundtable.global/ambassadors/</a>.

The Ambassadors have already committed to creating an alternative to traditional education 'Legacy Learning' (<u>http://www.roundtable.global/legacy-learning/</u>) which they believe will empower future generations to follow their passions, be creative and collaborative and help to eradicate prejudice. The Legacy Learning Platform will be available in 2017 to all learners, free of charge, anywhere in the world.

## Kenneth Sell, Head of School of A-JIS says:

"At Aoba-Japan International School, we are honoured to have opportunity to be associated with the 'RoundTable Global' group. I believe: Learning is about developing socially responsible people who can make wise and empathetic decisions now and into the future. We are truly fortunate to be able to collaborate with this growing group of like-minded and influential people as we strive to create conditions for empowerment that encourage and support lifelong learning and the development of a socially just mindset in our learners."



## Robert Thorn, Secondary Principal of A-JIS says:

"It is an honour and a privilege to work with this wonderful group of high achievers. The vision is one worth striving for and resonates with us at A-JIS not only in our field of transforming education but also in seeing our young people and their teachers participate in creating and supporting positive change in the areas of empowerment and environmental rejuvenation. We look forward to rising to this challenge and leading positive change in our communities"

#### About RoundTable Global

RoundTable Global are experts in redefining corporate cultures and global communities, in unlocking potential in people and helping to release from fears and self limiting beliefs. They use this expertise to bring the creative and corporate worlds together for mutual benefit and learning, delivering leadership, innovation and change programmes that further Three Global Goals: Educational Reform, Empowering Everyone and Environmental Rejuvenation. These goals are their contribution to creating restorative, inclusive change in the world. <u>www.roundtable.global</u>

## About the Global Change Ambassadors

To ensure that the projects deliver sustainable and measurable results, the En Committee is creating global groups of Ambassadors in each region. These Ambassadors are being selected for their passion, talents and ability to galvanise local communities into action.

Each group is being mentored and supported by an En Committee member and comprises of dynamic and influential women, men and young people. Organisations will be actively encouraged to sponsor and support local initiatives in return for services and solutions that will enable them to create empowering cultures for everyone at the same time as successfully delivering a triple bottom line focused on People, Planet and Profit. <u>http://www.roundtable.global/ambassadors/</u>

#### About Aoba-Japan International School:



A-JIS is an international school operated by Aoba International Educational Systems (Aoba) (Head Office: Tokyo, Nerima-ku), which became a subsidiary of Business Breakthrough Inc. (BBT) (Location: Tokyo, Chiyoda-ku, President: Kenichi Ohmae) in October 2013. Founded in 1976 in Aobadai, Meguro-ku, Aoba-Japan International School is a pre-Kindergarten to Grade 12, co-ed, secular school open to all nationalities and religions. Except for Japanese language classes, all classes are conducted in English. A-JIS has a strong and effective English language support program that prepares students

for the International Baccalaureate program. From pre-Kindergarten to Grade 12, the school provides a curriculum that follows international standards, and graduates can obtain the credentials they require to apply to universities worldwide. A-JIS is accredited through the Council of International Schools (CIS) and the New England Association of Schools and Colleges (NEASC). A-JIS is also authorized as an IB World School for all ages (DP and MYP and PYP). <u>http://www.aobajapan.jp/</u>

#### About the International Baccalaureate:

Founded in 1968 the International Baccalaureate (IB) is a non-profit foundation, which offers four high quality and challenging educational programmes for a worldwide community of schools. For close to 50 years, IB programmes have gained a reputation for their rigour and high academic standards, for preparing students for life in a globalized 21st century, and for helping to develop citizens who will create a better, more peaceful world. Currently, IB students attend over 4,500 schools in over 140 countries. To learn more, please visit www.ibo.org.

For information about the number of IB World Schools and programmes offered, please visit: <a href="http://www.ibo.org/en/about-the-ib/the-ib-by-country/">http://www.ibo.org/en/about-the-ib/the-ib-by-country/</a>

#### **About BBT**:



BBT was established in 1998 as an educational company by Kenichi Ohmae, a world renowned management consultant. Since it opened, BBT has continued to offer high quality educational programmes via remote delivery through various media. BBT provides a lot of educational programming: a university, a graduate school of business, an entrepreneur training program, educational TV programs, and more.

BBT has participated in the management of Aoba since 2013, and it aims to construct an educational platform which can support lifetime empowerment BBT aims to provide proactive education that makes full use of its own in-house IT technology platform. Approximately 200,000 ID have been issued and sent out to the business world from BBT's courses. http://www.bbt757.com/

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