

Introduction of “Ocean Education Pioneer Schools” Subsidy Program

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In 2016 we launched the “Ocean Education Pioneer Schools” program to provide financial support to elementary, junior high, and high schools. The aim is enhancing ocean education in Japan as part of school education. 64 schools from 28 prefectures in Japan are participating in this program. They study various ocean themes, from general to regional problems; natural disaster damage prevention, ocean driftage and pollution, marine biology and coastal environment, traditional salt manufacture, coral reef fisheries, and so on. These ocean programs will be brought together into practical ocean education curriculum in the future. We provide information about this Pioneer Schools program to stimulate discussion about ocean education in the natural science and earth planetary science fields.

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