

# Mainstreaming Biodiversity utilizing 'Big History'

Host Organization  
Japan Civil Network for the UNDB (JCN-UNDB)  
Oberlin Big History Project (OBHP)

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Big History (BH) is a new academic discipline which examines history of 13.8 billion years from the Big Bang to the present. Big History is fundamentally new paradigm as an environmental education program, useful especially for that of biodiversity conservation. The most striking feature of BH is its cosmic viewpoint and the sense of 'deep time'. BH students get a real feeling that we are connected with each other and other life, Earth and the universe. In addition, students become aware that biodiversity is a miracle, the humankind is not superior to other lives, and become critical to anthropocentrism. So We recommend United Nations and UNESCO that ESD should reflect Big History's cosmic viewpoint in its environmental education.

## Presentation titles and speakers

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- 1 Big History as an Environmental Education Program Hirofumi KATAYAMA
- 2 Biophilosophy and Big History: Zootopia and Kinji Imanishi Nozomi SUZUKI
- 3 Sustainability of 200 Year Companies Ayumi KATSUMATA
- 4 Biodiversity Education utilizing Emakimono Rei TAKAHASHI
- 5 Big History and Nature Education in local community Masako SAKATA