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The national consultation in Japan was held in Tokyo and organised by Development Education Association and Resource Center (DEAR). ASPBAE Executive Council member, Naomi Kamijo, Vice Chair of DEAR, and former Executive Council member, Takafumi Miyake, Japan NGO Network for Education(JNNE), Shanti Volunteer Association(SVA), participated in the consultation.

The key priorities emerging out of the Japan consultation were –

1. Citizenship education and Education for Sustainable Development is important. There should be active citizen participation in organising education programmes, and formulating policies at the local, national, and global levels.
2. There should be a focus on women, children, indigenous people, and other minorities.
3. An appropriate budget needs to be allocated to education.
4. Sustainable development should be understood in the Japanese context and should be included in learning in and out of school.

Here are some suggestions from participants on what ASPBAE's future education agenda should be –

- A focus on human dignity - human dignity is the basis of human rights and peace.
- Promote education and traditional lifestyles to preserve learning in rural communities.
- Highlight the importance and relevance of out-of-school learning. Promote lifelong learning to improve quality of life.

