Examining global education issues

G7 Education Ministers’ Meeting in Okayama

The G7 Education Ministers’ Meeting will be held in Kurashiki, Okayama Prefecture, on May 14 and 15 with related ministers of the Group of Seven (G7) countries and education-related organizations gathering to discuss global education challenges.

Under the theme of “Innovation in Education,” representatives from Japan, Britain, Canada, France, Germany, Italy, the U.S., the European Union, the Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development and UNESCO, among others, will discuss education’s role in fostering peace and prosperity.

The meetings, symposiums and other events will be held at Kurashiki Bikan Historical Area, a space that maintains traditional structures and a historical atmosphere. Meeting participants will also tour excursions to visit schools and places of interest in the area. In conjunction with the education ministers’ meeting, the city of Kurashiki hosted the G7 Kurashiki Children’s Summer at Kurashiki by Square in March. The summer was attended by some 240 junior high school and high school students from Japan and other G7 countries, teachers, Minors of Education, Culture, Sports, Science and Technology Hiroshi Hase, the organizing committee of the G7 Education Ministers’ Meeting and others.

Yasuo Ichikawa, a senior at Sribun High School, delivered a speech on her experience attending the ninth High School, delivered a speech on organizing committee of the G7 Education and Technology Hiroshi Hase, the organizing committee of the G7 Education Ministers’ Meeting and others.

The G7 Education Ministers’ Meeting is in the southern part of Okayama Prefecture, which is known as “Riuri Country.” In the western part of the city, which was a prosperous trading hub in the Edo Period, the Takahashi River runs into the Seto Inland Sea. The city is divided into eight areas: Kurashiki, Mihama, Tamashima, Chayamachi, Sho, Funao and Kojima. The venue for the G7 Education Ministers’ Meeting is in the Kurashiki area.

Kurashiki is a city with a history of 1,200 years, and the city has been a major port for trade with Korea in the times past. The city is renowned for its beautiful scenery, abundant food and its good weather. The city boasts long history in addition to natural beauty. The breathtaking scenery is just one of many things visitors can enjoy. Other sites such as the Kurashiki Museum of Folk-Craft are also interesting and the many shops selling traditional crafts and local delicacies offer something for everyone.