Letter of Invitation

On behalf of the KAIST students and faculty, we invite you to an upcoming online conference PIONEERS 2071: Questioning the Next 50 Years.

The purpose of the conference is to provide undergraduate students with the opportunity to explore potential global crises that may happen over the next 50 years and propose possible solutions with policies, technology, and innovative ideas.

We will present three scenarios of potential crises as follows, and applicants will choose one topic they would like to explore:

**Division 1:** Environment: Pollution and Climate Change  
**Division 2:** The Next Outbreak: Pandemic  
**Division 3:** Education, Economics, and AI

Applicants form a group of four to eight participants and register as a team. Each team must come up with original ideology, policies, and innovative ideas to resolve the issues described in the scenario in preparation for the conference. At the conference, teams present their ideas and debate how each other’s proposals may or may not be effective in resolving the crisis and making the world a better place.

**Awards and Prizes**  
The winners of each division are given the following awards:  
Grand Award (Top 1 team): $3000  
Gold (2 teams): $2000  

The second-place winners of each division are given the silver award:  
Silver (3 teams): $1000

**Registration Dates:** Dec 14, 2020–Jan 15, 2021 (GMT+9)  
**Conference Dates:** Feb 2–7, 2021 (GMT+9)  
**Registration Link:** https://pioneers.kaist.ac.kr/register

*The scenario and other materials required to complete your proposal will be sent via email starting from January 4th, as soon as your participation is confirmed. To ensure sufficient time to complete the proposal, we recommend you to register early.*
Dates and Deadlines

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**FEBRUARY**

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Debate Schedule:

*The number of debates is subject to change depending on the number of applicants.*

Please note that each team attends only two days of the conference based on the scenario that they choose. We will consider the time zone each team prefers when scheduling the rounds for debates. For further information, visit pioneers.kaist.ac.kr. Contact us via email at kaistua@gmail.com with any inquiries.

We look forward to seeing you at the conference in February!