Challenges of Multiculturalism ||

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The following questions are based on the contents of the session. Watch the session and answer each question.

- I think having the opportunity to take part in decision making is one of the most important principles of democracy.
- I think having equal opportunities for education is one of the most important principles of democracy.

[2] Explain the present suffrage system of the European Union.

• All EU citizens have the right to vote or the right to stand as candidates in municipal elections throughout the EU.

[3] What issues have arisen regarding the question of extending suffrage to foreign residents in Australia?

- In Australia, foreign residents have the right to vote in local elections in areas they live in, but they don't have the right to vote in federal elections. Australia is an immigrant country, and in recent years, the number of foreign people studying or working there has been increasing. There is some discussion about how foreign residents may try to use their votes to influence government regulation of the institutions they belong to.
- Recently in Australia, there was an incident in which some parliamentarians were forced to resign over unknowingly having dual citizenship. It raised the issue of whether people having another country's citizenship could be loyal to the country they resided in.

[4] Are there any special measures in Singapore for promoting multiculturalism?

• Singapore has several ethnic groups, such as Chinese, Indians and Malays. Before the country became independent, however, they didn't get along with each other and there were a lot of ethnic clashes. After independence, the government decided to make Singapore more harmonious and enacted measures to promote multiculturalism. One of them was creating housing developments where different ethnic groups live together. In addition, they set English as a common language. The various ethnic groups came to communicate with each other in English as equals and interact well.

[5] How would you like to address multiculturalism in your study, in other activities, or in the future?

N/A (There are no fixed answers to this question, because everyone's opinion matters.)



[1] The following is a summary of the session. Write down the appropriate words in the blanks in the passage. You may use the same words for several blanks.

One important principle of democracy is suffrage. In all democratic countries, all the people are given the right to (participate) (in) the political process. The (suffrage) of foreign residents differs depending on times and countries. In Japan, foreign residents are not allowed to vote in elections, but there has been some discussion about (allowing) this in other countries due to the increase in the number of (foreign) (permanent) (residents). Before World War II in Sweden, they had a large number of German (immigrants), but they didn't grant them suffrage to prevent (interference) in) of the country. In Europe currently, every internal) (affairs citizen in the EU has the right to (vote) and () a candidate in (municipal) (elections) where they reside. In New Zealand, suffrage is extended to all foreign residents with (permanent) status), who can take part not just in municipal elections resident) (but also in (national) (elections). In Australia, an (immigrant) country, there was a hot debate about suffrage for foreign residents. In) groups, the government Singapore, which similarly has many (ethnic) (measures) to promote multiculturalism after their independence, and was successful in doing so. With (globalization) proceeding, the number of foreign residents in Japan keeps (increasing). It is important for us to promote (multiculturalism) and build ((communities) in Japan.