

The 32nd Gifu University Summer School Program (2019)

The 2019 four-week Summer School started on June 26. Ten students came to Gifu University from our partner universities in four different countries. They are; three from Northern Kentucky University (U.S.), two from Mokpo National University (South Korea), two from Guangxi University (China), one from University of Electronic Science and Technology of China (also China), and two from the National University of Malaysia (UKM, Malaysia).

June 26, Orientation/Opening Ceremony/Campus Tour/Welcome Party

In the afternoon of June 26, students took part in orientation and campus tour. They also attended the school's opening ceremony in the evening. At the welcome party, students enjoyed conversations with GU student monitors and international students already studying at the University.



June 27, Start of Japanese Language Classes

Students attended Japanese language classes from June 27 to July 23. In addition to regular language lessons, they had opportunities to develop their skills in Japanese writing and oral presentation. At the last lesson, each student gave a speech to the class in Japanese.

June 28, Bird Watching Workshop & Japanese Haiku Composition



Students enjoyed a bird watching tour held at Nagaragawa Fureai-no-Mori park (Gifu City) where they enjoyed a firsthand view of the local ecosystem. This was followed by a workshop where the students introduced the nature and birds indigenous to their home countries and composed Japanese haiku poems in response to the birdwatching experience.

July 4, University Hospital Tour & Medical English Workshop with Nursing Students

After a tour of the University Hospital, students joined the Medical English Workshop with the third-year nursing students.



July 5, Excursion to Seki City: Edged Tool Workshop



Students took part in traditional sword making demonstration at Seki Hamono Museum (Seki City, Gifu) and later joined a scissor-making workshop. The students were then invited by the local volunteers to try on traditional Japanese kimonos as an added Japanese cultural experience.

July 10, Nohgaku (Noh & Kyogen) Workshop

Nohgaku (Noh & Kyogen traditional performing arts) workshop was held on campus. Students first listened to lectures on Noh given by Mr. Mikata and Mr. Tamoi (main actors called "Shite" in Kanze School) and explanations on Kyogen given by Kyogen drama performers. Students then viewed a Nohgaku stage performance by professional actors.



July 12-15, Gujo Homestay Program

With the support from Gujo City and Gujo Hachiman International Friendship Association, students participated in a number of local cultural events and homestay program.

- July 12: Visited Hachiman Elementary School, dressed up in yukata (summer kimono), practiced Gujo bon dancing, experienced kendo training with Gujo Senior High School Kendo Club, attended a welcome party and stayed with their host family.
- July 13: Practiced Japanese calligraphy and attended a tea ceremony
- July 14: Spent a full-day with host families
- July 15: Exchanged personal views on the Gujo program, took photos with host families



July 17, University Farm Tour & Soft Serve Ice Cream Making



Students toured the university farm and made soft serve ice cream with fresh milk produced in the farm. They also viewed the vegetable field and orchard and even experienced brushing the cows!

July 24, Speech, Closing Ceremony & Farewell Party

On the final day of the Summer School, each student gave a speech in Japanese expressing the most memorable thing or event during their stay in Gifu. At the farewell party, students were awarded a Certificate of Completion. In attendance at the party were the host families, student monitors, and university professors, including the University President.

