



Study-Abroad Report Session

January 17, 2018



The “Study-Abroad Report Session -Things we would never have known if we hadn’t studied abroad-” was held to introduce Gifu University’s student exchange programs with presentations made by eight students who studied abroad in 2017.

The participants studied at nine overseas universities: Griffith University (Australia), Seoul National University of Science and Technology (South Korea), University of Alberta (Canada), Northern Kentucky University (USA), University of Technology, Sydney (Australia), University of Bayreuth (Germany), Tulane University (USA), Wageningen University (the Netherlands) and Université catholique de Louvain (Belgium) for periods ranging from two weeks to one year. Their presentations covered such themes as language studies and cross-cultural experiences to respective research activities.



Overseas Staff Development Program at Guangxi University

October 24 – November 20



Two Gifu University staff participated in a three-week Overseas Staff Development Program at Guangxi University in China. They introduced Gifu University, provided consultations to students wishing to study in Japan, surveyed their needs and taught Japanese classes.

After being exposed to a totally different culture and learning a lot about Guangxi University, the two believe that they have served as a bridge between the two universities.



Ski Excursion

February 20, 21, 2018

Gifu University international students participated in a ski excursion in Gujo City, Gifu Prefecture.

With the help of ski instructors and several runs on the slope, some students felt they were able to maneuver “bogen” skis for a wedge turn. By pushing themselves to their limits, everyone developed self-confidence with their skiing technique while enjoying the event to the fullest.





International Month

Meeting Between International Students, Researchers and Board Members Hosted by the President

November 2



A number of international social events are hosted during "International Month" in November. One of these events was the "Meeting Between International Students, Researchers and Board Members Hosted by the President" which saw the attendance of 130 people enjoying a buffet-style reception. Traditional dances and songs such as "Pencak Silat," (Indonesian martial-arts) were performed on stage by international students as well as koto harps by Japanese students.

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The "6th Networking with Local Companies," co-hosted by Gifu Shinkin Bank Ltd., attracted both international and Japanese students hoping to find employment in Japan and overseas. The students

were invited to taste Japanese and Western-style sweets in the first session, followed by presentations by 16 companies and meetings between students and company representatives in the second session.

Lecture on International Student Employment Promotion Program

November 17



The "Lecture on International Student Employment Promotion Program: International Student Employment Situations & Successful Case Study" was held with the aim of offering useful tips to international students to gain employment in Japan.

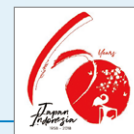
Presentations were made by representatives of Mitsubishi UFJ Research and Consulting Co., Ltd. and Nabeya Co., Ltd. both of which are active in promoting international human resource development. In their speeches, they made special mention of the growing interest in Japanese companies in employing international students.

Messages from International Students Studying at Gifu University



Catch Your Dreams and Enjoy Japan

Yolani Syaputri United Graduate School of Agricultural Science



Indonesia

I came to Gifu University in 2016 by a Sandwich Program. Getting knowledge, having cultural exchanges and facing challenges are all best experiences I have ever got while in Japan. After the program, I passed the examination and I am now studying as a doctoral student.

I chose Gifu University because I like the environment, the people, the culture and the view. I enjoy my life here. A lot of people including my sensei and research students at my laboratory care about me and cheer me up every day. Japanese is difficult for me, but learning something new, having many experiences and meeting people have truly made me grow. I am a Muslim and the people and the government here always help us feel comfortable and show respect to our religion.

I hope I can contribute to the development of Indonesia and Japan not only in culture but also science and technology in the future. I would like to say "Happy 60th Anniversary of Japan-Indonesia Diplomatic Relation" and wish for a stronger cooperation between the two countries in politics, economy as well as social and cultural exchanges.



Special Lecture

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Dr. Li Zandong of China Agricultural University delivered a keynote speech on "Basic Infrastructure Building: Study at GU and Scientific Research" held in Gifu University auditorium. She completed her studies at Gifu University's Graduate School of Agriculture in 1985, and is currently one of the top world-class scientists in genetic engineering. In her speech, she talked about what motivated her to study in Gifu, her former supervisors and classmates in addition to many wonderful, fascinating aspects of Japan.

Lecture Session

November 24



Ms. Aznur Aisyah Abdullah of National University of Malaysia and Ms. Emi Teshima of the Ministry of Economy, Trade and Industry of Japan, gave a speech at Gifu University about "Product Design and Business Strategy for Malaysia." With the themes of "Indispensable Factors of Product Design" and "Japanese Enterprises in Malaysia," the two speakers introduced Japanese firms operating in Malaysia and Japanese products used by many Malaysians.

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International Student Exchange Forum

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Japanese Speech Competition by International Students Residing in Gifu Prefecture

International Student Exchange Forum

November 22



Juroku Bank and Juroku Research Institute Co. Ltd co-hosted the "3rd International Student Exchange Forum with Juroku Bank - Assignment International Employees Excel at Performing in Japanese Businesses" with the aim of informing students of the advantages and growth potential of local enterprises. At this forum, participants listened to the following; the employment situations of international students, the ideal job candidates that companies seek to hire, company presentations and stories of successful job-seeking, and enjoyed informal talks with company representatives.

Japanese Speech Competition by International Students Residing in Gifu Prefecture

November 25

岐阜県内外国人留学生日本語弁論大会

GIFU UNIVERSITY



The "16th Japanese Speech Competition by International Students Residing in Gifu Prefecture" was held in Gifu University's auditorium. Twelve students from eight countries including five Gifu University students competed with each other by giving short speeches. Ms. Sun Yuxuan of Gifu University won the Award for Excellence with her speech, "A Knickknack Shop I Love to Go to." Seventy-six people on and off campus attended the 16th competition, and 34 of the participants attended an exchange meeting co-hosted by Ogaki Kyoritsu Bank and Juroku Bank.



A Peruvian Japanese' Dream



Kaway Caceda Andres Hideki Medical Course, School of Medicine

Peru

My name is Hideki Kaway, a medical doctor from Peru. I came to Japan in April 2017 and will go back to Peru in March 2018. I am Nikkei, my grandfather was born in Gifu and traveled to Peru to pursue his dreams. My father was one of the first Gifu Government Scholarship recipients and I decided to apply for it myself and came to Japan.

While in Japan, I met some of my family members living in Japan and we enjoyed a wonderful time together. I think I am becoming one of the best representatives from the two worlds, Peru and Japan, separated by sea, but bound by a long-term friendly relationship

I chose Gifu University to follow my father's footsteps. Currently, I am conducting a research on a young athlete's disease. I would like to continue my studies for a master and a doctoral degree in Japan, and work as a sports medicine doctor in the future. It is still a long way to go, but I am enjoying every time of my journey, starting from Japan.



International Exchange Activities for Establishing a Joint Degree Program

● What is a Joint Degree Program?

In a Joint Degree (JD) Program, a single degree certificate is awarded by two or more partner universities to a student who has completed the program implemented by the partner universities. Gifu University has been carrying out a number of exchange programs with Indian Institute of Technology, Guwahati and National University of Malaysia since 2015 in the drive towards establishing four international collaboration JD programs in 2019.



The 3rd Winter School

December 6 – 21



With the aim towards the establishment of Joint Degree Programs, the 3rd three-week Winter School was held at Gifu University and was attended by seven students from Indian Institute of Technology, Guwahati (IITG) and National University of Malaysia (UKM). The students engaged in laboratory work, attended special lectures by professors from IITG and UKM and participated in the "Rice Ball Project" to promote design concepts. They also studied "Survival Japanese" and took part in presentation workshops, "Lectures on Traffic Safety and Crime Prevention," local company tours and cultural activities.



Indo-Japan Bilateral Symposium

February 1 – 4, 2018



Eleven Gifu University delegates participated in the "Indo-Japan Bilateral Symposium on Future Perspective of Bioresource Utilization in North-East India" held at Indian Institute of Technology, Guwahati for four days.

Representatives from universities, research institutes and business enterprises in India and Japan gathered together and discussed bioresources, food science and technology, and biotechnology as well as future industry-academia collaboration focusing on international collaborative education programs.



Lectures on Traffic Safety and Crime Prevention

December 15



The "Lectures on Traffic Safety and Crime Prevention" were held in cooperation with Gifu Kita Police Station. Fifty-two people including 36 international students from nine countries attended. The purpose of the lectures is to inform international residents on how to avoid traffic accidents and how to avoid getting involved in a crime due to differences in traffic rules and laws. Comments by the participants: "I now have a better understanding about the meanings of traffic signs as well as the rules on riding a bicycle in Japan."



The 5th International Workshop 2017

November 27, 28



Gifu University United Graduate School of Agricultural Science (UGSAS) hosted its 5th International Workshop, "Recent Progress in Agriculture and Water Management in Asia 2017" at Thuyloi University in Viet Nam. Vice Rector Nguyen Canh Thai of Thuyloi University and Associate Professor Toshiaki Iida of the University of Tokyo delivered keynote speeches followed by research presentations by representatives from Thuyloi University, University of Dhaka (Bangladesh), Sebelas Maret University and University of Lampung (both in Indonesia), Gifu University and Sanyu Consultants Inc. (Japan). Fifty-four people participated in a lively exchange of views on each research theme.

