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## International Nohgaku Workshop 2021

July 14

The Center for Japanese Language and Culture hosted a virtual "Nohgaku Workshop 2021" via Zoom. (Nohgaku is a collective term for the traditional Japanese performing arts of Noh and Kyogen). Four invited professionals performed short plays, introduced the history and differences between Noh and Kyogen, iconic masks, characterized form of Kyogen laughter, chanting, and kimono-wearing for a Noh stage. The performers brought the masks and kimono closer to the camera for a close-up view and showed viewers the view from behind the mask. This shows how the latest digital technology can be utilized to facilitate coordinated and efficient interpersonal exchanges in challenging times like the pandemic.



## SDGs Online Study Sessions for Glocalization

In 2020, "SDGs Online Study Sessions for Glocalization" was launched to provide GU students, staff and local residents opportunities to share their views on glocal\* issues and creation of a sustainable society. In the 1st session on April 23, a presentation titled, "3Rs Promoted by the UN" was made by guest speaker, Dr. Kikuko Sakai from the United Nations Centre for Regional Development where she discussed her expectations and prospects for glocalization through trilateral collaboration among industry-academia-government. In her speech, she underscored the significance of 3Rs drive (namely, "Reduce," "Reuse" and "Recycle") to attain a recycling-based, eco-friendly society and the importance of global partnership to extend effective assistance to developing countries.

glocal\*: global + local



# Study Abroad Fair

Outbound

## Study Abroad Fair Spring 2021 & ESL/EST Information Session

April

The scheduled face-to-face "Study Abroad Fair Spring 2021" and "2021 Online ESL\* and EST\*\* Summer Program Information Session" had to be canceled due to the declared state of emergency for Gifu Prefecture in April. Alternatively, information on study abroad programs, including guidelines, flyers and pre-recorded information sessions were posted on the GU-GLOCAL website for interested students.

ESL\*: English as a Second Language, EST\*\*: English for Science and Technology



Inbound

## Gifu University Study Abroad Fair in China

December 26, 2020 (Shanghai),  
April 23, 2021 (Wuxi),  
June 26, 2021 (Nanchang)

Dr. Yu Ping, Secretary-General of Gifu University and China Alumni Association attended Gifu University Study Abroad Fair 2021 held at several venues including the Consulate-General of Japan in Shanghai, Wuxi Xingzhi Technology School in Wuxi (Chiangsu Province), and China-Japan Friendship Association Hall in Nanchang (Jiangxi Province). Dr. Yu Ping tried to appeal the charms of Gifu University and Gifu Prefecture to groups of interested audience and answered questions from attendees wishing to study in Japan in the near future.



## English Circle of Friends in AY 2021

June 23, July 14

"English Circle of Friends" (ECF) is an informal lunch time gathering hosted by GU-GLOCAL for Japanese and international students, administrative staff and faculty on campus who are interested in communicating with each other in English. Participants from different backgrounds, nationalities, and interests come together to get to know each other while sharing their ideas and cultures. Coordinators for International Relations from the prefectural office are also invited to join on occasions. ECF strives to be an open, diverse and friendly club on campus for all its members.



## GU & IITG Students Enrolled in International Joint Master's Program

July 28

Three GU students and five IITG students were enrolled in this year's International Joint Master's Degree Program in Food Science and Technology between Indian Institute of Technology Guwahati (IITG) and Gifu University. An online entrance ceremony and orientation were held to introduce and brief the new entrants about the program. Their enrollment signifies the continuity of the international JD program to gain traction in offering master's degree together with our partner institutions overseas.



## Studying Abroad



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Canada

### What I got from studying abroad online

I decided to join the University of Alberta online study abroad course because I wanted to speak English more fluently. On the first day, I couldn't reply in English immediately and only remained quiet. Then, I decided to write down in a notebook all the English words that I couldn't understand in class and checked them at home. As a result of this study method, my knowledge of English words increased. The more I improved my vocabulary, the better I could answer questions smoothly. I also joined the Student Engagement Centre's activities positively and participated in cultural exchanges with people of various nationalities. The conversations I had with them have allowed me to broaden my horizons considerably. I believe I have gained valuable experiences through this online program.





## 2021 Online Summer School Program

June 23 – July 7

**G**U-GLOCAL hosted "2021 Online Summer School (Inbound)" program this summer with five participants from Gifu University's overseas partner universities -Northern Kentucky University, USA and the National University of Malaysia. They were given valuable opportunities to practice their conversational Japanese with GU students and experienced a wide range of cultural events and activities online. Thanks to the kind support from local Gujo (Gifu) citizens, several fun and exciting events were organized for the participants to interact with elementary school students, observe historical townscapes, watch the famous Gujo traditional folk dance, and appreciate traditional craftwork, etc.



## Presentation by Students of Japanese Language and Culture Studies Course

August 1

**T**he Center for Japanese Language and Culture hosted "Online Presentation by Students of Japanese Language and Culture Studies Course 2021" with three student participants from Thailand and Vietnam. Despite many challenges they went through due to the ongoing pandemic such as deferment of their studies in GU, fewer opportunities for cultural experiences in Japan, etc., all students were commended for their remarkable accomplishment and received positive feedback for their presentations from many viewers.



## Joint Degree Program



### First JD Commencement Ceremony (Online) for IITG Graduates

July 16

**T**he first commencement ceremony was held online honoring four IITG graduates for their completion of the International Joint Master's Degree Program in Food Science and Technology.

On behalf of Gifu University, President Hisataka Moriwaki sent his congratulatory message praising the students' strenuous efforts in successfully completing their studies and acquiring their well-deserved M. Tech degree. He also expressed his high expectations for their future roles as ambassadors between Japan and India in both academic and economic fields.



### Online Celebration with Daruma Dolls for JD Graduates

July 30

**A**n online celebration event was held to honor the first batch of GU & IITG graduates who have completed their International Joint Master's Degree Program in Food Science and Technology. The celebratory event was marked by the painting of the "other eye" of a daruma doll by program coordinators from both institutions symbolizing the accomplishment achieved. Daruma was an Indian Buddhist from South India who disseminated Buddhism in China between the 5th and 6th centuries. Thus, painting the eye of a traditional Japanese daruma doll came to symbolize great success and achievement.



## Studying in GU



Kingdom of Thailand

**Bunmak Sasiwimol**

Japanese Language and Culture Studies Course

### Invaluable Study Abroad Experience for Increased Growth and Maturity

**O**nce I heard that one-year study abroad is a waste of time, but not a single moment was wasted during my studies at GU and in Japan. My Japanese has consistently improved and meeting many wonderful people



here helped me discover the "real" Japan I will never find in school textbooks. Joining track & field extracurricular activities also brought me great joy and excitement. I believe my study abroad experience has broadened my horizons and served as a catalyst for my maturity. I hope to best utilize my invaluable Japan experience as I continue to pursue my future studies and career.





## Signing of Agreement on Student and Faculty Exchanges with Universitas Brawijaya | February 23

**U**niversitas Brawijaya (UB, Indonesia) and GU signed their first university-level agreement on student and faculty exchanges. UB is one of the biggest state universities in Indonesia and consistently ranks high at the national level for its strategic location and great infrastructure. The two institutions' partnership goes back to the exchange agreement between the Faculty of Mathematics and Natural Sciences, UB and the Faculty of Engineering, GU concluded in 2014. The new university-level agreement is expected to promote both institutions' productive, fruitful partnership in a wide range of fields of academic study in years to come.



## Special Lecture by Director of Chiune Sugihara Memorial Hall | May 31

**A** special lecture by Mr. Daisaku Kunieda, Museum Director of the Chiune Sugihara Memorial Hall (Yaotsu Town, Gifu Prefecture) was held with the participation of students from "cross-culture theory course (including studies on Lithuania)." Chiune Sugihara (born in Yaotsu, Gifu, 1900-1986) served as vice consul for the Japanese Empire in Kaunas, Lithuania during the Second World War. Mr. Kunieda discussed the political situations and ordeals of the Jewish refugees while highlighting Chiune's act of humanity by issuing transit visas to some six thousand Jews fleeing Nazi persecution. The lecture was also live-streamed and viewed by wider audiences in Japan.



## "Business English Communication" One-day Workshop | July 17

**G**U-GLOCAL hosted a one-day workshop on "Business English Communication" on campus. The workshop led by Specially-Appointed Associate Professor Raymond Co included themes such as "Introducing yourself in professional situations," "Talking about your job," "Introducing your company," and "Giving a presentation in English." The workshop was aimed to help business people practice and gain some confidence in speaking English in their workplaces.



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## Information Update via GU Social Media

**T**o help you stay connected, information on workshops, seminars, international exchange meetings, study abroad programs and scholarships are constantly updated on the university's social media (YouTube, Facebook, Instagram, etc.)



PR video for study abroad



PR video for prospective students from abroad



## Gifu University Student Dormitory: U·TOPIA LAND

U·TOPIA LAND apartment units which provide safe and secure living and study environment near campus are available for GU students including international students. Interested students can inquire at [https://www.glocal.gifu-u.ac.jp/en/study-abroad/daily\\_life/housing/index.html](https://www.glocal.gifu-u.ac.jp/en/study-abroad/daily_life/housing/index.html)



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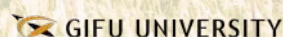
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