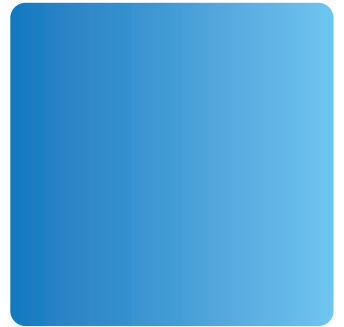
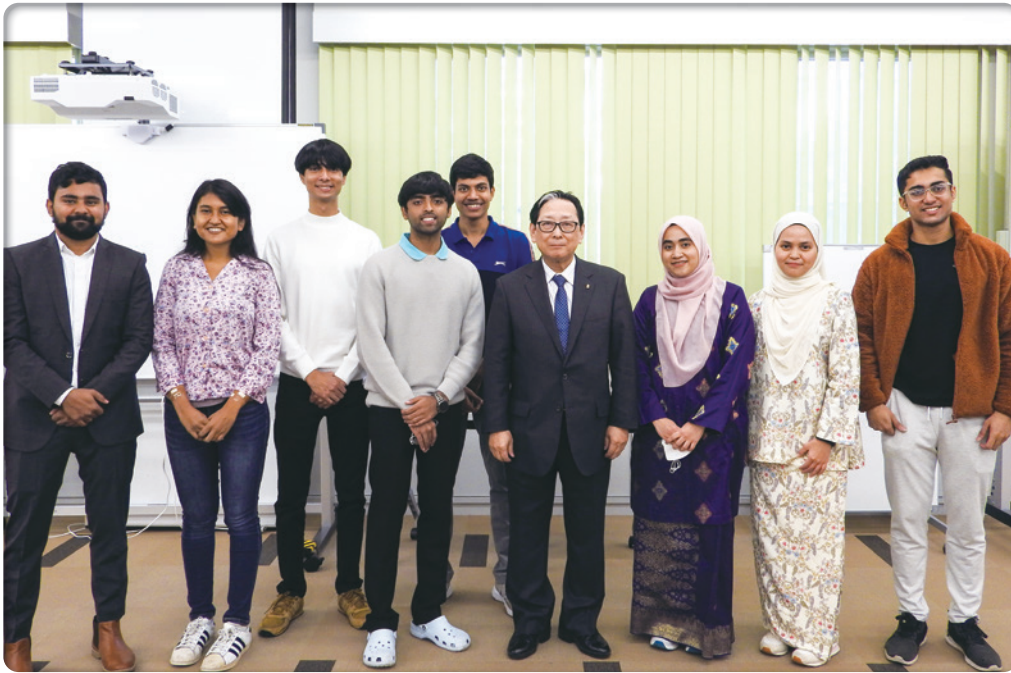


THE 6TH WINTER SCHOOL REPORT

DECEMBER 12-26, 2022





Overview of the 6th Winter School Program

Objectives:

In April 2019, Gifu University launched international Joint Degree Programs (JDP) with both Indian Institute of Technology, Guwahati (IITG) and Universiti Kebangsaan Malaysia (UKM). The Winter School is designed to provide opportunities to students from those institutions who are considering graduate studies a better understanding of Gifu University and Japan. The participants learn Japanese language and culture, visit industry-related companies and facilities, also engage in laboratory work. Gifu University hopes that the participants will serve as a bridge between IITG/UKM and Gifu University, and play a role in fostering mutual understanding for years to come.

Number of Participants:

6 students from IITG

(5 male and 1 female; 5 undergraduate's and 1 master's)

2 students from UKM

(2 female; 2 master's)

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Opening Ceremony

December 12 (Mon.)

Opening ceremony was held in the University Library Meeting Room. After an opening speech by Dr. KAMBARA Shinji (Vice President (International Affairs, Information and (Deputy in Charge for) Evaluation)), the participants introduced themselves and enjoyed communicating with other participants, relevant professors and tutor students.



Japanese Class

December 13 (Tue.), December 20 (Tue.) and 22 (Thu.)

Japanese Class was held in the Center for Japanese Language and Culture. Japanese language lessons were offered to the participants. They learned basic Japanese language over a total of nine-hour class sessions.



▶ Gathering with Gifu University Students

December 13 (Tue.)

Gathering with Gifu University Students was held in Teaching Staff Office of GU- GLOBAL. Winter School participants met Gifu University JDP¹⁾ students, Spring Program participants and Collaborative Video Making Program (CVMP) participants and enjoyed talking with each other.

Spring Program and CVMP are exchange activities with Gifu University, IITG and UKM students. This gathering helped all participants get to know each other.



JDP

1)JDP:Joint Degree Programs



Spring Program



Collaborative Video Making Program



▶ Japanese Culture Experience (Gagaku)

December 14 (Wed.)

Japanese Culture Experience (Gagaku, Japanese old court music) was held in Washitsu (Japanese style room) in the Center for Japanese Language and Culture.

The participants took part in the event with Gifu University Nikkensei and Japanese language class students. They enjoyed the beautiful Japanese traditional culture. The first part of the event was a concert and a lecture about history. In the second part, students had chances to try instruments and costumes.



Tokyo Excursion

December 15 (Thu.) – December 16 (Fri.)

This excursion was set up for the participants to learn more about Japanese industry and companies. Prior to the excursion, the participants took a special lecture about Japanese industry and companies on December 14 (Wed.).

During the Tokyo Excursion, the participants had a chance to visit a major institute, company and government organization in Aichi, Tokyo and Kanagawa for the first time. They took a tour of the Japan Fine Ceramics Center (Aichi), JICA¹⁾ Global Plaza (Tokyo), Sinfonia Technology Co., Ltd. (Tokyo) and Institute of Food Sciences and Technologies, Ajinomoto Co., Inc. (Kanagawa). We would like to express our appreciation to all the staff of the companies for offering a warm welcome to the participants.

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Laboratory Experience

December 19 (Mon.)

This experience was set up for the participants to learn more about the soil and ceramics of Japan.

In the first part of the Laboratory Experience, participants took the lecture on the overview of earthen and ceramic wares. In the second part, participants learned about the Scanning Electron Microscope (SEM) and the Energy Dispersive X-ray Spectroscopy (EDX) at Instrumental Analysis Center and experienced the analysis with SEM and EDX .



▶ Off Campus Lecture at Tajimi City

December 21 (Wed.)

This Off Campus Lecture was set up for the participants to learn more about Mino ceramic ware, which is one of the famous local industries in Gifu. The participants visited the Mino Ceramic Art Museum, Tajimi (Gifu) and learned about the Mino ware. They had a chance to experience a tea ceremony with using Mino ware. Participants also visited the Kokeigama (potter of Mino ware). After the facility tour, participants tried pottery making. The participants reviewed their Off Campus Lecture on December 22 (Thu.)



▶ Accomplishment Reports and Closing Ceremony

December 26 (Mon.)

On December 26, the final day of Winter School 2022, Accomplishment Reports session was held in Learning Commons 1A and 1B of General Education Building. Dr. YOSHIDA Kazuhiro, President of Gifu University, relevant professors and students joined this session. The participants gave a short speech about the activities in Winter School with their posters. In just two week-long school activities, the participants did their best and looked confident of their achievements.

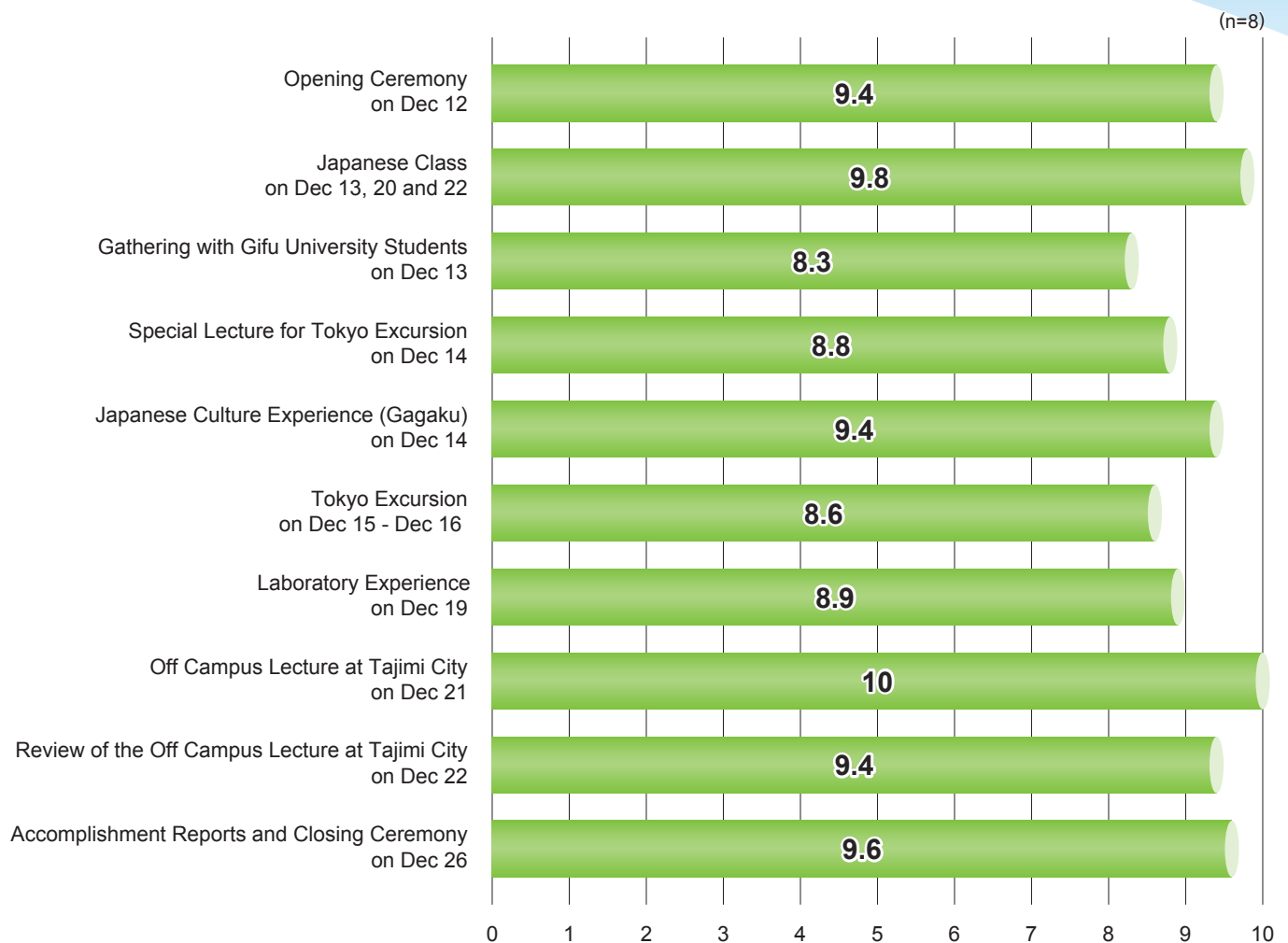
At the Closing Ceremony, Dr. UEMATSU Yoshihiko (Executive Director of GU-GLOCAL¹⁾) awarded the Certificate of Completion to each participant. The participants, professors and students seemed hard to say goodbye to one another and are expecting to be reunited again. The 6th Winter School Program marked another successful milestone in the history of winter school programs.

1)GU-GLOCAL:Gifu University Organization for Promotion of Glocalization



Questionnaire to Participants of Winter School 2022

1. Satisfaction with the 6th Winter School



2. Comments from participants

- ▶ I enjoyed each activity that was planned during this program. I learned a lot of new things and because of this program I am intrigued to continue my doctoral program here. I am grateful that I was chosen on this program. I hope that there is a next chance for me to come here again.
- ▶ I really love this program so much, got many experiences and knowledge about Japan. I absolutely will come again to Japan if there is another opportunity.
- ▶ The program was very good and provided us with a new and better perspective of Japan, Japanese culture and student life. The exposure I got will definitely help me decide on the right direction for my career. It has made me extremely interested in my possible future prospects at Japan. I am very grateful to Gifu University for organizing the program.
- ▶ Participating in the Gifu University Winter School was an incredibly enriching experience. The opportunity to immerse myself in the culture and traditions of Japan, while also gaining a deeper understanding of the country's industries and economy was truly invaluable. The program's balance of cultural activities and visits to industries combined with Japanese Language classes gave me a well-rounded perspective on Japan, and I came away with a greater appreciation for the country and its people.
- ▶ It was an overall excellent program and thank you very much for hosting us.



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