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International C-hour *Origami*

December 2nd: General Research Building 6F

International C-hour was held on December 2nd. We enjoyed "Origami" together this time. We had a special origami instructor, Mr. Yuichi Indo, who is a student in the Dept. of Material Engineering. We tried to make difficult origami such as roses or cranes with moving wings. Some foreign students had a hard time to fold papers; however they made many origami works with lots of help from Mr. Indo and other Japanese participants.

We had a contest at the end of the meeting. There were a crane, decoration box, dog, penguin and many more in the contest. We voted to decide the 1st prize for a 24-dimensional box made by Ganbold Tsogzolmaa (Mongolia). We awarded prizes from 1st to 5th.



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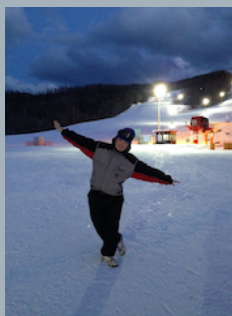
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2014 Studying Abroad Report Session December 16th at Lecture Hall

There was a Studying Abroad Report Session 2014 on December 16th for the General Engineering class. At the beginning of the session, Dr. Natalie Konomi from the International Center explained partner colleges, studying abroad season and expenses. Then, the students who had participated in these programs reported their experiences, such as classes, field trips, and food. They reported a lot of cultural differences that they noticed in other countries. There are short-term programs to Taiwan, Germany and Australia. There are also one-year programs to Poland and USA. After their reports, there was a question and answer time. Many students seemed to be interested in studying abroad. We hope that this session inspired the students to go abroad to study.



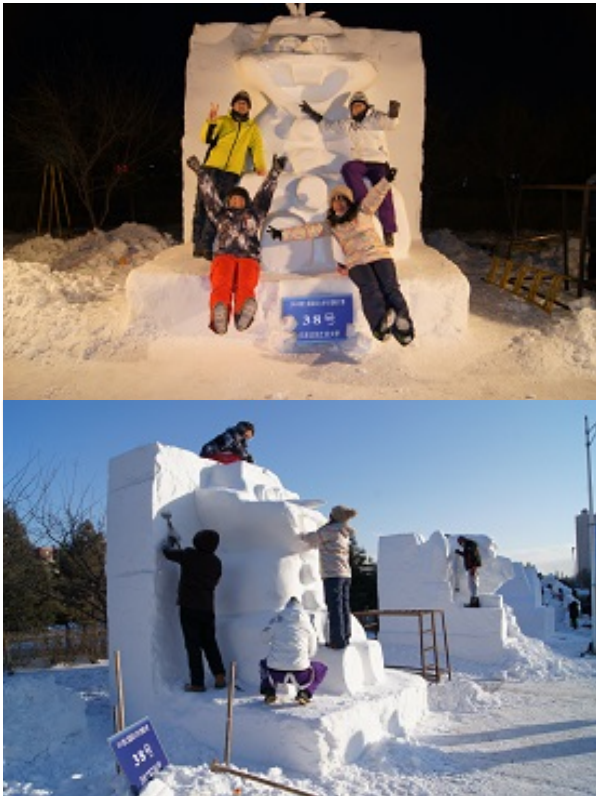
Pictures from Youth of World 2014 Winter



Youth of World 2014 Winter December 21st~23rd at National HIDAKA Youth Outdoor Learning Center

Youth of World 2014 Summer was held on August 10-12 at National TAISETSU Youth Friendship Center, and Youth of World 2014 Winter was held on December 21-23 at National HIDAKA Youth Outdoor Learning Center. 5 KIT students participated. They tried Japanese drumming, visited Ainu-museum, skied, made snow candles and presented their own culture. They experienced 7 global actions, such as "Local Traditional Culture", "Harmony with Nature", "Cultural Exchange", "International Understanding and Cooperation" with Japanese. Their compassion grew through this session.





International Snow Sculpture Contest

January 4th - 7th at Harbin Engineering Univ.

One of our partnership colleges, Harbin Engineering University had an International Snow Sculpture Contest from January 4th to 7th. 3 KIT students participated. 69 teams from China and other countries participated in this contest. It took 3 days for the KIT team to make "Olaf" from the movie "FROZEN". It was -20°C even in the daytime. It was not an easy to make a snow sculpture in that severe condition. Many volunteers helped them to make it. Some of the volunteers were students who used to study at KIT. It was a memorable event for them to cooperate together through making the snow sculpture.

International C-hour ~Rice-Cake Pounding~

January 15th Lobby at 1st Building



The first International C-hour in 2015 was held on January 15th. We have a regular event called "Rice-Cake Pounding" in January. Mr. Kouyama was a special instructor for this event and he explained how to pound. After that instruction, we started making rice cakes with USU (mortar) and KINE (pounder). Pounders called out "Yoisho!" when they pound. The foreign students were interested in the process of making rice cakes. After pounding, we ate rice cakes with soy powder, red bean paste and sesame. The first International C-hour in 2015 was full of smiles.



Skiing Practice for Foreign Students

January 16th
at Northern Arc Resort Ski Slope



A skiing practice for foreign students was held at Northern Arc Resort in Tanno, Kitami. Foreign students and Japanese students including tutors were 45 in total. They were divided into 3 groups by level and learned how to ski. More than half of the foreign students skied for their first time. They had a hard time skiing at the beginning of the morning. But by the afternoon, most of them could take a ski lift and enjoy skiing. Some of them had even never seen snow in their home country and were excited about the snow-covered mountain with beautiful winter views.

Kitami International Curling Session

January 25th at ADVICS TOKORO Curling Hall

Kitami Youth International Exchange Event Association had a "Kitami International Curling Session" and 23 foreign students from KIT participated. Mr. Tamura, the chairman of the association, made an opening address and then there was a practice session with the instructors. In the morning, students learned how to throw the stones and how to sweep. Some of the students could not even walk on the slippery ice and fell down a lot. There was a tournament match of 8 teams in the afternoon. Curling is called "chess on ice", and the games were exciting. Some of the students had already experienced curling a lot before and they did a good job in the tournaments. We all enjoyed curling and had a good time.

【Future Schedule】

February 4th (Wed)
Foreign Students Farewell Party
[KIT Atrium]

February 7th (Sat)
4th Open Class : International
Understanding [Conference
Room 1&2]

February 10th (Tue)
Completion Ceremony for Short-
term foreign Students
[Multipurpose Room]

February 15th- 16th
International North Region
Symposium [Monbetsu]

February 20th (Fri)
International C-hour [Lecture Hall]

February 28th - March 23th
Language Study Tour [Taiwan]

