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Congratulations!



Short-term Foreign Students Graduation Ceremony

February 9 (Tue)

We had a graduation ceremony for short-term foreign students. There were 13 short-term foreign students from 6 cooperative universities who completed their courses and received a certificate from Dr. Komomi. After the congratulatory address, the students made speeches in Japanese. Their fluent Japanese speeches showed us how much they had learned Japanese and Japanese culture during their study here at KIT. At the end of the ceremony, Mr. Dong Eryi showed an original movie to present students' wonderful memories in Kitami. Some students were moved to tears. We all hope for their continuous success in their countries and that they will be bridges to Japan. Congratulations!



International "C" Hour: International Concert

February 10(Wed)



We had an International Concert during "International C Hour" on February 10 (Wed) at 4:30 p.m. There were more than 60 people who joined the concert including foreign students, Japanese students and Kitami residents. There were 11 programs and the performers were from 6 countries, such as Egypt, Mongolia, Korea, Taiwan, China and Japan.

The 1st program was "Traditional Japanese Musical Band". Students sang Japanese folk song and played bamboo flute and Koto. Then the students from Taiwan performed a Hip Hop dance and livened up the concert. The audience was impressed to see the Mongolian dance with its beautiful movement and costume. After that, one foreign student sang a song for his mother who is far away from Japan and waiting for him to come back. Some audience members cried when listening to his singing.



During the intermission, students enjoyed talking while enjoying snacks and drinks. The 2nd program of the concert was started by the staff at the International Center, who played Shami-sen (Japanese guitar). Mr. Wang Andi from China sang the song “ARIGATO” to show his appreciation to all the people who supported his life in Japan. Mr. Hussein Zanati introduced the “Coconut Dance” and we all danced it together. At the end, a Japanese singing group performed and they showed off beautiful harmony. The concert lasted almost two hours. It was a perfect event for the end of the school year.



“Northern Regions Symposium” in Monbetsu

Feb 21(Sun)-22(Mon)

International students and staff were invited to “the 31st Northern Regions Symposium” in Monbetsu. We went there together by bus from Kitami. After the symposium, there was a party and some foreign students performed to introduce their culture. Each foreign student stayed overnight with a family in Monbetsu. They had a very good experience during that homestay. The next day, they went aboard an ice-breaker called “GARINKO-GO II” from Monbetsu seaport and saw sea-ice. They also went to “Okhotsk Seals Rescue Center” and touched seals, visited the Okhotsk Sea-Ice and Science Center called “GIZA”.



GARINKO-GO II: Ice-breaker

Through this event, the foreign students could understand not only “Northern Regions” culture, but also “Japanese Hospitality”. They also enjoyed meeting and communicating with residents in Monbetsu. We thank Monbetsu city for inviting us and treating us with wonderful hospitality.



Okhotsk Seals Rescue Center



Okhotsuk Sea-ice and Science center “GIZA”



Performance by KIT foreign students



Guidance for Tutors

March 28(Mon)



We had a guidance session for tutors and ten tutors attended it. The director of the international center explained procedures that the tutors would follow with the new international students. These tutors are very important for helping to make the international students' new lives in Kitami smoother, easier and more successful. We hope they also make good friendships.

New Foreign Students are Arriving !

New international students are arriving at KIT. They are excited about starting their new life in Kitami and they're getting ready for studying at KIT. Most of them live in the dormitory. Some of them were surprised to see there is still snow around the campus, or that they should change shoes to slippers at the entrance of the dormitory. We hope they will have wonderful experiences here!



My dormitory room is pretty.

Looking forward to club activities!

(Miao Wen Yao : China)

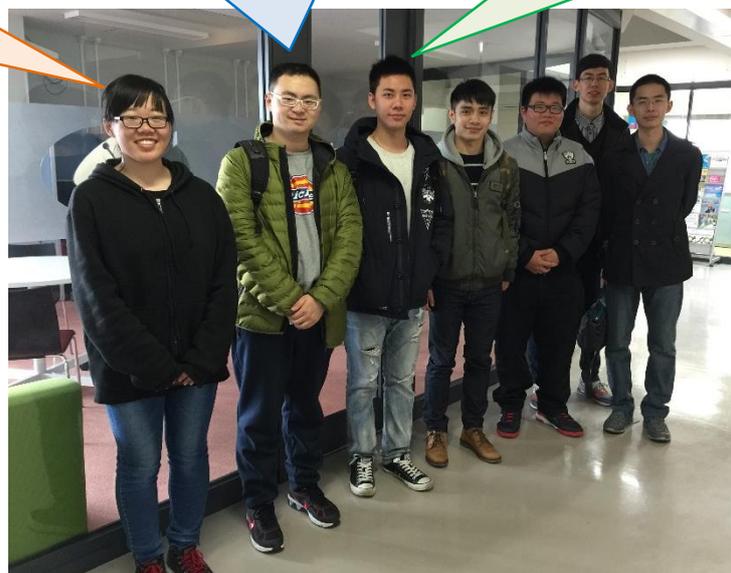
I look forward to everything!

(Yu Nin : China)

Surprised to see snow.

I love SASHIMI!

(Liu Yen-Lin : Taiwan)



Future Schedule

- April 7(Thu), April 8 (Fri) : A208
Orientation for New International Students
- April 22(Fri) International "C" Hour
Communication Atrium 18:00-19:30

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