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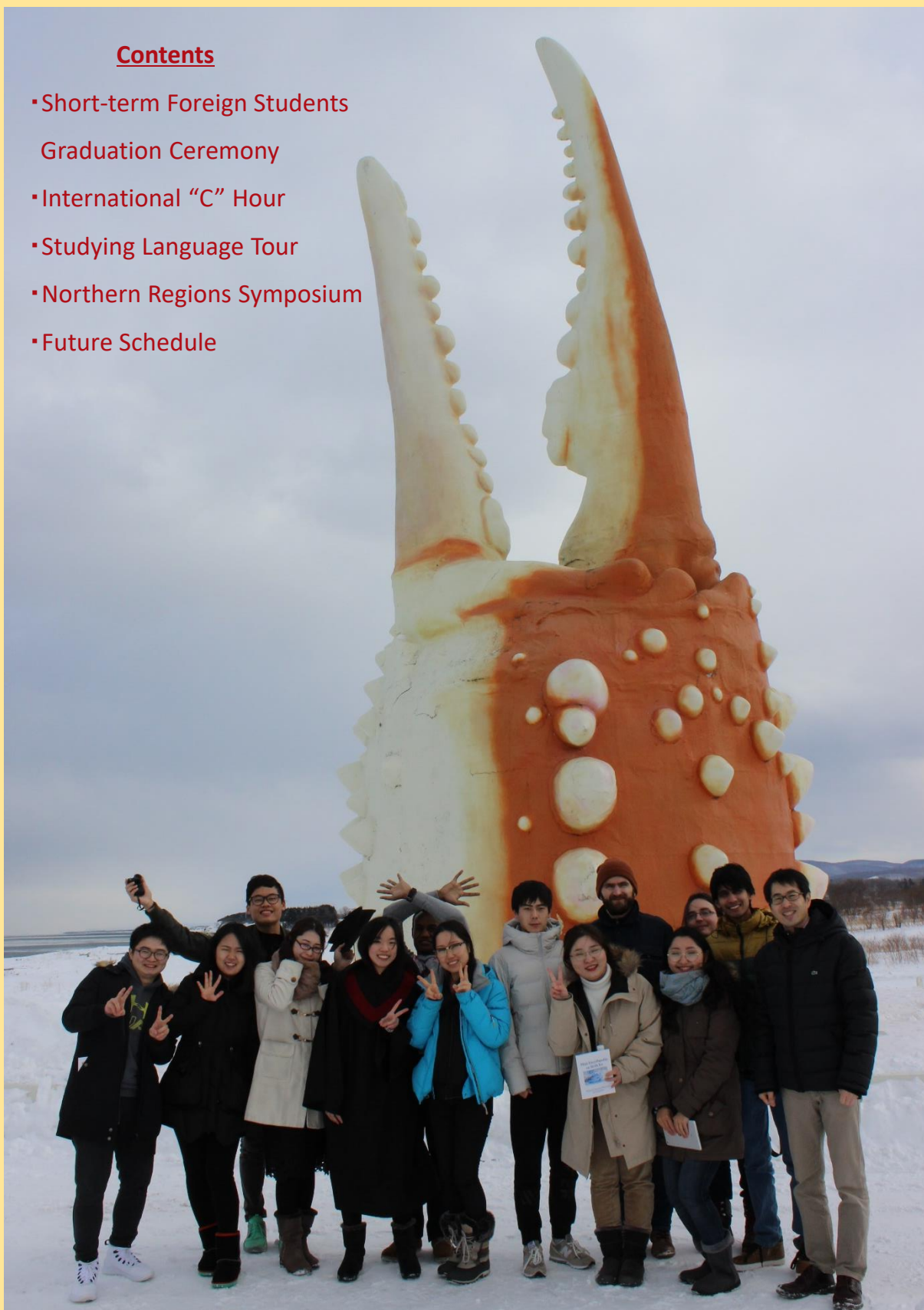
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Short-term Foreign Students Graduation Ceremony

February 8

We had a graduation ceremony for short-term foreign students. There were 16 students from 5 cooperative universities who completed their courses and received a certificate from Dr. Konomi.

Mr. Tuovinen Mikka Ssanteri from Finland said, "My time flew in Kitami. I liked eating Sushi and Curry. I went to Sushi-go-round many times. I really like the beautiful lake Akan!" Mr. Kim Sangheon from Korea said, "I was very surprised to see the lots of snow here in Kitami. I made many Japanese friends who are interested in Korean culture. I thank them for their kindness."



International "C" Hour

February 7

Learn about the United Republic of Tanzania!

Mr. Victor Silaa who grew up near Mt. Kilimanjaro spoke about his home country. He has studied Computer Science here since last September.



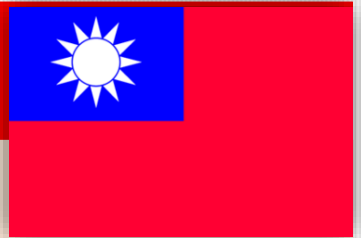
He served Kilimanjaro coffee and cashew nuts to the guests before the presentation. They were sent by his mother sent from Tanzania. The guests enjoyed his explanation about green bananas, coffee field, beautiful Maasai costumes, wild animals and so on. Mr. Wakamatsu, who is a sophomore said, "I didn't know anything about Tanzania. His presentation gave me a chance to think about civilization. Kilimanjaro coffee was delicious and it was very special for me to have a chance to wear the Maasai costume."



Mr. Victor Silaa was very surprised to see the frozen road in Kitami. He said each day was filled with surprises, such as, there are 4 seasons in Japan, washing clothes by washing machine (not by hands). We hope his life in Kitami fills with happiness, too.

Language Study Tour in Taiwan

China Medical University Beikang Campus : March 4 - 25



7 KIT students went to one of our cooperative universities. They stayed there for 3 weeks in order to study Chinese and experience culture in Taiwan.



Ms. Okuyama said, "It took so long for me to make up my mind to participate this program, Now I am so glad that I went to Taiwan! I came to be interested in different culture and foreign languages. Now I would like to learn more about it." She said that she changed a lot after this program.

English Study Tour in Australia

Sydney University : February 24 – March 25



11 KIT students went to Sydney University as an English Study Tour during the spring break. They stayed with host families for 4 weeks. They took English classes in the morning and enjoyed their free time in the afternoon, such as participating campus events or went sightseeing.



It was late summer and hot in Sydney. The university had just started the new academic year, so the campus was very exciting. Ms. Shiina said that she fully enjoyed herself everything in Sydney. She also said that she could learn a lot more than she expected!!



※We have a report booklet about this Study Tour. If you are interested, please contact KIT International Center.

“Northern Regions Symposium” in *Monbetsu*

February 19 - 20

16 international students were invited to the Northern Regions Symposium” in Monbetsu. After the opening ceremony, there was a special talk by Mr. Jun Nishimura who is a chef at South Pole. Then some foreign students performed at the reception party.



On the second day, they participated the symposium in the morning. In the afternoon, they visited Okhotsk Sea-Ice and Science Center called “GIZA”, Okhotsk Seals Rescue Center and Okhotsk Tour. They also went aboard an ice-breaker called “GARINKO-GO II” and enjoyed seeing the drift ice. We thank Monbetsu city for inviting us and treating us with wonderful hospitality.

Future Schedule

- ◆ April 4 (Wed) 10:00~ Room: A208
Orientation for New International Students
- ◆ April 24 (Tue) 18:00~19:30
International “C” Hour
KIT Communication Atrium

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