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Short-term Foreign Students Graduation Ceremony

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Short-term Foreign Students Graduation Ceremony February 6

We had a graduation ceremony for short-term foreign students. There were 10 students from 4 cooperative universities who completed their courses and received a certificate from Dr. Konomi. 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, Ms. Miao Wen Yao showed an original movie to present students' wonderful memories in Kitami. Ms. Lin Yutong who extended her stay from a half year to one year said, "I would like to stay here much longer. My life here was great and I learned a lot!" We all hope for their continuous success. Congratulations!

International "C" Hour

February 9



The concert started with bamboo flute music played by Prof. Kameda. The concert included singing, dancing, harmonica and band music. During the intermission, students and audience enjoyed talking while enjoying snacks and drinks. At the end, a Japanese singing group showed off beautiful harmony.

We had an International Winter Concert during "International C Hour" on February 9. There were 8 programs and the performers were from 7 countries.



We all had a good time together through this concert without language barriers. It was a perfect "International C Hour" for the end of the school year!!

“Northern Regions Symposium” in *Monbetsu*

February 19 - 20

International students and staff were invited to “the 32st Northern Regions Symposium” in Monbetsu. After the Symposium on the first day, 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 participated the symposium in the morning and after the lunch, 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”. Through this event, the foreign students could understand “Northern Regions” culture and also “Japanese hospitality”. We thank Monbetsu city for inviting us and treating us with wonderful hospitality.



Exchange Meeting with Science Club at Kitami Hokuto High School

February 26

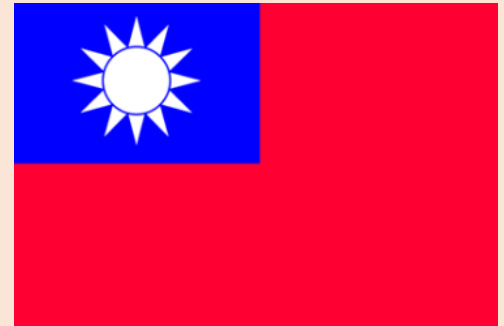
International students were invited to Kitami Hokuto high school for an exchange meeting with their Science Club. There were 4 international students from 4 countries who participated. During the meeting, we all spoke English. First, the high school students made presentations about their research. They are studying interesting local topics, such as the Tokoro river. Then, The International students talked about their study, country and culture. Kitami Hokuto high school was just designated as a SSH (Super Science High School) by the Ministry of Education (MEXT). We look forward to continuing to exchange culture and scientific ideas.



Language Study Tour in Taiwan

China Medical University Beikang Campus : March 4 - 25

5 Japanese students participated in a language study tour in Taiwan for 3 weeks. They experienced cultural events, communicating with students in Taiwan and more through this program.



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On arrival day, they got together with Taiwanese students and enjoyed playing sports together. They became friends soon. There were two Taiwanese tutors for each Japanese student. The support staff and assistants were great, so that helped our students to have a wonderful time there. They had an opportunity to stay overnight with a family. They had a great experience during that homestay and could feel that they could appreciate the culture of Taiwan.



There was a compliment from the Taiwanese staff that the KIT students were well motivated and had wonderful challenging minds. They have great memories of Taiwan. We are sure that this special experience can make them challenge new things and motivate them in their future life.

Future Schedule

- ◆April 3(Mon) 10:00～ Room: A208
Orientation for New International Students
- ◆April 25(Tue) 18:00～19:30
International “C” Hour
KIT Communication Atrium

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