

International Center Newsletter

Introduction of Our New International Students Welcome to Kitami!

1st Year Undergraduates (8 students)

Mechanical, Civil and Environmental Engineering



①YANG MUXIULIN (P.R. China)

I'm from Shangdong. I came to Japan right after graduating high school. I enjoy listening to music and I love travelling. When I was in high school, I often went on trips with my friends. During those trips I simply like to enjoy the scenery, take pictures and do many other things.



②LIU YAN (P. R. China)

I will turn 23 this year. Before coming to Kitami, I lived in Okayama for 3 years. I love the Japanese culture and food. My hobby is listening to music. I am looking forward to making new friends here and having a great time with you all.



③MUHAMMAD AIMAN ARIF BIN ZAMRI (Malaysia)

I am 20 years old – and I have 3 brothers. At KIT I joined the “Archery Club”. I want to experience a lot of Japanese culture. I love cooking. Since I've left my family, I am cooking by myself every day. In the next 4 years I want to improve my Japanese.



④MUHAMMAD IKHWAN BIN ABDULLAH (Malaysia)

There are many things I would like to do now at university. Most of all I want to study hard, get good grades and pass my exams. My hobby is “futsal”, which is why I would like to enter the university's futsal club. I want to practice hard with the futsal team members. And I want to make many Japanese friends – whatever gender.



⑤DAYANG NUR NADIRAH BINTI AWG ABDUL WAHAB (Malaysia)

I have learned Japanese for 2 years before coming to Japan now. I like Japanese anime, technology and robots. Someday I want to build my own robot. Right now I am giving my best to get used to my new life while studying hard. I want to make many new, interesting and funny memories here in Japan.



Computer Science, Electrical and Electronic Engineering

⑥WANG CHANGWEI (P.R. China)

I will turn 23 this year. Before coming to Kitami I lived in Fukuoka, where I studied Japanese language at a Japanese language school. The Japanese language is difficult, which is why I have to continue studying hard. Kitami is said to be much colder than Fukuoka, but I think it is a very beautiful place.



⑦HAN HAODA (P.R. China)

I'm from Dalian, China. I will give my best to graduate in 4 years. Nice to meet you all.



⑧YANG SHUO (P.R. China)

I'm from Harbin, China. It is my 4th year now in Japan. I think KIT is a very beautiful university. I will do my best in the next 4 years at KIT to become a programmer.

3rd Year Transfer Students (2 students)

Mechanical Engineering

①ZHANG XIAOCUN (P.R. China)

I have been in Japan now for 2 years, but unfortunately my Japanese is not very good yet. In the next 2 years I want to study hard, take all necessary classes and work hard to improve my Japanese. I want to get all credits I need and hopefully be able to continue into the master's program afterwards. I also want to make many Japanese friends and go out with them a lot. I will give my best every day!



Materials Science and Engineering

②YAO WENMING (P.R. China)

As I have just come to Kitami, there are so many things I don't know. So I am looking forward to receiving help from all of you. My Japanese is not very good yet, so I am basically copying what Japanese students are saying. I would like to have many conversations with many many people and be able to speak Japanese like a real Japanese person. Please support me.



1st Year Master Students (3 students)

Mechanical Engineering

①AIHEBAIER AHEMAITI (P.R. China)

I am from the Xinjiang Uyghur Autonomous Region. I am studying in the computational mechanics lab. My hobbies are travelling and learning foreign languages. Nice to meet you.



②MIAO ZHIKAI (P.R. China)

I'm from Shanghai, China. I came to Japan for the first time in October 2010 and entered a Japanese language school then starting to learn Japanese from scratch. Since junior high school, I love playing basketball. I do sports almost every day. When I came to KIT and saw the basketball field in the gymnasium hall, I got totally excited and all the passion from my junior high times came up again. I want to focus my studies on automobile engineering while I am in Japan. Japan's automobile technology is top in the world and I want to learn a lot about it, so that I can later find a job related to cars.





Computer Sciences

③HA HEONMYEONG (R.O. Korea)

I came to KIT as a 1-year -short-term exchange student from Kangwon National University in 2010. After returning to Korea, I graduated from my University and came back to Kitami as a graduate student. At the moment I have to spend a lot of time in my research lab, which is why I can't join many events for international students. But I am looking forward to getting to know you all.

1st Year Doctorate Students (1 Student)



Medical Engineering

①Suvdmaa Tuvaanjav (Mongolia)

I love traveling with my family, singing and going for walks. My favorite food is ice cream and cake. I think Kitami is a city with very fresh and healthy air and lots of nature. I like Kitami.

Research Students (2 students)



Civil and Environmental Engineering

①GULIBUSITAN AIERKENTAI (P.R. China)

I'm from the Xinjiang Uyghur Autonomous Region, China. I have graduated from the Agricultural University majoring in civil engineering. Xinjiang is a wonderful place. The dry fruits are very delicious. So, please come to Xinjiang once.



②NUERAIHEMAITIJANG ABULIZI (P.R. China)

Please call me Ahmat. I'm from the Xinjiang Uyghur Autonomous Region in China. I am Uyghur, but I also belong to the Turkic people. I graduated from a university in Xinjiang Uyghur Autonomous Region and came to Japan. My hobbies are football and computers. And recently my hobbies have increased as I enjoy learning Japanese a lot. Nice to meet you all.

Short-Term Exchange Students (11 students)

Mechanical Engineering

①Kim Yo Na (3rd year, R.O. Korea)

I want to make many friends in Japan and I want to experience Japanese culture. My goal for this year is to improve my Japanese and be able to have many conversations with Japanese people.



②Xu Zhenfeng (3rd year, P.R. China)

I'm from Henan in China. My major at my home university is Industrial Design and Mechanical Design. I have many hobbies, such as fishing, learning languages, traveling and so on. And I love having exchange with people from other countries. Before coming to Japan I focused my Japanese language studies on basic pronunciation and grammar. I will give my best to improve my Japanese while I'm here, because I strongly believe that it will be helpful in my future.





③Pohjosaho Juho Pekka (4th year, Finland)

I'm a 28 year old exchange student. The reason I came to Japan is because I have a great interest in Japanese culture and I wanted to challenge many new things. My goals for my 6 months in Japan are to improve my Japanese language abilities, to make many friends and increase my international abilities.



④Muilu Antti Jalmari (4th year, Finland)

My majors are economics and production. My hobbies are snowboarding and playing soccer. My favorite Japanese dish is sushi. Nice to meet you all.

Civil and Environmental Engineering



⑤Bat-Erdene Undraa (3rd year, Mongolia)

I have many hobbies, such as painting, playing the piano, taking photographs, swimming, travelling, playing the guitar and singing. But I am not very good at playing the guitar or singing. I want to practice much harder and learn a lot more – also languages like Korean, Chinese or German.

Computer Science



⑥Kim Min Su (3rd year, R.O. Korea)

I will be 23 this year. I am from Gangneung in Korea. My hobbies are doing sports and listening to music. Nice to meet you all.



⑦Huang Le (3rd year, P.R. China)

It is my first time in Japan. My hobbies are music and cooking. Right now I am studying Japanese language. It is difficult to memorize all the vocabulary. Hokkaido is beautiful. I hope to make many friends here. Nice to meet you.

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⑧Song Hyun Jun (3rd year, R.O. Korea)

Please call me Song-kun. I like playing the guitar. I sometimes play in front of audience. There are many things I don't know, so please teach me a lot.

Civil and Environmental Engineering



⑨Mu Yu (M1, P..R. China)

I am learning Japanese language so that I will be able to have a daily conversation. My hobbies are traveling and swimming. My favorite food is crab. But, because crabs are expensive, I don't get to eat it very often. During my stay here, I would like to visit Tokyo and Kyoto.



⑩Zhang Chunrui (M1, P.R. China)

I am from Inner Mongolia in China. My hobbies are cooking and doing sports. The Mongolian grassland is very beautiful and famous. If you ever have a chance, please come to visit it. Nice to meet you.

Biotechnology and Environmental Chemistry



⑪Li Huazhen (M2, P.R. China)

I'm from Hohhot in China. My major is chemistry. My hobbies are cooking and singing. I will give my best in my research and Japanese language studies. I am looking forward to studying with you here in Kitami.

International C Hour



【27 April (Fri), General Research Building 6th floor, Meeting Room】

The first International C Hour in this academic year was held under the topic of "Making new friends through games". Until last year the event was organized by Aratani-sensei, but from this year, the Director of the International Center, Dr. Natalie Konomi, will be in charge. The game was a combination of an introduction game and a bingo game. First each participant made their own business cards, they exchanged those cards with the other participants and were able to make many new friends. Based on numbers written on the back of the business card, the participants were also able to enjoy a bingo game and win prizes. One international student from Taiwan, Yu Chien Yi, said that he made about 10 new friends thanks to this game and that he enjoyed it a lot. The venue was filled with energy and the International C Hour fulfilled its theme satisfactorily.



International Student Welcome Party

【30 May (Wed), Lawn in front of the Shirakaba Guest House, No. of participants: 134】

The 2012 1st semester welcome party for international students was held again in its traditional BBQ style at a comfortable temperature of 12 degrees C. The number of BBQ grills set up on the lawn was very impressive. The evening started with a welcome speech by Professor Ayuta, President of KIT, wishing the new international students all the best and success for their studies at KIT and a toast with non-alcohol beer. Around each BBQ grill 8 people, international students, Japanese students and university staff & faculty, sat together and enjoyed a wonderful evening eating, talking and laughing. In between, each newly arrived international student gave a brief self-introduction in Japanese and later that evening, a number of students performed songs from their countries. This made the event much more energetic and entertaining than last year.



Calendar

2 June (Sat)	Plant Study & Hiking Tour (Oketo)
25 June (Mon)	International C Hour "Work experience in San Francisco" 16:30, General Research Building, 6 th floor, Meeting Room 2
30 June (Sat)	KIT Summer Festival 1 st day, Ikebana
1 July (Sun)	KIT Summer Festival 2 nd day, Tea Ceremony, Kimono
7 -8 July	Northeast Forestry University (Harbin) 60 th Anniversary Event in China
19-26 July	Exchange Program Visitors from Gyeongsang National University, Korea
27 July (Fri)	Graduation Ceremony for Short-term Students
28 July (Sat)	Open Campus