

# INTERNATIONAL CENTER

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## Essays by short-term exchange students

written before the departure

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*Summer vacation is something that most students look forward to, but for some international students and their friends, it is time to say good-bye. This summer, six exchange students completed their exchange period and returned to their countries. Here are essays (excerpts) written by three of them:*



When I first came, I could not speak Japanese at all. All I was able to figure out in class was math formulas, charts, and of course, Chinese characters. Asking questions in Japanese was not an option. I studied hard every day to learn to speak as soon as possible. Owing to the instructions from my Japanese teacher, Mr. Suzuki and Mr. Oyama, I have learned a lot in the short period of time.

When I joined my lab, the fellow students had a welcome party for me, saying "welcome" in Chinese. I was very surprised and deeply moved. In the lab I gained a lot of knowledge. The main topic of my research has been a passive walker (robot). I had not known this type of robot before I came to KIT. It can walk without motors

in its joints, so it has been getting attention as an energy saving robot. I found this research fascinating and look forward to continuing it.

Outside the lab, I attended various events hosted by the International Center. I also enjoyed fishing, skiing, and traveling. I was impressed by the beauty and cleanliness of Japanese scenery.

Getting to know Japanese life and culture, conducting interesting research, and making many friends - it was a precious chapter in my life.



I wanted to experience many different things while in Kitami. Fortunately, there were various opportunities at school where I got to learn Japanese culture. Making new friends seems to have had a good impact on my personality - I think it made me more cheerful. Living away from home has not been without difficulties, but with help from friends I was able to manage them all. I also had a chance to travel to Tokyo and Kyoto. Big cities looked quite different from Kitami, and I saw beautiful city scapes. However, I like Hokkaido with its abundant nature. Having made many good memories, I do not want to go home. I am truly happy that I came here.



#### LATEST NEWS ↓

Passed N2 in June, 2010

( Japanese language study: 8 months )

Chen Fang Yu\_\_ China Medical University, Taiwan 2009.9-2010.8

Kim Young Joon\_\_ Kangwon National University, Korea 2009.9-2010.8

One year seemed long in the beginning but now it seems very short. I have encountered many things but all are good memories.

When I came, I could not speak Japanese very well. Being nervous and worrying about many things made my tongue falter. However, people around me were all so kind-hearted and soon I made many friends. My teachers were all very helpful, too. I wish I could stay longer. Thank you all!



*The little children, we would dream of Christmas morn  
of all the gifts and toys we have we'd find  
but we never realized, a baby born and through night  
you are the greatest gift of our lives  
we were the reason that He gave His life  
we were the reason that He suffered and died  
in a world that was lost He gave all He could give  
to show us the reason to live*

# Welcome to KIT

While seeing off 6 exchange students, we are very pleased to welcome 11 newcomers this semester: 4 from Taiwan, 3 from Poland, 2 from Mongolia, 1 from Korea, and 1 from the United States for the first time. Here let us introduce them along with one new graduate student from China.

**HARATYM LUKASZ**  
ハラテム ウーカス (愛称: ルーク)  
▣ Cracow University of Technology



About my interests / hobbies: I like reading fantasy /science-fiction books. My favorite author is Terry Pratchett. Recently I learned how to ski and I like it much. I also enjoy reading some manga or anime from time to time. Among sports I like basketball and soccer.

**LEMPA PAWEL**  
レムパ パベウ  
▣ Cracow University of Technology



I like cycling, reading books and manga. I usually spent a lot of time working on computer. I like Japanese food, but I haven't tried much of them yet.

**BATBAATAR PUREVKHISHIG**  
バタバートル プレブヒシグ (愛称: ヒシグ)  
▣ Mongolian University of Science and Technology



I consider myself as mannish. I am so healthy that I have never been absent from school since I was a child.

**HUANG JIN-YAN**  
ホアン ジンイエン  
▣ China Medical University, Taiwan



My hobby is to do sports and sing songs. There are 4 people in my family. I like meat and hate vegetable. I will study hard to improve my Japanese.

**CHUANG YUAN-SHU**  
チュアング ユエンシュウ  
▣ China Medical University, Taiwan



My hobby is traveling. I look forward to seeing beautiful scenery of Hokkaido and eating delicious food. I also like Japanese music.

**MCAULAY ERIN ELIZABETH**  
マカレイ エリン エリザベス  
▣ University of Alaska Fairbanks



I like to watch movies and reading books.

**JIN WONSIG**  
ジン ウオンシク  
▣ Sanchook Campus, Kangwon National University



Recently I have lost confidence in myself and am not very motivated to do things. I used to be full of confidence... I am doing my best though, so please be nice to me.

**ZAREBA MACIEJ**  
ザレバ マチエイ  
▣ Cracow University of Technology



I'm a kind person who is interested in sports. I really like football and basketball. I'm also a big fan of American TV series. I try to enjoy my stay in Kitami, although I don't speak Japanese at all.

**GANBOLD MUNGUN-ERDENE**  
ガンボルト ムングン エルデネ  
▣ Mongolian University of Science and Technology



My hobby is to watch movies and drawing pictures. I have one brother.

**LIU CHANG-YU**  
リョウ チャンユウ  
▣ National Chin-Yi University of Technology



I am so glad that I was able to come to Japan. I want to study Japanese and eat a lot of Japanese food while I am here.

**TZU WEI-CHUN**  
ツウ ウエイジュン  
▣ National Chin-Yi University of Technology



My hobby is swimming. I am a 25-year old graduate student. I have adjusted to the life here. Now I am going to study Japanese very hard.

**BAI YUTING**  
バイ ユティン  
▣ Inner Mongolia University



I like to draw pictures and taking photos.

On July 3rd, 24 international students joined the one-day bus tour around Kitami, which was hosted by the Kitami Tourist Association. In the morning, the students visited several sightseeing spots in and around Kitami including the Kamurin Craft Center & Toy Museum. The place is locally known for its big automatic cuckoo clock, which has applied for entry into the Guinness Book of Records as the world's largest. In the afternoon the group enjoyed going to a hot spring and visiting the Mint Museum. The day ended with a lively discussion over dinner, where the students shared their comments about the places that they visited and offered ideas and suggestions regarding sightseeing promotion in the Okhotsk area.

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## IWMST<sub>2010</sub>

IWMST2010 Ended in Success

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On September 4-5, the International Workshop on Modern Science and Technology was held at KIT. This biennial event has been hosted alternately by Harbin Engineering University, Wuhan University of Science and Technology, the University of Electro-Communications, and Kitami Institute of Technology. This year KIT hosted it as a part of its 50th anniversary celebration.

The workshop opened with an opening ceremony, followed by the keynote address by Dr. Kiyoshi Aoki, KIT. Over 60 presentations were given in both oral and poster sessions, where researchers shared their latest research results. A delegation from National Chen-Yi University of Technology in Taiwan also participated in the workshop as observers, giving us a good opportunity for deepening our budding partnership.

The attendants at the International "C" Hour in July enjoyed drawing etegami, watercolor postcards, under the guidance of a local etegami instructor Ms. Chiyo Kobayashi. Etegami, which literally means "letter with a picture," has three basic rules: "Do not try to be skillful," "Do it without rehearsal," and "Do not copy after a model." Encouraged by these instructions, each participant freely drew a picture of their choice and added a short message. When the postcards were done, Ms. Kobayashi gave each a stamp, saying that a letter is not a letter until it is mailed. Many international students addressed the postcard to their friends and family at home.



**Weng Lin**  
exchange student from China

**Ma Xinwei**  
exchange student from China

It was really a precious experience for me to learn how to make a postcard. I was so happy when I finished all the steps and put my seal on it, knowing that this is the only one in the world.

There are so many interesting things for us to experience at the International "C" Hour. I wrote "I want to grow up quickly" on my postcard because I am still a teenager. I am going to send my postcard to my father.



The International "C" Hour in August featured the paper-making project of KITEco, the KIT student organization for environmental conservation. The material for this project is shredder dust. KITEco members have successfully made paper from shredder dust, which is generally considered unsuitable for recycling due to its fiber being cut into pieces. Under the instruction of KITEco members, the participants tried making paper and then created bookmarks using the paper that had been prepared by KITEco.

Two young participants, Ryusei and Yuto Suzuki, who were visiting their grandparents in Kitami during the summer vacation, both made soccer ball bookmarks. "It was exciting that you can recycle trash. I am going to use this bookmark for my soccer practice book," Ryusei said.



**Upcoming Events**

**CALENDAR**

October 28 (Th) 17:45 Welcome party for the new international students @ cafeteria

November 16 (Tu) 16:30 - 18:00 International C Hour @ Meeting Room, 3rd floor General Research Bldg.  
(Note the name change: Refresh Room is now called Meeting Room)