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## Guidance for Tutors

We had a guidance session for tutors who support new international students. Twelve tutors attended it. The director of the international center explained all the procedures that the tutors would go through with the new international students. These tutors are very important to help make the international students' new lives in Kitami smoother, easier and more successful. We hope they also enjoy communicating with each other and make good friendships. 【Thursday, October 1 Room: A208】



## Orientation for New International Students



We had orientations for eleven new short term students, one undergraduate international student, and one graduate international student. Ms. Konomi, who is the director of the international center, explained all the procedures for studying here as a student, such as how to register for classes and how to sort garbage. Then Mr. Doi from the Kitami police station explained Japanese laws and rules, and how to evacuate in natural disasters. Some of the students were surprised to hear the rules for bicycles here, however they realized that with these rules, their lives would be smoother and safer. 【Friday, October 2 Room: A208】

## Factory Tour: Marutama Industrial Co., Ltd.

We went on a factory tour on November 27. Thirty-five students participated and visited Marutama Industrial Co., Ltd. in Tsubetsu. That company processes plywood from trees that grow in this area. We could see all the process to make plywood from the trees. There was also a biomass system in order to use all the waste from the trees for energy. The students were surprised to know that only 1% of the tree was wasted. This tour was a wonderful experience for KIT students who study engineering. Because of the heavy snow, we had to cancel all the plans after that, and we came back to Kitami after the factory tour. The students enjoyed getting to know new people and talking to each other in the bus on the way.



# Welcome Party for New International Students!

Thursday, October 29

Communication Atrium

6:00pm – 7:30pm

We had an International “C” Hour on October 28 (Thursday) at the Communication Atrium. We had a welcome party for new international students and a Halloween party with 95 people attending, including Japanese students and citizens. There are 15 new international students this October. Ms. Konomi, who is the director of the international center, made an address at the beginning. Then we enjoyed a “True or False” question game. After the game, each new international student introduced themselves in Japanese. The next game was creating costumes with newspapers. Each group made a wonderful costume for the new international students with newspapers.

After the game, they enjoyed meeting new people, taking pictures and talking with each other. We hope international students will have a good time in Kitami.



## Kang Heongyu

(Korea)

I am from Kangwon National University in Korea. I like Japan very much and I feel like I am in the dream. I would like to know many things about Japan. Please tell me anything about Japan.

## Lai Chun-Yi

(Taiwan)

I am a short term exchange student from China Medical University in Taiwan. My major is nutritional science. Our nutrition is a little different from Japanese nutrition. My hobby is music. Thank you.

## Ainii Siti Khodijah

(Indonesia)

My major is Electrical and Electronic Engineering. I like swimming. I used to go swimming twice a month in Indonesia. I don't think I can go swimming that much here in Kitami because of the coldness. Thank you.

## Study Abroad Experience in Finland

Tuesday, November 24

Meeting Room2 at General Research Building

4:30–6:00pm



Mr. Iwayama and Ms. Yang studied at Tampere University of Technology in Finland for one year. They said that Tampere is a beautiful town surrounded with green. It's three hours north by bus from Helsinki and it's famous for the “Moomin” museum. Living expenses and public security in Finland are almost the same as in Japan. Tampere University of Technology is a sister university of KIT and there are five times the number of students there. All the classes were conducted in English and there were many practical exercises in the classes. They introduced a famous Finnish sweet “Salmiakki”. It was unique and had an interesting taste. Through their presentation, many people could understand more about Finland and got interested in Finnish culture.

## Exchanging Culture: The 9<sup>th</sup> Asia International Children's Movie Festival



Thirty-nine international high school students visited KIT on November 26<sup>th</sup>. The students had been invited to “The 9<sup>th</sup> Asia International Children's Movie Festival in Kitami” on the 28<sup>th</sup>. They are from Malaysia, Brunei, Indonesia, Korea and China. First they received an explanation about KIT and visited 3 laboratories, such as methane hydrate, ski simulation and QVIC. They also looked around the library and cafeteria. After that, we had a cultural exchange meeting. KIT Japanese students showed *karate* and *kyudo* (Japanese archery), then KIT international students performed their traditional dances from Mongolia and Uighur.

### Future Schedule

December 8 (Tue) Presentation of Study Abroad Program

4:20–5:50pm C122 - C211

December 15 (Tue) International Students Evening

18:00–19:30 Communication Atrium

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