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# International "C" Hour

## Welcome Party for New International Students! Halloween Party!! October 31

We had a welcome party for new international students. Around 100 people participated in Halloween costumes including international students, Japanese students and people in Kitami. We enjoyed some Halloween games, treats and dance. The "mummy game" was so much fun! Tang Haitian from Taiwan said, "I was very nervous but everyone was kind to me. I am happy to make many new friends in this event!"



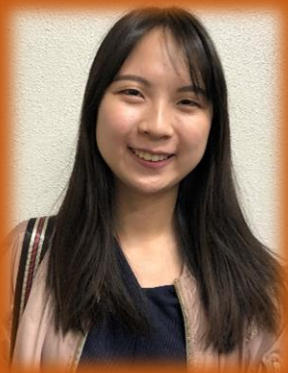
New International Students became Mummies!!!



## ◆ New International Students ◆

### HSU CHI-YUN (Taiwan)

Kitami is a beautiful city. I can not wait the winter with lots of snow. I would like to try skiing. I like Kitami onions. They are delicious!



### TUSHAR AHMED (Bangladesh)

I like Japanese UDON! I also like coffee in Japan. I enjoy this cold so far. I look forward to studying here, making friends eat Japanese food a lot.



### KIM JONGHYUN (Korea)

I visited Kitami last year only for few days and I really wanted to go back. I like taking pictures. Looking forward to taking beautiful winter pictures. I love Japanese Ramen!



### GANCHIMEG ALTANKHUU (Mongolia)

I like cooking and would like to try variety of Japanese food. I also like traditional Japanese culture and would like to try that. YOROSHIKU ONEGAI SHIMASU!!



# Exchanging Culture: Film Festival

November 22

The last Asian International Children's Film Festival in Kitami was held and some high school students from Laos and Myanmar visited KIT as part of an exchange culture program during the festival. They visited some labs at KIT, such as “the Environmental and Energy Resources Research Center”, “the Winter Sports Research Center” and so on.



At the Budo Gym, we had a culture exchange event. They enjoyed Japanese traditional musical instruments. Some KIT Japanese students dressed guests in yukata and danced the “Kitami Samba Dance” together. Kendo demonstration from KIT Kendo club impressed the guests very much.

## Interview ① Sho YASUDA

### He published the book!

Mr. Yasuda was studying at our cooperate universities in Korea and China for one year. He came back to Japan this summer and published the Book!!



He said, “Studying abroad was an amazing experience. Now I know I have to go the place where I want to know. Otherwise, I just keep the stereotypes by somebody’s information. Communicating people there was the most wonderful memories.”

## Interview ② Yuta TANIMOTO

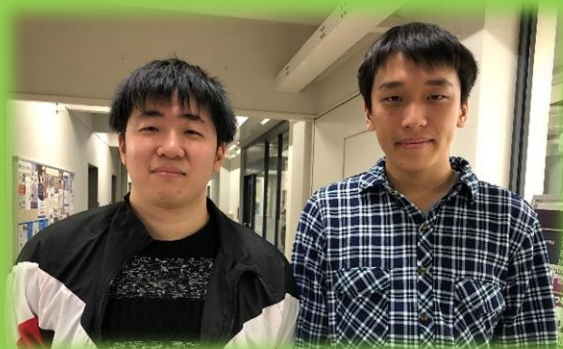
### Studying in Australia was fantastic!

Mr.Tanimoto said, “I joined this program because I wanted to go abroad in my college life. In classes, there were students from different countries. Each student spoke English in different accent. It was interesting. My host family was friendly and I enjoyed talking at the dinner time. I leaned not only Australia, but also many countries in the world. Now I would like to know more about the world!!”



## Totur & New International Students

There is a tutoring system for international students. KIT Japanese students help them in order to make their KIT life easier and smoother. Mr. Miyano said, "Tutoring international students is a great experience for me to notice about my culture Japan and Japanese."



Mr. Miyano (Tutor) and Chang from Taiwan

Presents!!

## Hand-knitted Sweaters



Ms. Ichiyama in Kitami gives hand-knitted sweaters to international students every year. Lin from China said, "I am very happy! This was my 3<sup>rd</sup> time to apply this lottery. I always wanted to have this. I thank Ms. Ichiyama to make these great presents for us. I look forward to this winter with this wonderful warm sweater!"

## Peppermint Museum

10 international students visited Kitami Peppermint Museum and made peppermint cream. Kim from Korea said, "I like the smell very much. It was a great experience and I am happy to know the peppermint history in Kitami."



## Visiting Schools in Kitami



International students visited Miyama and Koizumi elementary schools. They had school lunch together and exchanging culture. They will visit again to introduce their culture. They will also go to Hokuto high school in December to talk about their studying experience in Kitami. It is wonderful to get to know each other and have great time together.

### Future Schedule

- ◆ International Party December 12 (Wed) 18:00 ~
- ◆ International "C" Hour December 19 (Wed) 16:30 ~

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