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# Short-term Foreign Students Graduation Ceremony

February 5

We had a graduation ceremony for short-term foreign students. There were 10 students from 3 cooperative universities and they received a certificate from Dr. Konomi.



Mr. Chang Chia-Sheng from Taiwan said, "I always wanted to study in Japan, so it was a dream time for me. All the people in Kitami were so kind and helpful. It was a really fantastic experience studying at KIT. I am sure that new foreign students will enjoy living here with the warm support of kind people in Kitami."

## Gyeongsang National University visited KIT

February 11~16



Gyeongsang National University is in Jinju in Korea. Jinju and Kitami have been sister cities for more than 30 years. They visited the vice-mayor and the peppermint museum to get to know more about Kitami. At KIT, they visited some labs and studied basic Japanese.

10 students and 5 faculty members from Gyeongsang National University came to visit us. Gyeongsang National University in Korea is one of our cooperative universities. We have had this exchange program since 1999.



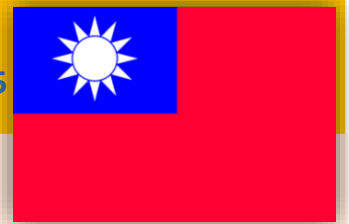
They also visited the Museum of Northern Peoples and the Okhotsk Drift Ice Museum in Abashiri. After that, they went aboard an ice-breaker called "AURORA" and enjoyed seeing the drift ice. We are glad that they had a chance to experience our cold winter and enjoyed themselves!!





## Language Study Tour in Taiwan

China Medical University Beikang Campus : February 20 – March 15



4 KIT students went to one of our cooperative universities. They stayed there in order to study Chinese and experience culture in Taiwan.

### Kaoru Nakamura

I could notice good things about Taiwan and Japan through this program. People in Taiwan are very kind and warm. They helped me a lot with easy English and gestures. They always tried to make me feel comfortable. I was so impressed by their hospitality, such as making me being safe, helping me to choose my favorite food from the menu, explaining the schedule in detail until I understand.

I also found out that Japanese are so systematic and plan everything well in advance. In Taiwan, they changed plans and rescheduled a lot. When the students in Taiwan told me that they like Japanese products because they have excellent usability, I was very happy and proud of Japanese technologies.



I would like to have kindness like people in Taiwan and study hard to be a Japanese engineer that has a high evaluation in the world.



### Takuto Nakajima

It was a very big thing for me that I actually went to a foreign country and communicated with foreigners. I had been interested in going abroad, but I was too nervous to put it into action. I am very glad to have this great chance. I enjoyed the warmth I felt in people there, especially in my homestay family. I really thank all the people in Taiwan and friendship between China Medical University and KIT!!



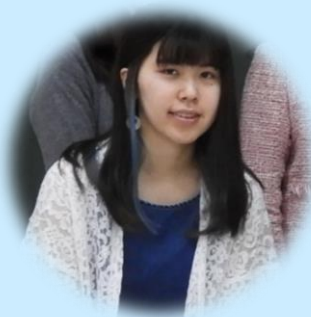
## "I am having a great time in Poland!!"

Honoka Okuyama · ADAM MICKIEWICZ UNIVERSITY, Poland



Hello from Poland!! I am doing well and having a great time. I was nervous when I just arrived here, but I made many friends, such as my roommate classmates who are kind.

I am thankful for this wonderful opportunity and will keep challenging many things in order to make this year special!





## “Northern Regions Symposium” in Monbetsu

February 17 - 18

7 international students were invited to the Northern Regions Symposium” in Monbetsu. They listened to research presentations and performed at the reception party, doing kung fu, playing guitar, and singing the “Monbetsu Song” with the mayor. The next day, they visited some museums and went aboard an ice breaker to see drift ice in the Okhotsk Sea.



Mr. Jeong Junhee from Korea said, “I enjoyed the snow and ice. It was cold but it was fun! The drift ice was amazing.” We thank Monbetsu city for the invitation and hospitality.



## Prof. Natalie Konomi is leaving.....

Prof. Natalie Konomi, director of KIT International Center, is leaving this March. She has been teaching for 8 years here at KIT. We thank her for being a great director and supporting students.



### Message from Natalie-sensei

“I have many wonderful memories of living in Kitami for 8 years. I really thank all the people I met here. Looking forward to seeing you again!”

**We wish you continued success**

**in Kyushu!!**

### Future Schedule

- ◆April 4 (Thu) 10:00～ Room: A208  
Orientation for New International Students
- ◆April 24 (Wed) 18:00～19:30  
International “C” Hour  
KIT Communication Atrium

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