

MESSAGE FROM THE Director

To all international students looking forward to studying in Japan

Warm greetings from Kobe!

It is our pleasure to present this new issue of KIT to you. Half a year has passed since we restarted our programs for international students in April. After receiving two exchange students from Korea and Taiwan as well as two YiJ students from the University of Leeds, our international exchange program is almost back to normal, like the pre-COVID time.

From late May to late July, 27 students participated in our Summer Intensive Japanese program; and in early September, 28 YiJ students arrived. We are also happy to have this year's YiJ Resident Director, Dr. Chris Callahan, from the University of Illinois with us. One year ago, our Global Zone was nearly empty. My heart is filled with joy whenever I pass by that facility now and see that it is full of students and activities. From Konan, we have sent 50 students overseas so far this year. In summer we had a joint in-person program with the University of Pittsburgh and 14 Konan students went to the US. I would like to express my sincere gratitude to all of our partner universities for their efforts and support to help make all of these positive things happen.



Director
Prof. Kyoko Matsukawa

INBOUND 2022-2023 Year-in-Japan Program

Students coming from our Partner Schools



It is my pleasure as the new Resident Director of the Year-in-Japan program to welcome twenty-eight new students to Konan University. After many years being away from Japan because of the pandemic, I am happy to return to Japan once again and be a part of this wonderful exchange program at Konan University. This Fall, I have enjoyed teaching my class on the Visual Culture of Japanese Buddhism and taking students on a field trip to Sanjūsangendō temple in Kyoto. I look forward to our next field trip to the ancient capital of Nara, where we will see the Great Buddha statue at Tōdaiji temple.



Resident Director / Deputy Director
Prof. Christopher Callahan

INBOUND 2022 Fall Exchange Program

Students from Korea and Taiwan

Regular exchange students from universities in Korea and Taiwan arrived in September for six-month or one-year programs of study at Konan. This time, there are a total of seven students from Dong-eui University and Kyung Hee University in Korea, and National Taipei University and Tunghai University in Taiwan. During their stay in Japan, these students work under the guidance of professors within their designated faculties, as well as a language center advisor. They also take classes alongside Konan students.



OUTBOUND Exchange Program

Area Studies in Pittsburgh

The hybrid Collaborative Online International Learning (COIL) course “Imagining Global Cities of the Future” was conducted by faculty at the University of Pittsburgh and Konan this summer. Students from both universities exploring sustainable development participated in a joint 2-week virtual mobility component, followed by a 10-day in-person program at the University of Pittsburgh. The COIL course blends online and experiential learning, enhancing global education opportunities and cross-cultural exchange between students.



50 Konan students currently studying abroad

Our partner schools in USA, Canada, England, Australia, and South Korea listed below are currently hosting a total of 50 study abroad students from Konan:

University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign, The State University of New York, University of Pittsburgh, Weber State University, University of Hawai'i Leeward Community College, University of Montana, University of Victoria, University of British Columbia, Carleton University, York University, University of Leeds, Murdoch University, Hanyang University, and Dong-eui University



INBOUND MEXT Scholarship and Academic Exchange Graduate Students

Arrivals from India and Italy

A Japanese Government (MEXT) Scholarship student from India has begun studying in Konan's Graduate School of Frontier Sciences doctoral program this fall semester. In addition, an exchange student pursuing a master's degree from Italy's University of Turin has joined us thanks to our academic exchange agreement with that school. The student is carrying out research and conducting biological experiments in the Biology Department's Laboratory of Developmental Biology within Konan's Graduate School of Natural Science for 6 months until the end of March 2023.

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