

MESSAGE from the Director

To all international students looking forward to studying in Japan

Warmest greetings from Kobe, Japan, and welcome to the latest issue of KIT! In the last issue, we reported the arrival of 2022/23 YiJ students. Time flies. They successfully completed the program in May this year. We then welcomed Summer Intensive Program students led by Prof. Julie A. Iezzi, Resident Director (RD) from the University of Hawai'i at Mānoa, in June-July. Last year's YiJ RD, Dr. Chris Callahan completed his term at the end of July and this year's RD, Prof. Kimberly Jones from the University of Arizona arrived in Kobe. After that, we experienced an unprecedentedly hot summer. Entering September, the temperatures started to go down, and insects resumed their chirping after the sunset. We can sense fall is right around the corner. We were happy to welcome 25 students for the 2023/24 YiJ program at Okamoto Campus on September 7. It is great to report that we have hosted nearly 90 international students (including Asian students from partner universities and short-term students), and have sent 80 Konan students overseas so far this year. We are grateful for the efforts and support of all of our partner universities to make all of these things happen.



Director
Prof. Kyoko Matsukawa

INBOUND 2023-2024 Year-in-Japan Program

Students coming from our Partner Schools

It is my very great pleasure as the Resident Director of the Year-in-Japan (YiJ) Program to welcome 25 new inbound students to Kobe. The students arrived on September 6th and have been settling into life in Japan. I have been contemplating the very large number of students who have benefited from this wonderful program over the years since its inception. From serving as the Resident Director once before (fourteen years ago), I know how all of us connected with YiJ will learn, grow, and stretch ourselves through our participation in the program. I am delighted to be back working with the KIEC faculty and staff to support our inbound students as they encounter Japan, in most cases for the first time!



Resident Director / Deputy Director
Prof. Kimberly Jones

INBOUND 2023 Fall Exchange Program

Students from China, Korea and Taiwan

Regular exchange students from universities in China, Korea and Taiwan arrived in September for six-month or one-year programs of study at Konan. This time, there are a total of 6 students from Xiamen University and Beijing University of Posts and Telecommunications in China, Dong-eui 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 Singapore and Durango

Area Studies courses in Durango and Singapore were conducted this summer. A total of 48 students participated in the two courses.

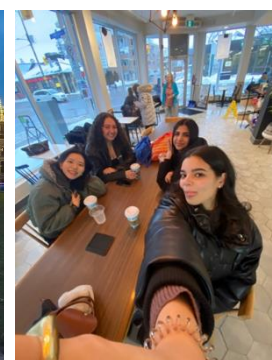
In the Singapore course, students experienced the world's most advanced researches and industries through visiting Xenolis Pte. Ltd. at A*STAR, Duke-NUS, Sunstar Singapore Pte. Ltd. Plant and Nanyang Technological University. In the Durango course, students enhanced their non-cognitive ability through camping in the Colorado wilderness and cultural exchange with Native Americans.



Konan students currently studying abroad

Our partner schools in USA, Canada, England, Ireland, and South Korea listed below are currently hosting a total of 40 study abroad students from Konan:

University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign, University of California, San Diego, Central Washington University, Valencia College, University of Victoria, University of British Columbia, Dublin City University, Carleton University, York University, University of Leeds, and Dong-eui University.



INBOUND Academic Exchange Graduate Student

A student from Italy

An exchange student pursuing a master's degree from Italy's University of Turin joined us thanks to our academic exchange agreement with that school. The student carried out research and conducted biological experiments in the Biology Department's Laboratory of Developmental Biology within Konan's Graduate School of Natural Science during the first semester.

INBOUND 2023 Summer Intensive Japanese Program

Students coming from our Partner Schools

Students from universities in USA and Canada visited Konan for Summer Intensive Japanese Program. This time, a total of 23 students completed the six-week program. During this period, the students not only studied Japanese language and culture intensively, but also participated in various interaction programs and deepened relationships with Konan students.



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