

MESSAGE from the Director

To all international students looking forward to studying in Japan

Warmest greetings from Kobe, Japan. We are happy to present this year's issue of KIT to you. On September 4 we welcomed the 2024/25 SAJ/YiJ students to campus, and I wish them all the best. It is always our pleasure to assist students and see them achieve their goals. I am sure that this year's students will work hard and make great progress in their learning just as the previous cohort of students who completed the program successfully in May did. Our special thanks go to the outgoing Resident Director, Prof. Kimberly Jones of the University of Arizona, for her dedication to the program. With the new cohort, we welcomed Dr. Atsushi Hasegawa of the University of Hawaii at Manoa as the new RD.

27 years ago, I was an international student in London. Looking back on those days, I had many ups and downs during the two-and-a-half-year stay. However, all those experiences contributed to my growth. I want students of Konan and those from our partner universities to feel the same. We are always grateful for the effort and support of our partners. I hope that we will continue to grow together.



Director

Prof. Kyoko Matsukawa

INBOUND Konan Study Abroad in Kobe Japan (SAJ) /Year-in-Japan Program (YiJ)

Students coming from our Partner Schools

Greetings from RD: It is my great pleasure as the Resident Director of Konan's SAJ/YiJ program to welcome 34 new inbound students to Kobe. The students arrived on September 4th and have been settling into life in Japan. The diverse group students came together from 14 different universities in Australia, Canada, France, Germany, the United Kingdom, and the United States to accelerate their Japanese language studies. In addition to the intensive language classes, they are taking Japan Studies courses conducted in English in which they learn more deeply about Japanese culture. Additionally, they will go on multiple field trips and study tours throughout the program. Many of the students are also living with a host family, where they can observe Japanese family lifestyles firsthand. I am very excited to take part in this challenging yet life-changing program for the students!



**Resident Director
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Associate Professor
Atsushi Hasegawa



INBOUND 2024 Fall Exchange Program

Students from China and Taiwan

Regular exchange students from China and Taiwan arrived in September for six-month and one-year programs of study at Konan. We welcomed 4 students, two from Beijing University of Posts and Telecommunications(China), and one each from National United University, and Tunghai University(Taiwan). During their stay in Japan, these students will work under the guidance of professors of their designated faculties, as well as a language center advisor. They will take classes alongside Konan students.



OUTBOUND Exchange Program

Area Studies in Chiang mai, UK, Pittsburgh and Colorado

Area Studies courses in Pittsburgh, Chiang mai, UK and Colorado were conducted this summer. A total of 53 students participated in the four courses.

In the Chiang mai course, the participant students learned a lot about traditional Thai from their experiences of visiting Buddhist temple, ceramics making, cooking and so on. In the UK course, the students studied topics concerning British society, culture and nature, and interacted with the students of the University of Oxford. In the Pittsburgh course, the participants studied urban development and lifestyles collaboratively with the students of the University of Pittsburgh. In the Colorado course, the students learned American history and culture through their experiences of visiting main sightseeing spots and doing outdoor activities in the great landscape.



Konan students currently studying abroad

Our partner schools in USA, Canada, England, Ireland, Australia and Germany listed below are currently hosting a total of 44 study abroad students from Konan: University of California, San Diego, Central Washington University, Valencia College, University of Victoria, University of British Columbia, University of Quebec in Trois-Rivières, Dublin City University, York University, University of Leeds, Edith Cowan University, University of Wollongong, Leipzig University



INBOUND 2024 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 36 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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