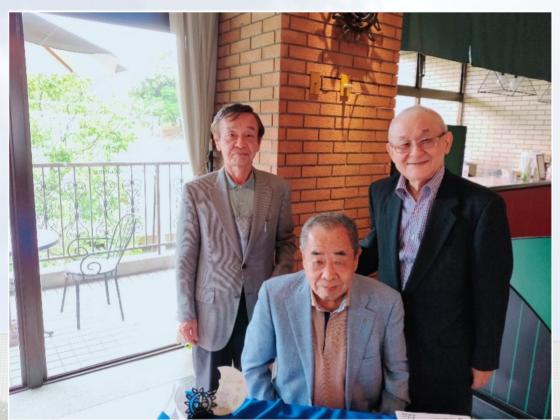


# With The Staurata



Left to right: Enomoto-san (CEO of Tukushi-Pharmacy), dr. Osamu Nawata (CEO & doctor of Nawara-Hospital), Chijiwa-san (Chief Priest of Honkei-Temple)

# You have provided a lot of support to international students, what is the motivation behind your efforts to support international students?

"I want the students who come to Japan from abroad to study to learn the great things about Japan. In additionally I also hope that they will learn about the shortcomings of Japan.

I believe that in the near future, the barriers between countries will disappear and human exchange will become the mainstream."

### What is the most important point for international students for study abroad in Japan?

"First, please master the Japanese as you can as possible. Because I want you to learn about Japanese culture and lifestyle, but I think they need to understand Japanese to understand what true Japanese culture and lifestyle is."

#### What made you decide to become a doctor?

"My mother had hoped to be a doctor me, and for five years as a doctor I had researched on cancer metastasis at the molecular level."

## As a summary of the article, please give some messages to KIT international students.

"Please understand Japanese culture. Moreover, please try hard to get your knowledge and ability for help to the world and please take action. The world, your country and Japan are looking forward to international students act. !!!"

# GCL Going Online

Global Community Lounge also known as GCL were set up in 2014 for international cultural and exchange international between students and Japanese GCL hold students. international events regularly throughout the year strengthen the bond between students Japanese and international students and to diversity promote cultural among students

In respond to the Covid-19 outbreak and in the accordance of latest school regulation, Global Community Lounge (GCL) has decided to go online. Every week, international students and Japanese students will gather in Zoom to discuss about specific topics, to watch educational or cultural related videos and sometimes to play games. Everyone is welcome to join!



GCL Online! Venue: Zoom Date: Weekdays

Time: 12:00~13:00 or 16:30~17:30 or both!

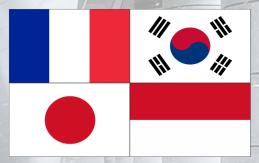
Throughout this year, GCL had organised many interesting activities such as sharing session and cultural exchange presentation within Zoom.

Cultural exchange presentation

- -Korean Day
- -Indonesian Day
- -Indian Day
- -Thailand Day
- -Russian Day



Playing Games
Bingo
Word guessing games
Riddles and brain teasers



Sharing session

- Holiday in each country
- School life
- Japanese food and Japanese holiday
- Christmas & New year around the world
- and many more!



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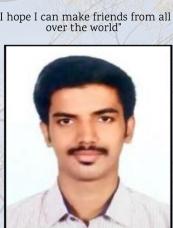
# From all over The World to Kyutech!



Dong Shuyuan CHINA

Advanced Informatics

"I hope I can make friends from all



Arun Jacob Mathew INDIA 🕞

CSSE "Do what make you feel happy!"



Chanapol Piyavichayanon

THAILAND Creative Informatics

"I want to meet people from different coutries during my time in Kyutech. Nice to meet all of you"



Grathya Sri Mulyani INDONESIA

Creative Informatics

"Difficult doesn't mean Impossible "



Marfiandhi Putra INDONESIA Creative Informatics "What is done cannot be undone"



Gamolped Prem THAILAND Interdisciplinary Informatics

"I hope to learn and have new things in my career of expertise, new cultures, languages and friends that I would like to have! Your life is a lot to explore, try to have new experiences, a good and strong mindset is very important for every situation you confront"

#### Oct 2020 Admission



Rio Mukhtarom Paweroi INDONESIA

Creative Informatics

"Students are not only to learn about research but also learn about life

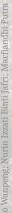


Sangereng Dewa Raja INDONESIA Creative Informatics "Gain more knowledge, experience"



Ranatchai Laosiripong THAILAND Interdisciplinary Informatics

"It is a great opportunity to study in Kyutech. I have learned a lot, both academic and in lifestyle. People in here are so nice. I cannot wait to see how much I will gain the knowledge after graduated"





Feng Ruoyan

Advanced Informatics

"I hope to improve myself in an academic environment with different cultural and academic backgrounds."

#### **Apr 2021 Admission**



CHINA Advanced Informatics
"I hope to have an interesting experience in studying abroad."



Shih-Chen Peng

Creative Informatics

"I hope I can make best use of these two years for improving Japanese, strengthening knowledge & skills,and experiencing study abroad life in Japan, a country I loved."



Zang Hongye

Interdisciplinary Informatics

"I hope to learn more professional knowledge, make more friends and enjoy various campus cultures in the Kyutech ."



CHINA Interdisciplinary Informatics
"I want to learn new knowledge with everyone at Kyutech."



Silvain Geiser

Interdisciplinary Informatics

"I hope I studying at Kyutech will allow me to develop my skills to be able to work after graduation. I've been interested in Japanese culture and I'm eager to go explore Japab to make new friends and visit cultural sites."



Zhou Xiaohan

Advanced Informatics

"The univeristy takes good care of international students, and I am looking forward to studying here."



Wen Qian
CHINA
Advanced Informatics
"I hope to work hard and make progress with others in KIT."



Xu Zhiyi
CHINA

Advanced Informatics

"I hope I can finish my studies in Kyutech and make a breakthrough in my academic."



Koomklang Nattpat
THAILAND

CSSE

"I'm very excited to come to Kyutech and hope to get amazing experience and new friends."



Lin Jinsong
CHINA Interdisciplinary Informatics

"I'm very glad to enter Kyutech. I hope my future study and life will be colorful."



Shi Yue CHINA

Interdisciplinary Informatics

"I hope my research is developing smoothly and I can make achievements for academics."

# From Kyutech to Kyutech!

Master -> PhD



Vinay Shankar INDIA \_\_\_

CSSE

"I will try to contribute my best in my Research as well as take part in events at University."

#### Undergraduate -> Master



Nurin Izzati Binti Jafri Malaysia 🕮

Advanced Informatics "Looking forward to meeting everyone!."



Lim Bumun

Republic of Korea

Creative Informatics

"Nice to meet you!."



Cheers is a group that was originally held to create chances to communicate among international students.

In 2016, the international students of the Kyutech founded this club. We have sports activities every week, or board games, chess and cards, etc. Before and after the event, You can talk as much as you want, whether study or different cultures, as long as it is of interest to you.



Later, there were more and more members of cheers, and Japanese students joined in. Cheers gradually became a big family. It is not just an on-campus activity. We often organize members to go outdoor barbecues or travel on their own, or go out to dinner and so on.

Gradually, other local students have joined us. Cheers no longer organizes international only students for the purpose. Cheers becomes an open, energetic and attractive club organization.

Welcome to join us!

#### CHEERS MEMBERS





**SOUTH KOREA** 

Department of Computer Science (D2)

I have come to Iizuka for the first time in October 2019. Unlike the feeling of coming to Japan on a trip before, my first impression of Iizuka was, "It's really nothing for fun.". After that, Covid-19 spread all over the world and began to live a more difficult and lonely life. I couldn't even go meet my girlfriend and my family.



At that time, I had no Japanese friends or international student friends but now, I have been getting great time to make friends and eliminate loneliness through sporting events with Cheers members. Whether you are a Japanese or an international student, I strongly recommend that you come to our club and have a good time.



#### CHEERS MEMBERS

Rukia



JAPAN (from America) Class 5 (B1)

"I came (back) to Japan last summer to study for the examinations for universities.Life in Iizuka is quiet harder than I imagined. Sometimes I feel the place is inconvenient, but there are some places to hang out.

In cheers, there are many people who have different experience and thoughts, and I enjoy sharing each others' cultures and learning about different countries. I really enjoy communicating with the cheers members and I would like more people who are interested in foreign cultures to join."



INDONESIA Department of Computer Science (M1)



"At first it was so fun because I saw the snow for the first time, but couple months later, I'm facing a lot of struggle because i can't speak Japanese language.

And because I want to make friends and join some events or activities to have fun with other students, So I joined cheers. Now, I'm not shy anymore to talk with other people. I think cheers it's a great club for starting make friends with other students

Especially the members they are so great and so kind, they won't hesitate to help other students who need help."



activities with japanese students.

Migue COSTA RICA Creative Informatics (M2)

"I came to Japan in April 2019. My life in Iizuka is quite boring. There is no many thing to do here xD In cheers I meet some nice people, and I make some friends. I think it is nice club for foreigners, specially for those whom doest speak Japanese But I think they need to make more exchange





#### CHEERS MEMBERS





SOUTH KOREA Represent of Cheers

I came to Japan in 2018 April. When I came to Japan, I feel little bit lonely at first. There were no friends to talk and it was hard to find out new friends during the research. However, I just join the cheers and made a lot of friends during 4 years. As we spent a long time together, we became more comfortable like family than friends. So, to me, Club cheers is one of most my important group in my campus life.

Cheers had occasional meetings, but not regular activities. I wanted to have regular activities to communicate with other foreign students and Japanese students. As a result, I thought that sports can be the best option overall, and I am trying to do my best to do sports activities every week until now.

Weekly sports activities are a very important event for me, such as a driving force that allows me to work hard on research. Also, it is an important time to communicate with friends for a long time. I believe that my life quality has improved since I started Cheers activities.

First of all, I was recommended by my friends to take the CHEERS representative position. I think I got a recommendation because I was in charge of the activities of the Cheers futsal team before. This year, especially, as all of my friends who were in charge of the representative position and various tasks graduated, there were many vacancies in the activities of the Cheers Club. But thanks to my friends Haku, Harry, and Nurin, our cheers maintain well. It has become difficult to do various events due to the corona situation, but if the corona situation getting better, I want to make a fun party and event for everyone.





INDONESIA Advanced Informatics (M2)

I came to Japan in April 2019. I have lived in this city for two years. My life in Iizuka has been great so far. There are few distractions here. Even when the pandemic hit Japan, I can still focus on my studies, thanks to the kind people who have been helping me



Cheers definitely helps me to stay in good shape. Doing sports is important not only to keep healthy but also to reduce stress.. Before I joined cheers, I was overweight and I could not keep my concentration during the weekday in the lab. I love to play soccer or futsal, and luckily cheers has the futsal game every week. However, I could not play the whole game since I did not have good stamina. It got me motivated to do some exercises. Now I am in better condition, and I think it helps keep my mind sharp.

Cheers is a good club, not only for international students but also for Japanese students. There is no strict physical training, so every student can just come, play, and have fun. During the games or other events, I think it is an excellent opportunity for the international students to practice their Japanese and for the Japanese students to practice their English.





#### CHEERS MEMBERS

INDONESIA Sonathan
Creative Informatics (D1)

I came to Japan on September 2018. and life in Iizuka was great. I have a lot of firends (foreign and Japanese) also I got Japanese family that makes me feel home even it's not in my country Indonesia. For the first time comes to Japan I have no friends or someone that I know until my senior introduce me about Cheers, it was the BBQ event and it's the first time I met Lee,

and until now we became friends, not only that because of cheers I start to do sports every weekend. cheers is the place for find friends, culture exchange, relaxing time and also as a home.





JAPAN Fukuoka University

I used to think that Iizuka is countryside with nothing, but recently I have made many friends with international students, and I amenjoying my life very much.

By joining in Cheers activities, I was able to

meet more international students and Japanese students, and my friendship expanded. Also, by exercising once a week, my physical strength is improved, and I am living a healthy life.



I would like to continue to be involved in the activities of Cheers. We also hope for further development. And because of the far distance of Fukuoka University where I am, I would also like to go to the nearby Kyutech, which is nearby to play with friends.

There are many international student associations from various countries in the world which are widely spread. This student association aims to accommodate the various needs of students who will study abroad. Mainly providing information about the culture and rules of the destination country, so that prospective students do not experience culture shock. In addition, the association provides space for students to participate in introducing their culture to the local community and also as a forum for students to meet each other with fellow citizens who are abroad. And there are many more interesting activities from each foreign student association. One of them is the Indonesian Student Association (Persatuan Pelajar Indonesia; PPI), to learn more about the PPI, let's continue reading the following article

# MORE ABOUT PPIJ

Persatuan Pelajar Indonesia di Jepang (PPIJ) is the Indonesian Student Association located in Japan, an independent student society which has been founded on June 24, 1953, and runs with official support from the Indonesian Embassy in Japan, or in Japanese "在日 インドネシア留学生協会" (Zainichi Indoneshia ryūgakusei kyōkai)



The Japanese PPI has a red Elliptical-shaped symbol which is an analogy of the world and the eye. The rectangular shape is an analogy of the book as a symbol of science and a circle with a transverse line symbolizing the motion or dynamics of activities in response to scientific developments and technological advances in the world. Exclusively, the meaning of the symbol owned by PPI Japan is "Perceiving and studying the World's Progress with Heart for the Progress of Indonesia."

PPIJ is an organization that has nine branches located all over Japan. It also known as Kesatuan Organisasi (Korda) PPIJ. Korda has the main role as coordinator of PPIJ cell from a small area in every prefecture in Japan. The smallest cell was usually located in a city in a prefecture, also known as Komisariat (Komsat). Following list are PPIJ's Korda in Japan:



- I. Hokkaido (Hokkaido)
- 2. Tohoku (Aomori Iwate, Miyagi, Akita, Yamagata, Fukushima).
- 3. Kanto (Ibaraki, Tochigi, Gunma, Saitama, Chiba, Tokyo, Kanagawa).
- 4. Hokuriku (Niigata, Toyama, Ishikawa, Fukui, Nagano).
- 5. Chubu (Yamanashi, Gifu, Shizuoka, Aichi, Mie).
- 6. Kansai (Shiga, Kyoto, Osaka, Hyogo, Nara, Tokushima, Wakayama, Okayama).
- 7. Shikoku (Ehime, Kagawa, Kochi).
- 8. Chugoku (Hiroshima, Shimane, Tottori, Yamaguchi).
- 9. Kyushu-Okinawa (Fukuoka, Saga, Nagasaki, Kumamoto, Oita, Miyazaki, Kagoshima, Okinawa).

PPI Fukuoka is one of the Komsat which is organized under Kyushu-Okinawa PPIJ Korda. PPI Fukuoka accommodates Indonesian students studying in Fukuoka prefecture with various information about education and general life patterns in the city of Fukuoka and its surroundings. The Fukuoka PPI organization is expected to be a forum for Indonesian students in Fukuoka to communicate with each other. To improve relations between students, PPI Fukuoka carries out various activities such as socializing, hiking, and eating together.



This is the excitement when PPI Fukuoka holds the joint meal activity. Such activities are often held every year. However, with the pandemic, those activities cannot be held for a while. Almost all activities have been shifted to online activities. One of the interesting activities held by PPI Fukuoka during the pandemic was ODADING (Olahraga Daring di Rumah masing-masing). One of the sports held is Chess.



# NDONESIA CULTURE DAY



That's a glimpse of the PPI, especially the PPI located in Fukuoka, Japan. We are delighted to share a lot of joy during this pandemic through various activities organized by PPIJ Komsat Fukuoka. And in the future, maybe student associations from other countries will share their joy here-warm greetings from Indonesia.



www.instagram.com/ppi.fukuoka/

Indonesia Culture Day is one of the famous events held by PPI Fukuoka every year. This event aims to introduce Indonesian culture to the people in Fukuoka. Through this event, PPI tries to introduce various Indonesian traditional dishes, traditional artworks, and art dances from various regions in Indonesia.





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# Messages From the Editors



Kyutech has allowed me to grow as a better person by giving me many opportunities for me to explore and providing me good education. I join Iizuka city hall programs too. I hope anyone who's reading this is having a good day and if it's not, it's just a bad day, not a bad life

- Nurin, Team Leader

My college life in Iizuka campus present me very nice opportunity for my growth of inside and outside. -Lim, Team leader





Experienced this editing work, I learnt more about our school and students. And since my group's mission is interviewing the foreigner students, I studied much foreign culture knowledge, and improved my communication skills as well. I appreciate this chance for that's one of my reasons for study abroad.

-Zhou, Team leader

The environment here is very peaceful and best to pursue research studies. The working staff are very friendly and they try resolve international student problems genuinely. Some of the events held among international students to them to learn about each other and make friends. Hope a greater number of international will join Kyutech in the near future.

-Vinay, Tim Leader





The gracious and professional staff, an excellent academic research atmosphere, quiet place, and pleasant city to study are all in Kyutech. Joining the Kyutech international student community and interacting with the members was a great experience I had. Share a lot of experiences among the members to become a cure for the yearning of your hometown.