

**GLobal Community Lounge** bridges international students and Japanese students for cultural exchange. But, in 2021 GCL had introduced 「GCL Individual meeting 予約

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Venue: Zoom, Date: Weekdays Time: 11:30 ~ 13:00

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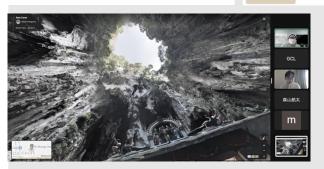
Throughout this year, GCL had organized many interesting events such as Culture Day, quiz session, free talk and so on.

During Malaysia Culture Day, a famous tourist spot called Batu Cave was introduced. Besides, virtual tour was also done via Google Map.













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During Korean Culture Day, tourist spots such as Gyeongbokgung and Gwanghwamun were introduced. Besides, virtual tour around Lotte World was also done via Youtube's Vlog.

## Alumni International Student Speak " "

Professor Liang Jianguo graduated from Kyutech with Doctoral degree(PhD) in 2010. He had worked in Japan for almost 10 years prior going back to China and currently working in Taiyuan University of Technology as a professor.

The editors would like to express our deepest gratitude for accepting this interview.

#### 1. What is your best experience while studying in Kyutech?

The best part is that I pursued my Ph.D. there while I had many exchanges. Kyutech emphasizes "to instill a deep knowledge of science and engineering in high caliber students" since the foundation, which I completely agree. While I was doing my studies there, I also served as the leader of international students' group of the university. I like the environment academically. Also, exchanges and communications have given me many insights on one's study and life. I have made many friends and knew a lot of like-minded colleagues who I cherished till today. This gives me great courage in my Kyutech life.



Prof. Liang Jianguo

#### 2. Why did you choose to come back to China even you already had a good career in Japan?

I worked in Japan for almost ten years. China and Japan have become both the biggest global carbon fiber markets, which is my area of research. Seeing that China has great development prospects in this area, on the one hand, I feel that I can utilize my skills and ability to make some contributions, face up challenges and meet with new opportunities. On the other hand, I would like to devote myself into the Japan-China cooperation, I feel there is huge space for me to promote the exchanges, serving as a bridge for the two countries.

## 3. Any advice for new international students who are coming to Kyutech or are starting their new life here in Japan?

Kyutech offers many opportunities for international students to enjoy cultural exchanges. For new students from the beginning, I would say you can take advantage of all your university has to offer. Kyutech provides an incredible perspective that reflects the best of higher education. However, the pressure of earning high grades on exams, doing good papers and achieve successful laboratory experiments can sometimes make motivated students feel like you are tied to the library. Make sure to allocate time well and take time to participate in student activities, exchanges, and programs. The extracurricular experiences can be just as important to building a career as how well you do in the classroom. I encourage all new students to be confident and brave in pursuit of their dreams.

#### 4. Any good tips/advice for graduates after graduation especially in their future career?

From your professors at university to the network of alumni, your opportunities are boundless. Keep contact with your teachers and friends. They are valuable assets who can provide you with their heartfelt congratulations if you have success and great comfort when you are down. While you are expected to hone your skills as scientists, engineers, or professionals in any field, you can always keep the spirit of curiosity and a desire for knowledge.

## Newly Graduated Students Speak ""

There are some students that will graduate in March 2022 and they were asked some questions by the editor.



#### Piao Taihe, China, Advance Informatics

I took a lot of classes and learned much of knowledge of informatics technology. I really thank all the professors because they are so nice and professional. They are really trying to help us if we have any questions.



I felt I can be independent. Before I came to Kyutech, I don't have many experiences of living alone and arrange my schedule. Now, I can arrange my life by myself.

I met lots of friends from different countries. I feel so lucky that I know them. They are my biggest treasure. They helped me not only physically, but also made me grow up. I really thank Kyutech for giving us the place and the chance like GCL to know each other.

"Do what you want. You are young and free. Don't be afraid to speak Japanese and English. Please show yourself as much as you can."

#### have you learned from Kyutech?

Sometimes we need to go out to know how reality works.

#### do you think the biggest change the Kyutech had done to you?

Don't be worried about how you could change your life, because time can make it for you.

### is your best experience/memory in Kyutech?

Experience is like root and memory is log that will bring out flower in the future.

## advice do you want to give to undergraduates at school?

Don't let advice and wisdom go away from us.

#### Yan Hong, China, Advance Informatics



I have learned a lot of basic and advanced knowledge in Kyutech and become more professional in my major. Different culture and the international atmosphere have broadened my view and I become used to the different view to see the world.

I made a lot of new friends in Japan and experienced the different culture. Do not just study at school, study aboard is very forgivable (interesting) experience.

"Enjoy your life."

## Why community is important?

Two are better than one, If either of them falls down, one can help the other up. But pity anyone who falls and has no one to help them up.

As iron sharpens iron, so one person sharpens another.



#### Zhang Hao Ning, China, Interdisciplinary Informatics

I have done some projects with help of lab mates. They are very professional. My biggest change is Kyutech had broaden my view. I have never seen so many advanced lab instruments, which is really helpful for my major.

Once I cooperated with my lab mates to do research. They are very motivated, hardworking. I really appreciate their help.

"Enjoy your abroad life. Enjoy your study"



#### Zhang Meng, China, Advance Informatics

I learned a down-to-earth research spirit at Kyutech. From professors to fellow students, they all do like this. The biggest change should be that I learned how to treat people and deal with things better, all things from the perspective of the other party as far as possible.

What impressed me most was the trip to Oita organized by the university in 2019, which was really enjoyable. It is a pity that similar activities have not been held since the COVID-19.

"I hope students can make more use of the various academic resources of the school and participate in various activities of the school, to enrich your university life."

#### Miguel Villalobos, Costa Rica, Creative Informatics



I learned many things from different cultures thanks to the other foreign students of Kyutech. I have No biggest changes, though. Many parties with other foreign students is my best experience and memory.

"Study Japanese before coming here, and also try to learn the Japanese customs in order to avoid problems."

Ask and it will be given to you; seek and you will find; knock and the door will be opened to you. For everyone who asks receives; the one who seeks finds; and to the one who knocks, the door will be opened.

**MINE** 



I learned so many new things during my study in Kyutech. I can see a huge difference between student life in Japan and student life in my home country, Indonesia. From here I learned a lot about the cultural differences of each country because I had the opportunity to meet many friends from various countries throughout studying at Kyutech. I think this is an opportunity that not everyone can have, and I am very grateful for it.

Kyutech made me become a more an open-minded person after studying at Kyutech because I got so many opportunities to go abroad with Kyutech finance. I am very grateful that I was able to join conferences and try out study tours abroad which gave me a lot of new experiences and it also really helped in my research development.

I have so many good memories in Kyutech and it's also because I joined GCL before so I can get so many friends and learn a new thing from different people from another country. I think the best gift I got from Kyutech is a friend, no matter the difference in language or culture we can still be good friends without adversity.

"Kyutech has so many programs to join study abroad but this day it's a little bit difficult because of Covid-19.

But now they change it to become online, so I think this one is still a good opportunity to us to learn language and culture from other countries. Let's stay healthy and more patience so I hope later in the future the situation becomes better and the student can join the study abroad directly to the country."



Aran Blattler, Thailand, Mechanical Information Science and Technology

My PhD study was supported by Japanese government (MEXT) scholarship. My research field was Precision Engineering and Nanotechnology which focused on nanoscale measurement applied for semiconductor manufacturing process by using optical multi-wavelength microscopy. For your imagination, our research could measure particles size smaller than 100 nm, which is close to the Coronavirus size. Hopefully, our research can be applied to support the medical

research for Coronavirus prevention at the near future. Moreover, my laboratory in Kyutech have given me a lot of experiences and memories not only in academic areas but also in social and cultural skills that have made my life fulfilling and rewarding.

My laboratory in Kyutech refined me to be good researcher in academic area, which can make the innovation/invention based on fundamental principle of science/engineering that very important for me to realize the meaning of "SIMPLE BUT EFFECTIVE". Kyutech is like the second home that has given me good experience and memories not only in academic areas [Knowledges] but also in social, cultural and life, such as go to travel by school bus trip, Make/Eat BBQ in the campus after examination, Make MOCHI in the campus during the season, and so on. [Note that all these events happen before COVID-19 situation]

"Try to do your best first by following your dreams or whom you want to be in the future and MAKE IT HAPPEN. So, you will be happy by your own way/decision. In my case, I want to be a university lecturer and my dream is coming true after PhD graduation March 2022 or after I go back to my country (THAILAND)."

Is not life more than food, and the body more

than clothes?

Therefore do not worry about tomorrow, for tomorrow will worry about itself. Each day has enough trouble of its own. Look at the birds of the air; they do not sow or reap or store away in barns, and yet nature feeds them.

# don't wanna look back someday and find everything that really mattered was right in front of me this whole time.



Pei Yinjian, China, Interdisciplinary
Informatics



Zhao Chuan Ling, China, Creative Informatics



Dohyun Kim, South Korea, Electronic and Computer Science

I learned a lot of project experience at Kyutech that I will use in the real work, and I also gained a better understanding of cultures around the world by interacting with students from various countries. The biggest change is that it has made me more self-motivated to learn

My best memory was when I first came to Kyutech, before the COVID pandemic had spread, and I went away to a drone competition with my classmates and spent time together living, traveling, and competing.

"In Kyutech you must pay attention to teamwork and share your project experience with your classmates. There are many problems you can solve by yourself, but you can also learn a lot from others' experience. Don't build the wheel repeatedly."

I experienced a good learning environment in Kyutech, better integrated into the local life in Japan, made more international friends, and got the opportunity to learn more knowledge.

Kyutech has improved my ability to study independently, and also improved my communication ability with international friends. It also gave me more opportunities to participate in international scientific research projects, which gave me a good study abroad experience.

"Undergraduate students should participate in more club activities to enrich their spare time, but they should not delay their studies. If you want to get a job after graduation, you should contact your favorite company for an internship in advance."

I don't think I learned as much as I could have from the lectures at the university, but I think I learned a lot from the environment of Kyutech and my status here as a student. I learned many things such as knowledge of information technology and knowledge from experiences as a university student. Being student in a foreign country was a big change for me. I think I have changed and grown a lot because of the new people I have met in Japan.

Meeting of my current friends, dinner parties, went camping with them, had technical discussions and studies with my circle mates, went to hackathons with them, etc. Everything that happened here is my best memory and experience.

"Don't repeat the year and choose your lab carefully. Also, don't just do the assignments given to you, but in addition to that study also on your own."

Before the beautiful things we love becomes the beautiful things we miss.



#### Tomato Competition

This is the era of autonomous! And here autonomous tomato grasping robot. This competition was hosted by the Kyushu Institute of Technology and is open to anyone who is interested. It holds every year around December. For the last competition, the team from Hayashi laboratory that includes Japanese and Thai students were joined and won the first prize. Congrats Hayashi team!





There is a lot of process for developing this robot. Starting from the base, that has to move the robot to the wanted position that tomatoes are, after that a camera that attached to the robot will capture and send the data to a computer that will do the image detection later. For the image detection, it isn't only to detect a tomato but also to differentiate between raw and ripe tomato.

Next, the robot will choose the tomato that it wants to pick and send the location to a robot arm to grasp. The gripper also needs to be well designed because it must strong enough to hold the tomatoes when pulling the tomato from the branch, but be careful, not to grip it too strong that it makes the tomato bruised. Finally, the robot arm will put the tomatoes in the basket and then pick the next one until the specified time. The score was calculated by the number of tomatoes that were picked and deducted from bruised or raw tomatoes.

Dream as high as the sky, when you fall you will fall among the stars.

National Taiwan University(NTU)-Kyutech International Study Group Project(ISGP)



# Distance can't stop our community

There are three things that are too amazing for me, and four that I do not understand: The way of an eagle in the sky, the way of a snake on a rock, the way of a ship on the high seas, and the way how we communicate each other.

I know this program through Moodle, オンライン屋休み. That time, I was looking for an international program to participate since I've always wanted to join international program with other universities outside of Japan.

This program was conducted for two months from October to December, and we were divided into 6 people in a group. We met once a week via Zoom and every week we talked about different topics. During the discussion, we shared about our culture, our school experience, we taught each other languages (Japanese, Taiwanese, Chinese and Malay language), and so on. On a final meeting, we used oVice to communicate with everyone participated in the program and shared our experience throughout this program with other people. Lastly, we also exchange gifts via the school.

I learnt that NTU is a very big university and has many places to visit there such as their national library. I would definitely visit NTU when I go to Taiwan. Next, one of my Taiwanese members is a person who's very active in volunteering and had experience volunteering in Cambodia for two weeks. It made me realize that I should have done more things while being a student. Lastly, NTU students are very hardworking and they really all out in whatever they do. It gives me more courage to work harder on what I am currently doing.





#### Miso Making Activity



For international students, I don't know that there are many kinds of miso, and definitely don't know how to cook with miso either. Fortunately, on December 5th at the cooking room in lizuka health center, miso making activity was held for the 2nd time. From the last time, the activity was about making miso. But this time, it was about how to cook with miso. Though, you did not participate last time you were still able to join.

At the beginning of the lesson, a teacher told the story about miso and its benefit (I did not know that it has a lot of benefits such as lower blood pressure and prevent cancer!!!), after we got to know about miso, now it's time to taste. And we did not just taste one miso but tasted in various types such as  $\operatorname{rich}(\mathfrak{X})$ ,  $\operatorname{soybean}(\overline{\mathfrak{Q}})$ , and  $\operatorname{barley}(\mathbf{5})$ .

For the menu that we cooked that day, we cook in a total of 4 menus with all included miso in it. First, the most taking time to cook, rice, it is like fried rice but we cook with rice cooker instead. And second, Japanese steam eggs with miso. Third, the main course, meat with eggplant and mirin. Do not worry if you do not eat meat because they also have plant-based meat for you. And the final one, dessert, persimmon dressing with foam made from cream cheese, miso, mirin, and sage. After finishing cooking, now we get to eat. And how can we be left empty-handed? That was why the teacher also gave some miso for us to cook back home.

The activity took only 2 hours on Sunday morning. And if they held again, do not forget to join. You will get a chance to cook some delicious food, meet new international students and learn more about Japanese food culture.





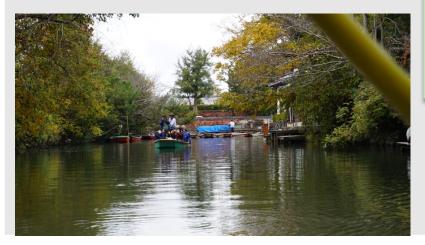












Fukuoka Overseas Students Association (FOSA) is an international student community that covers all area in Fukuoka prefecture. There are a lot of students from different country joining together.

FOSA has many events every month, like sport event, cultural event and the most interesting is trip event. The best memory is when FOSA organized an event to Yanagawa trip, and we used traditional boat to go along the edge of Yanagawa river.

FOSA also has collaboration with Work in Kyushu, to inform someone who wants to work in Kyushu. There are so many companies participated in this event. For this year, Work in Kyushu held in two ways which is offline and online.

Every year, FOSA members will do meeting with Fukuoka government, and discuss about the problems that international students face.

FOSA give us a place to know more people, more insight about other country, and having fun.



#### Computational Multi-Physics Coupled Analysis Laboratory

#### -Ishihara-Niho Laboratory-

This research laboratory develops and applies computational methods for multi-physics coupled problems. The multi-physics and multi-system coupled analysis of insect flapping flight, and the design and fabrication of the insect-like Micro-Electromechanical system (MEMS). This problem often appears in novel engineering, biomechanics, and biomimetics areas.

This Laboratory has a good number of Japanese as well as international students. It has a good amount of research publications, and all the Ph. D. students are receiving scholarships. Professors motivate the laboratory and support to focus on their research giving them ample time and research to excel in their research. The pictures show some experiments performed in the CMS facilities for the MEMS fabrication process.









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#### Editor's Letter



#### Raja

One of my hobbies is to write or keep a wise, interesting, motivating, and of course romantic phrases. My favorite phrase "I do not understand the way of a man with a maiden will meet". By this magazine, I gladly pour anything I can do, to make people even be alone but not lonely, and lonely become lovely.

Keep fighting to pursue what your heart wants, not people want. Even in the darkness, try to find northern stars to point you the way to your dream.

Last, before the beautiful things we love, become the beautiful things we miss .....



#### Nurin

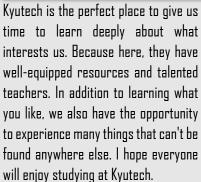
I hope this magazine helps you or gives you more ideas on how to make your life in Japan more memorable. Japan offers many chances for you so, never afraid, and always challenge yourself to try something new even something unrelated to studies!

#### Shao

As one of the partners in the magazine team, my task was interviewing foreign students. Through that, I was able to improve my communication skills and I got to know many friends through the magazine activities. I wish you all the best~!



#### Son



#### Vinay

My experience in Kyushu Institute of Technology is wonderful. The current situation due to COVIDI9 restricted the participation of extracurricular activities. Hope the situation will become normal in the coming time and more international students could participate and study in Kyutech.

