

KUFSA Education...Entertainment...Everlasting

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Dear friends,

I am pleased to share with you the highlights for the fiscal year 2007-2008. With the motto to connect the bridge between foreigners and Japanese, KUFSA (Kagawa University Foreign Student Association) has framed 9 years ago. KUFSA is not simply an association, when the dynamics from different geographies, different cultural and academic backgrounds mingle to form a something special shape at something special place is KUFSA. With the same enthusiasm and vigour, we are successfully stepping into first decade and once again to make great strides.

This year KUFSA activities started with a Sayonara party on March 10th 2007 to our beloved friends, who have successfully completed their academics. Which was highly organized by ICES (Inter Cultural Exchange Society), Both KUSFA – ICES have similar features... to uplift their degrees and entertain at the same time, pal's arigathoooo for your continuous support.

If the determination is too strong no one can stop you, in this context KUFSA summer trip to Megijima island on July 16th couldn't be stopped by Typhoon. This event was actively participated by KUFSA along with their families, Takamatsu Higashi Lions Club, Bushozan International Association, Ayakawa Cho Association and other friends. Takamatsu Higashi Lions Club supported the event; it has been an enthusiastic and generous friend of KUFSA for many years. We are grateful for their continuous support.

Fortunately, there were two notable study tours under Kagawa University. In September, university hosted a tour of Nara-Kyoto to understand the culture and heritage of Japan. And most recently this November, again university conducted a tour to Ehime-Fukuyama. That day we visited the spectacular Towel Museum, followed by JFE Steel Corporation where we experienced the live demonstration of steel production methods. I am sure that stay in Japan not only gives degrees beyond that. I wish to acknowledge all the individuals who joined their hands at every event and made our daily life softly.

Once again, KUFSA-ICES jointly welcomed the 'freshies' on 6th October, who has chosen their journey to Kagawa with great aspirations to make their dreams come true. KUFSA also shared their

cooking secrets to Ayakawa Cho association, who are actively involved in KUFSA events. Our members also visited the nuclear plant in Ehime Prefecture hosted by Yonden through helping hands of Bushozan International Association. Like every other year, KUFSA joined the International Festa held on 28th October, our Bangladeshi friends showed their cooking talents, I am sure many participants tasted their oishii and spicy food.

All seems to be impossible without the coordinated steering of Prof. Long Lim, thanks to his efforts to make every event grand success and maintain an up-to-date accessible website that displays schedules of all KUSFA events.

I feel really proud to be involved with this group because the activities of this year have given me joy, cheerful to the every others and the very new students. Through partnership with local people and professional organizations, including Japanese expressions intermittently those are part and parcel of our daily life, this association will grow and achieve lasting memories with satisfaction to the all individuals involved. Finally yet importantly, "By birth you can acquire some qualities and others should be learnt from surroundings so learn from experiences wisely nothing is waste of time".

I am delighted to report that practical support is still being given by all the members of KUFSA. On behalf of KUFSA, I would like to thank each and everyone who made our stay in this utsukushi kuni memorable.

Respectfully submitted,
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▲Welcome Party



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ICES (アイセス) の活動について

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もっと色々な国の人と交流したい!もっと他の国の文化を知りたい!そんな学生が集まって出来たサークルがICESです。ICESとは「Inter-Cultural Exchange Society(異文化交流サークル)」の略で、留学生や外国から来た方々との国際交流を主として活動しています。現在、男女合わせて50名以上のメンバーで構成されており、週1度の部会には留学生の皆さんも参加して、様々な国際交流イベントを皆で企画しています。

では、1年を通してどんな活動をしているのか紹介しましょう。まず、4月と10月の年2回、新入留学生を歓迎するWelcome Partyを開いています。トークやゲームを通して留学生と交流します。7月には各国からの留学生と瀬戸内海の島へ日帰り旅行に行き、夏ならではのスポーツを共に楽しめます。11月の香川大学祭には模擬店に、12月には留学生交換会に参加させてもらっています。その他国際フェスタや伊方発電所見学など学外の国際交流には積極的に参加し、お正月会など季節のイベントもたくさん企画しています。これらの行事で仲良くなった人とは連絡先を交換し、離れてしまってもメールや手紙のやり取りで交流を続けています。

「外国の友達を作りたい」と言う気持ちでICESに入って1年半。その間様々な活動に参加し、多くの留学生と出会って色々な文化に触れることが出来ました。相手の国のことはもちろん、今まで気付かなかった日本の文化や他文化との違いも知ることができ、本当に自分の

視野が広がったと感じています。交流を通じて仲良くなった友達は、私にとって大切な宝物です。またICESメンバー同士もお互い留学や海外旅行の情報交換を行い、「国際交流したい」気持ちを刺激合っています。これからもっと色々な方と交流し、自分の人生の肥やしにしていきたいと思います。

あなたもICESで色々な国の友達をいっぱい作りませんか?言葉が通じなくても大丈夫!あなたの知らなかった世界や驚きとの出会いがここにはたくさんあります。興味がある方は是非生協2階の部室へ足を運んでみてください。部員一同心からお待ちしています。



▲Welcome Party