

GLOBAL CAFÉ

KAGAWA UNIVERSITY GLOBAL CAFÉ NEWSLETTER



WHAT'S GOING ON AT THE GLOBAL CAFÉ

The autumn semester has brought in an extensive series of outstanding learning opportunities and events for the students of Kagawa University. The summer break welcomed students interested in the IELTS academic test to practice the test as they prepare to study abroad or develop their test-taking skills. October has seen an extensive line-up of events, including a Chiku-yu-kai Japanese instrument music performance, a Mooncake Festival celebrating diverse Chinese- culture traditions, and a Halloween party organised by the Inter-Cultural Exchange Society (ICES). A variety of language and culture classes are offered to students wishing to develop their language skills or learn about topics impacting the world today. October has started busily and the Global Café is looking forward to an equally eventful fall semester.



LUKE DRAPER

I am the new Global Café Instructor. I am from Portsmouth, UK and have worked at numerous universities in Japan and the UK. My teaching specialties are Academic English and literature. I hope to make the Global Café an important hub for intercultural learning and meaningful communication for all students.

UPCOMING CULTURAL EXCHANGE EVENTS

The Global Café welcomes international students to share information about their home countries on Wednesdays. The following countries will be represented this year.

BRUNEI DARUSSALAM - NOVEMBER 13

CHINA & MALAWI - NOVEMBER 27

PAKISTAN & TAIWAN - DECEMBER 4

VIETNAM & THAILAND - JANUARY 8

SOUTH KOREA - JANUARY 22

MESSAGE FROM THE DIRECTOR

野村美加 教授：グローバルカフェは、異なる文化的背景を持つ人々が集まり、自由に交流できる場所です。互いに理解を深め、多様な価値観を共有することで、国際的な視野を広げませんか。カジュアルな雰囲気新しい友人を作り、異文化について学びましょう。みなさんの語学スキル向上にも役立ちます。

Prof. Mika Nomura: Global Café is a place where students from different cultural backgrounds can meet and interact with each other. Why don't you broaden your perspective by sharing diverse values with international students? Make new friends in a casual atmosphere and learn about different cultures. It will also help you improve your language skills.

EVENTS AT THE GLOBAL CAFÉ



REFUGEEISM IN GERMANY

On October 21st, Dr. Andreas Jensen, a visiting researcher from the University of Innsbruck gave a talk on the asylum process in Germany. Insights from refugees were presented, using the analogy of Homer's Odyssey to describe their first-hand experiences. Refugeeism is an important and timely topic of discussion, and the Global Café students came away with awareness in the subject.

MOONCAKE FESTIVAL

Mooncake Festival was held on October 15th. Two speakers, Professors Kong and Wu, spoke on the Asian culture event and everyone enjoyed eating the food that gave its name to the event: Mooncake pie. The talk displayed two perspectives of celebrating the event, indicating that it is widely celebrated in the broader Asian culture.



CHIKU-YU-KAI PERFORMANCE

While one purpose of the Global Café is to encourage intercultural exchange, it also promotes Japanese culture to the benefit of our international students. On October 10th, the Kagawa University Traditional Music Club performed Chiku-yu-kai'. Club members played Japanese instruments in front of a large audience, and students had the chance to play the Koto!

PRESENTATION CONTEST

The 10th annual English Presentation Contest will take place on December 15th, at the Olive Square Multipurpose Hall. The topic of the presentation is "What is a Good Job?" This topic can be interpreted in different ways, and it is up to the presenter which viewpoint they wish to explore. Interested students should visit the Global Café



2023 presentation contest awards ceremony



STUDY ABROAD EXPERIENCE

Three students who returned from studying at two universities, Chiang Mai University in Thailand and Aletheia University in Taiwan, shared their experiences. Among many interesting points and stories, they all agreed that studying in another country is a horizon-broadening experience that opened them up to new adventures and was an advantage when job hunting.

LANGUAGE AND CULTURE CLASSES

The Global Café continues to offer a variety of classes throughout the week. Topic-based classes held in English includes Discussing Current Events and World News, Ancient Egypt: Pyramids and Mummies, Japanese Literature in English and The History of british Pop Music. Skills-based English classes such as English Presentation, TOEIC Speaking and Writing and English Conversation are also being run. Beginner language classes in Spanish and Chinese are also offered, as well as pop-up Finnish classes.

ENGLISH HAIKU CONTEST

All staff and students are eligible to join. Deadline for submission is November 17 at 6pm and winners will be announced in early December.



Find all event information!

Find us online!

