

Kagawa University Global Café Newsletter

Greetings from Global Café. We offer yearly cultural and educational events in cooperation with the International Office and I.C.E.S. (the Inter-Cultural Exchange Society) Here are a few words about the wonderful things we did together.



11th English Presentation Contest

We hosted the 11th English presentation contest and the theme was “The Future I want”. The presentations were intriguing, full of passion and innovative thinking. Here are the laureates:

Restricted Level:

1st - Mariko Taguchi, 2nd year, Medicine.

Open level:

1st - Ibuki Oue, 1st year, Medicine.

2nd - Yushan Guo, Exchange student.

2nd - Kokona Tanaka, 3rd year, Agriculture.

3rd - Yuya Okazaki, 2nd year, Education.

3rd - Haruka Kawamura, 1st year Medicine.

The 7th Haiku Contest where the format was to write an English Haiku. They are a little less restrictive but are a good introduction to one of the treasures of Japanese literature:



Picture of the winners of the Haiku Contest (above) as well as the article about the **First Prize work** published in *The Asahi Shimbun* (right).



Yumi Miyashita won the 7th Annual English Haiku Contest at Kagawa University. Judges praised the work of the fifth-year medical student for sharing a real story in a “vivid, powerful, and memorable haiku” which strikes at all our senses.

Blood pumping from the bag
Like drums calling out her name
She is meant to live

Second Prize:

On my way home
preventing my steps
ginkgo bombs

Kaito Yamamoto, 3rd year, Education.

Third Prize:

In the quiet dusk
mirrored on the water surface
my autumn shadow

Hayato Kinoshita, 1st year, Law.

There were several honorable mentions as well, which can be found on the campus website.

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Autumn 2025 Classes & Events at the Global Café



Ancient Egypt by Gudelia Garcia: One advantage of Global Café is that students can enjoy a meal while studying. A perfect example is the **Ancient Egypt** lunchtime class. It features a visually rich introduction to Ancient Egyptian history, contextualized vocabulary, reading activities, and speaking practice. Videos are used throughout the lesson to support comprehension. This integrated approach helps students remain engaged while developing both their historical knowledge and English skills.



Exchange with Finland: We received 10 high school students from Finland for the 2nd time. We had exchanges about the geology of Finland and that of Kagawa delivered by students from Finland and Professor Hasegawa. We discussed our respective cultures Uemura-sensei shared her experience in Finland. And had a very productive exchange about youth entrepreneurship. We introduced our budding Entrepreneurship Club. Our guests from Finland introduced us to the Slush Event, which is one of “the largest founder focused event on the planet”.

Events by the student initiative: I.C.E.S. (Inter-Cultural Exchange Society) organized both the welcome party last Fall but also the “End of Year Party”. Feel free to participate in their next event.



The Global Café Spring 2026 Classes

Time	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
10:30 - 11:30					
12:10 - 12:50	誰でも大歓迎！英語でおしゃべりしながらランチを食べよう！ English Lunch	「古代エジプト」 Ancient Egypt: Pyramids and Mummies (G Garcia Fernandez)		『TOEIC Speaking対策講座』 *Hybrid (G McCrohan)	『TOEIC Speaking対策講座』 (J Hanks)
13:10 - 14:10	「日本文化を見せて伝えよう」 Japanese Culture Show & Tell (A Brod)	英語で学ぶ「初級スペイン語」 Spanish for Beginners (G Garcia Fernandez)			13:00~14:00 『日常英会話』 English Conversation (J Hanks)
14:50 - 15:50	「台湾の毎日:文化と暮らしのプチガイド」 Everyday Taiwan: A Brief Cultural Guide (Y Wu)			中国語で学ぶ「上級中国語」 Advanced Chinese (張 麗 先生)	
16:00 - 17:00	★★★★★ 上級 / Advanced (TOEIC 780+) ★★★★☆ 中上級 / Post-Intermediate (TOEIC 550+) ★★★☆☆ 中級 / Intermediate (TOEIC 500<) ★☆☆☆☆ 初級 / Elementary			*16:20-17:00 『留学生から学ぶ 日本と世界のつながり』 Connecting Japan and the World: Insights from International Students (Y Takigawa)	

Join our classes

