



MULTICULTURAL EXCHANGE ACTIVITIES

As we move toward a new academic year, the autumn/winter semester has hosted an exciting array of events for all students at Kagawa University. The autumn semester began with "Meet and greet with Luke-sensei and Wu-sensei" and concluded with the A-Capella singing circle performing at the Global Café. Presentation and Haiku Contests were held, and international students from around the world shared their home cultures through talks and interactions. Countries represented by these talks were Brunei, China, Malawi, Pakistan, Taiwan, Vietnam, Thailand and South Korea. An end of year party was held and organised by the Inter-Cultural Exchange Society (ICES).

Various language and cultural classes were offered to students of all levels, from conversational English to ancient Egypt's pyramids and mummies. Also, teachers and students from Munkkiniemi yhteiskoulu high school visited from Finland to learn about Japan and share information about Finnish education and culture. The class "Japanese Current Affairs a" with the Global Café organised a field trip to Ritsurin Garden and a hiking trip to Yashima for international students to gain insight into local Kagawa culture.

Above all, the Global Café offered a hub of intercultural exchange as students from Japan and around the world visited the social space and enjoyed opportunities to talk with each other. The Global Café offers vast chances for students to take extra language and culture classes, practice their language skills and make lifelong friends from the international community.



CONTESTS AT THE GLOBAL CAFÉ

PRESENTATION CONTEST

The 10th annual English Presentation Contest took on December 15th, at the Olive Square Multipurpose Hall. The topic of the presentation was **"What is a Good Job?"** 23 students participated in the contest, offering unique perspectives on the topic. The contest was divided into two groups: 'open level' for all and 'restricted level' for undergraduates with a TOEIC score of 550 or lower. The open level contest was won by Yuki Taira, a 1st year Medicine student who spoke about 'the recipe for a good job', and the restricted level contest was won by 1st year Education student Yuya Okazaki who spoke about 'a lasting memory' of volunteer work.



Winners

Open

- 1 TAIRA Yuki
- 2 KITAURA Suzuha
- 3 ADACHI Misora
- 3 TANAKA Kokona

Restricted

- 1 OKAZAKI Yuya
- 2 MURO Sakura
- 3 UEHARA Koime

HAIKU CONTEST

Winners of the 6th English Haiku Contest were announced during an awards ceremony held on December 16th 2024. All entries offered evocative expressions of brief moments in each author's life, though three entries particularly stood out as excellent examples of the craft.



First place:

**on the way home,
where are you?**

Orange Osmanthus

— Misaki Sugimoto, 3rd year, Medicine



Second place:

**winter night
we are far away
looking at the same moon**

— Aina Murakami, 3rd year, Education



Third place:

**the taste of pasta-
heart embraced by love and warmth,
regardless of shape**

— Ronnie Racimo, 2nd year, Economics



CLASSES 2025 SPRING AT THE GLOBAL CAFÉ

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」 (G McCrohan)		★★★★ 「TOEIC Speaking対策講座」 (J Hankins)
13:10 - 14:10	「世界のニュースを知ろう」 Discussing Current Events and World News (D Billa) ★★★★★	英語で学ぶ「初級スペイン語」★ Spanish for Beginners (G Garcia Fernandez)	「英語ラジオ講座活用」★ Let's learn English by using radio programs (Y Takigawa)		13:00~14:00 ★ 「日常英会話」 English Conversation (J Hankins)
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) ★		「英語で折り紙」★ Modern Origami (A Brod)		
16:20 - 17:00	★★★★★ 上級 / Advanced (TOEIC 780+) ★★★★★ 中上級 / Post-Intermediate (TOEIC 550+) ★★★★ 中級 / Intermediate (TOEIC 500+) ★★★ 初級 / Elementary			「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)	16:20~17:20 中国語で学ぶ「上級中国語」 Advanced Chinese (胡 冠民先生)



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