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President



It was a true honour to serve as the 51st president of KUFSA, from April 2019 to March 2020. I had a wonderful executive committee, with many energetic, dedicated and hard-working members. Despite the many bumps along the road, we've overcome our challenges together to organize and collaborate on numerous events and make it to the end of the tenure. Internally, we've made many changes in order to create better organization and efficiency for the future tenures. Finally, I believe we've selected a great team, with a solid management board and promising members for the next tenure as well. It was a pleasure serving KUFSA for this tenure and I eagerly look forward to the future of KUFSA for the next.

-- Raad Asif

Creativity & Innovation Department Coordinator



In the past year, as the coordinator of creativity & Innovation department, my most important duty is to give right tasks to our department members. First, ensure the pre-stage advertisement works of each events goes smoothly. Second, arrange the whole year four volumes magazine design and editing, including photo contest winner selection. Third, organize merchandise design, selling, reservation, delivery, and etc. This year we have amazing teammates from different countries I have known many friends who have amazing collaboration skills and different culture background which teaching me leader manners, design management, culture diversities and how to collaborate with others in an international working atmosphere. Here I want to express my deep gratitude to my team members for their support for our whole year department works, and Kufsa members for their love and enthusiasm for our activities and events. It is a really precious experience for me.

-- Yuqi Liu

Travel Department Coordinator



This past year we managed to introduce and explore lots of places with our wonderful KUFSA international community as the travel department. We had exciting one-day trips for each season and we also had an amazing excursion to Nagasaki Prefecture for our 2-day summer trip. Overall we got to experience lots of cool places with a diverse group of participants whose smiles and cheerfulness always made our trips enjoyable. For new students and veterans alike we look forward to your continued support as we explore new places in the new academic year.

-- Simon Juba

Culture Department Coordinator



KUFSA culture have done a few big events with the aspiration to create a common ground where international students and Japanese students can blend in and interact as a mean for cultural exchange. We have thoroughly enjoyed this valuable experience of not becoming a bridge between international students with the Japanese community, but also working alongside together with diverse and vibrant community.

-- Romeo Marcel Kurniawan

Sports Department Coordinator



It's time for my End of Year Round-Up! Very exciting! Being Sports C0ordinator this year has been everything that I've wanted and more. From wanting to be Sports C0ordinator at KUFSA to now, I have had a truly remarkable journey that has built me up as an individual. Moreover, working with my incredible 'Sports Team' this year has made the process so much more enjoyable. This year, we have successfully organized five major tournaments, e.g., Badminton, Bowling, Billiard, Table Tennis and Football. Noteworthy, Billiard is introduced for the first time in KUFSA history and we have received massive acceptance from the participants. Also, the number of participants is increased significantly than in the previous year. My job has been made so much easier by the fact that I work with you as such a passionate, dedicated and talented group of individuals! There hasn't been a single event that we haven't laughed at something and the boys have become lifelong friends.

-- Sampad Ghosh

Junghwan Kang

I hope the students in Kyushu University are enjoying a relax moment in this recess nowadays. In this period, most of the Japanese schools and universities are still in recess that some new students are enjoying their free time and some are preparing for the new semester. Similar to Japan, March is the month which we greet our new students and the start of the new school year in South Korea. Since it is a holiday season, I would like to recommend you to travel South Korea!



Four Seasons

As you may have noticed that South Korea is close to Japan, the climate is almost the same. Therefore, we have distinct cold and hot seasons in one year. These directly lead to have many entertainments and events. Enjoying both summer sports and winter sports is available. Plus, you can also see various kinds of beautiful flowers bloom in the spring season as well as the red maple and yellow ginkgo leaves in the fall season. Better take many pictures!



Convenience

From the major cities like Seoul and Busan, you can easily visit historical places, theme parks and entertaining spots. South Korea is known to have convenient transportation systems which are cheap and easy to reach. Most of the public places are covered by free Wi-Fi which is useful for travelers to look for attractions. When you want to travel without a stressful journey, South Korea would be one of your best choice!

Attractions

Since South Korea is relatively small, surrounded by sea and consists of mountainous areas, you can reach everywhere within 2 hours. Swimming at beaches and hiking would be perfect for a summer activity, ski resorts and an outdoor skating would be good experience for winter sports. Historical places with variety of foods are suitable to feel the Korean culture. Moreover, entertainments such as theme parks and arcades will fulfill for those who want to experience the modern Korean culture. Like this, South Korea has both oriental and modern aspects coexist in Korean culture. And don't forget about K-DRAMA and K-POP!



Uprising Spring

Worapol Ketanond



The sunset time is getting slower. It is telling you the new season is uprising, spring.

Needless to say, Cherry blossom, also known by Japanese name '**Sakura**', remarks the coming of spring. This means a lot for Japanese as a remark of the new tenure, new education, or start of a new life.

For those who can't wait to see the full bloom Cherry blossom in Fukuoka, here are some advices.

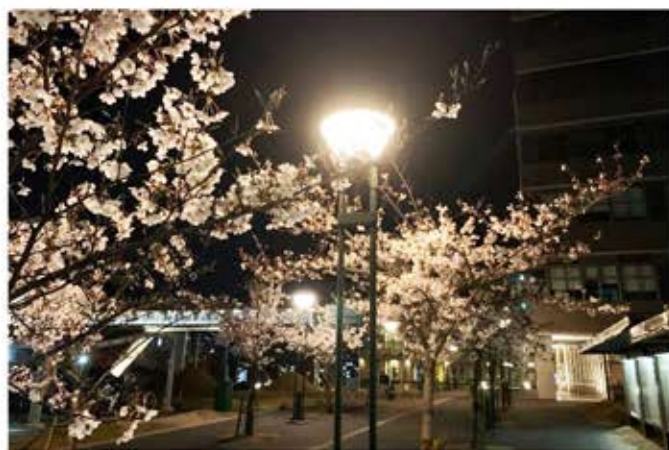
I first came to Fukuoka 2 years ago, and visited Fukuoka castle ruins (福岡城跡) and Maizuru park (舞鶴公園), near Akasaka station, this was a place where I first watch Cherry blossoms in Fukuoka.



Blooming flowers can be seen along the route you climb up to the top of the ruins where main castle was there. You can also enjoy Fukuoka city view from there.

In the full bloom season, there will be outdoor events in Maizuru park. You can spend half a day here at the Fukuoka's largest green zone in a warm and sunny day.

The next place to see blooming **Sakura** is Kyushu University Ito campus. Generally speaking, Ito campus was only built 15 years ago. Cherry blossoms were given to lay down in the new campus. You can mostly spot them in Center zone. (some in front of Shiki hall)



👉 Cherry blossoms at night near Center zone 1

In 2018 when Ito campus was completely finished, they also plant baby Cherry blossoms near the entrance of the campus. Those Cherry blossoms are too young to see full bloom blossom, but they are expected to grow up in a few ten years, and last as a symbol of Ito campus for tens or hundreds of years.

At last, here are some facts about Cherry blossom.

There are many different breeds, which results in different colors or even period of blooming. The most popular breed is called "Someiyoshino" (Cherry blossoms in Kyudai are mostly this breed.) The color of Someiyoshino is light pink to white, and full bloom period lasts until early April, which is also a period when Japanese starts their new tenure, new school, and new life. That is the reason why Cherry blossoms is important to Japanese.

Hope you enjoy your new life in this new spring, and don't forget to take a snapshot with some full bloom **Sakura**!

International Year End Party | *IYEP 2019*



On 22nd December 2019, KUFSA had held one of its biggest annual event of International Year End Party, or IYEP 2019. In this auspicious event, 140 guests of more than 40 different nationalities had gathered to celebrate the end of 2019 together. To blur the wall that separate people together into various communities, we had served diverse cuisine ranging from Japanese, Indian, Chinese and vegetarian which reflect on the rich dynamic of communities' culture in Kyushu University. Through food, guests had been able to introduce culture more engagingly and vividly. Moreover, performances of modern hip hop by ATP Kyushu University Dance circle and traditional Japanese Taiko by Hanakoshu (花鼓周), guests were able to experience Japanese culture while traversing through time. Additionally, the games prepared of team number games and pillow fight allow guests to break the ice between them and able to interact more freely without being bound by their differences. By the end of the events, through all of these, we had successfully enrich the guests experience to close the chapter of their life in 2019 with high notes.



While IYEP served as an integration of both international and Japanese community, it also a chance for us KUFSA 2019 tenure to thank you for the support of our sponsors and students such that KUFSA is still standing until this day. At the same time, it was also a chance to express deep gratitude and closing of KUFSA tenure of 2019 to have become the backbone for the organisation to continue its growth in Kyushu University community. With that being said, it is with great pleasure to announce of KUFSA 2020 presidents, Shota Deguchi! Once again thank sponsors, students and KUFSA tenure 2019, please continue to support us as well in 2020!



KU Starter Guide

All you need to get yourself started on the right foot!



Congratulations on making it to Kyudai! Now what?

Starting a new life in a foreign land, no matter how exciting it is, can be a bit tiring, if not confusing. Here we offer tips to make the transition more fun and less stressful, and your stay more enjoyable!

First things first, it is important to do all the necessary paperwork related to your residence, bank account, health insurance and dorm payments. This will ensure there will be no complications going forward. There should also be student supporters who are there to help you with translations and all the necessary steps to get the documents sorted out.

The next step is to get a decent bicycle. In Japan, a bicycle can get you almost anywhere, provided that you are willing to get healthier (surprise, surprise!). It is true that public transport is quite accessible from the dormitories, but having a bicycle makes it all easier and much more convenient to get around town anytime, anywhere.

And lastly, learning Japanese, or at least knowing basic Japanese phrases can make your life so much better. We strongly suggest that you take up basic classes, as it can help with not only daily life, but also making new friends! :) P.S., on the left we provide some organizations that can help you out with getting involved in activities at campus.

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RESIDENCE DOCUMENTS

Health insurance, bank account, dorm, water & electricity bills

2

GET A BIKE!

Decent price, good enough to go around (1st or 2nd-hand ok!)

3

LEARNING JAPANESE

Classes offered in the curriculum, or taught by volunteers



QMate, a student support organization

They are here to help with anything student life-related!



KUIFA

They have several events for both international and Japanese students!



And of course, KUFSA! ;)

Sign up to our newsletter here: kufsa_news@googlegroups.com

KUFSA WINTER TRIP YUFUIN

Jan 11, 2020



A group of 100 excited participants left from various Kyushu University campuses to start the trip to Yufuin, in Oita Prefecture. The first destination was the beautiful town of Yufuin itself, where we first visited Kinrin Lake. The name Kinrin Lake came from the marvelous golden fish which can be spotted swimming in the lake.

We then headed over to the 3D Trick Art Museum, where we were able to dress up in various costumes and take pictures in various illusion art pieces that are displayed in the museum.



After that, we had some time to roam the streets of Yufuin freely, exploring all the small shops and museums that decorate the streets around Yunotsubo Street. We came across some famous foods from the area, such as golden croquettes and chicken tempura, amongst others.



Later in the afternoon, we went to the Takasakiyama Natural Zoological Garden in Oita City. There, we were able to witness a myriad of monkeys living in their natural habitat around the mountainside, and they were just absolutely adorable. To conclude the trip, we made a final stop at the Sagiridai Overlook, a rest area overlooking the town of Yufuin. The view of the town and the surrounding mountains from up there was amazing, and all in all, we managed to have an amazing & awesome day.



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KUFSA TENURE 2019-2020 MEMBERS

From top-left
Clockwise

Weilin, Amal, Aditya, Rahman, Romeo, Shouman, Ghosh, Worapol, Tiago, Yicheng, Junghwan, Hossain, Son, Ingrid, Natanael, Simon, Ajay, Volana, Reynaldo, Van, Moe, Tomoe, Natsumi, Ceasar, Jihed, Raad, Yuki

KUFSA PHOTO CONTEST WINNER



I'm Isabella from Faculty of Science. 4-year ago I came to Kyushu University and meet KUFSA Family. I made so many friends and had many perfect experiences here. Still gonna stay here for 5 years and looking forward to more stories with u all. It was autumn trip and we went to see the Red-leaves in Saga. It was really wonderful experience.

— @ Isabella, Twitter



It's persimmon o'clock! Picking and eating fresh fruits became one of my favorite activities since I came to Japan. Well, those persimmons look too good to be eaten, and yes they were very sweet. If you like traveling and exploring just leave it to the best, KUFSA!

— @ Jumana, Instagram



I'm Honey Lynn Lynn, D1 Ph.d student, Faculty of Agriculture. I come from Myanmar. It was my very first trip in KUFSA and also in Japan. I enjoyed a lot and took a photo in remained village from Yayoi period(2000 years ago).

— @ Honey Lynn Lynn, Facebook

"To promote the well being of international students at Kyushu University, supporting the interaction and understanding between international and Japanese students". We, KUFSA, have been carrying this mission and goal forward all the time. To enrich your life as an overseas student at Kyushu University in Japan, this year we have also brought many travel, sports and cultural activities. The following is our calendar of events from 2019 to 2020. You can read it carefully. And make sure that you don't miss any wonderful and amazing moments. Join us ! Looking forward to seeing you in our future events, lets have fun and make valuable memory together!



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