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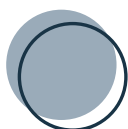
CLUB

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"Come and join us!" clubs and circles beckon



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Let's join clubs and circles!

University life outside the classroom gives students an opportunity to not only broaden their horizons but also to develop a greater range of multifaceted interests. To this end, there are over 100 clubs and circles on campus that enrich the social and cultural understanding of Kyushu University students, influencing a wider community and ultimately contributing to the internationalization of the university.



1 Introduction



In general, "clubs" are officially supported by the university, and hence, are charged with the mission of representing the university in outside tournaments, competitions, and contests. With that aim in mind, "clubs" tightly organize their activities and practices. Therefore, their activities are more competitive compared to those of "circles".

On the other hand, a "circle" is an organization of students that aims to develop a mutual interest among its members. Therefore, circle activities and practices are more relaxed, and the schedule is more flexible.

What is the difference between clubs and circles?



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Key Information

1. Senpai-Kohai System

A Confucian value that defines Japanese club culture is called the "senpai-kohai system". Senpai can be translated as "senior", while kohai is "junior". This system is a two-way relationship; the senpai is expected to mentor the kohai and take responsibility for their performances, while the kohai is expected to show more respect and behave more politely when senpais are around. An example of this system can be easily spotted at drinking parties and gatherings where kohai pours senpai's beers and senpai usually gives more treats financially.

2. Membership Fee

Club or circle members are sometimes expected to pay a membership fee, which is used for financing the activities or to run the club/circle community. This fee varies between clubs/circles and ranges between 2,000 - 5,000 yen per month.



2 Things to know

How to Join Clubs and Circles

1. Contacting a desired club

Once you have found a club you are interested in and their contact email address/SNS account, the next step would be to send them an email/message stating your intention to join. Club managers and circle members usually understand messages written in English; however, writing in simple Japanese may get you more attention. A sample email written in Japanese followed by an English translation is on the next page. In this email, a freshman named Tom is sending an email to a circle called "KUIFA".



2. Go and participate in their activities

Usually from April to May, clubs/circles welcome new students to discover their activities without an appointment.

If you find information about welcome events for new students or a trial period on their social media or website, you can go to the site and join them without sending them a message in advance.

< Sample Email >

Subject:
活動参加希望 トム

Body:
KUIFA様
はじめまして。
私は、九州大学に留学生としてきている、工学部1年のトムです。

この度は、Kyusyu University Student Clubs and Circle Guidebookを見て、KUIFAに興味をもったのでご連絡しました。一度KUIFAの活動に参加したいのですが、いつどこに行けばいいでしょうか。
お返事をお待ちしています。

なお、私は日本語があまり得意ではないので、英語ができる方がいれば英語でお返事をいただけると嬉しいです。
よろしく願います。

トム
九州大学工学部1年
メール: iamtom@tomtom.jp
電話番号: 000-111-2222

< English Translation >
Subject
Joining KUIFA, Tom

Body:
Hello,

My name is Tom, a B1 international student at the School of Engineering at Kyushu University.

I am sending this email because I found KUIFA in the Kyushu University Student Clubs and Circles guidebook, which made me very interested in your activities.

I would like to participate in KUIFA activities once and would appreciate it if you could tell me when and where I can go.

If possible, I would like to get a reply in English because my Japanese is not so good.
Looking forward to hearing from you.

Best Regard,

Tom
School of Engineering at Kyushu University, B1
Email: iamtom@tomtom.jp
Phone number: 000-111-2222

3 Words to know

先輩 (Senpai)

"Seniors." Someone who is older in age or grade.

後輩 (Kohai)

"Juniors." Someone who is younger in age or grade.

敬語 (Keigo)

"Honorific speech." A respectful way of speaking from kohai to senpai, coaches and teachers.

新歓 (Shinkan)

"A welcome event." A welcome party or event for new club members.

飲み会 (Nomikai)

"A drinking party"

打ち上げ (Uchiage)

"A celebration party." Usually with drinking.

おごり (Ogori)

To treat someone. It is more common for a "Senpai" to treat a "Kohai."



合宿 (Gasshuku)

"Training camp"

遠征試合 (Ensei Shiai)

"An away match"

監督 (Kantoku)

"Head coach"

マネージャー (Manager)

A club member who is in charge of taking care of equipment, members' fitness, performance records, etc.

インカレサークル (In-kare Circle)

"Inter-college circle." A circle that consists of members from several different universities.



※Joining a club or circle is not only about participating in a particular sport or art. Becoming a member allows you to learn more about and practice the Japanese language and culture by following many traditions and experiencing intense yet fun senpai-kohai relationships!

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Animation- Research-Circle



Hello! This is the animation research circle, we talk about anime, manga and other Otaku interests. We watch anime and play games in our clubroom. If you're interested, please come along!

 q.aniken@gmail.com
 @q_aniken

ASHIHARA-KARATE

You ever heard of karate? Karate is Japanese traditional martial arts.

Joining in our club will help you grow mentally and physically.

International students are also enrolled.

Let's practice together!

 kyushu.u.ashihara@gmail.com
 @ashihara2022



BluePlanche

Hello, we are windsurfing circle called blue planche. We practice on the beach, which is about 20min ride by bike from Ito campus. There are shared equipment to use. It's so fun! See you on the ocean!

 blueplanche@gmail.com
 blueplanche_gram



Calligraphy Club

Hello there! We practice calligraphy and create works once or twice a week in a Japanese-style room in Extracurricular Activity Facility II. We also do calligraphy performances at school festivals. Please enjoy calligraphy with us!

✉ kyudai_shodo@hotmail.com 🐦 @kyudaishodo
📷 @kyudaishodo



Car Club

Hello there! This is a car club. Our main activities are preparing the cars and participating in motorsports such as gymkhana, dirt trail, and rally. Let's enjoy driving and fiddling with cars together!

✉ qucc.org@gmail.com 🐦 @qucc_official
📷 @qucc_official

CHANCE

Hello! This is a volunteer circle for elementary school students. Our concept is to encourage local elementary school students to think about their "dreams for the future". If you like playing with kids, please join us!

✉ chance.tsunagari@gmail.com
📷 [chance_qed](#) 🐦 @CHANCE_QED



Equestrian

We are the equestrian club of Kyushu University. Our main activities are riding and taking care of five horses. The club members participate in practice on Saturdays and Sundays, and two or three days a week.

✉ qdaibazyutubu@gmail.com
🐦 @QunivUmabu

ETOILES

Hello everyone! We are the cheerleading club "ETOILES" We perform at cheerleading competitions, festivals, and in support of other clubs' games. Join us, enjoy cheerleading, and have a full, complete campus life!

✉ kyushuuniversity.etoiles@gmail.com

📷 [etoiles_cheer](https://www.instagram.com/etoiles_cheer) 🐦 [@etoiles_cheer](https://twitter.com/etoiles_cheer)



Geoscience Research Club

Hello there! This is a circle which does various activities related to geoscience, including astronomy, minerals, fossils, and weather. Let's enjoy geoscience together!

✉ chicken.information@gmail.com

📷 [qu_chiken](https://www.instagram.com/qu_chiken) 🐦 [@Q_chiken](https://twitter.com/Q_chiken)



gymnastics club

Hello! We are a gymnastics club. We practice on Wednesdays, Fridays, Sundays at the gym. Our goal is to win the Seven Universities Athletic meet. If you are interested in gymnastics, please join us!!

📷 [kyushu_univ_gymsta](https://www.instagram.com/kyushu_univ_gymsta)



ice hockey

Hello, this is an ice hockey club. We have 4 fourth graders, 18 second graders and 15 first graders. Of course, we are all beginners!! So, welcome to join us even if only slightly you care.

📷 [kyushu_icehockey](https://www.instagram.com/kyushu_icehockey) 🐦 [@Quni_icehockey](https://twitter.com/Quni_icehockey)



iTOP

Members, those who aim for community development and local revitalization are taking on a variety of challenges in iTOP.

We are creating opportunities to bring students and local people together in Itoshima, Fukuoka.

✉ itopitoshima02@gmail.com

🐦 [@qucc_official](https://twitter.com/qucc_official)



jazzclub

We play a wide range of jazz genres. We have a big band and many small bands. We also have international students on our roster. Let's get to know each other through jazz!

✉ kyushu_jazz55@gmail.com

📷 [qjazz_rhythmsociety](https://www.instagram.com/qjazz_rhythmsociety) 🐦 [@kyudaijazzken](https://twitter.com/kyudaijazzken)

Judo

Why don't you play Judo? You can learn the techniques of throwing, choking, and joint-locking. We have no club expenses. Please feel free to join us. Let's spend a lit life together.

✉ kyudaijudo2016@gmail.com

📷 [kyudai_judo](https://www.instagram.com/kyudai_judo) 🐦 [@kyudaijudo](https://twitter.com/kyudaijudo)



Juggling Club (9JUC)

We are juggling circle at Kyushu University. Juggling is so much fun! It will be your lifelong hobby! Let's play juggling with us!

✉ 9juc.kyushu.1@gmail.com

📷 [ninejuc](https://www.instagram.com/ninejuc) 🐦 [@ninejuc](https://twitter.com/ninejuc)

kapuamakana

Aloha! This is a hula dance circle: a Hawaiian dance. We wear Hawaiian costumes and perform at events! We used to have international students as a member, so don't worry. Let's dance with us!

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📷 [kapuamakana.kyudai](https://www.instagram.com/kapuamakana.kyudai)



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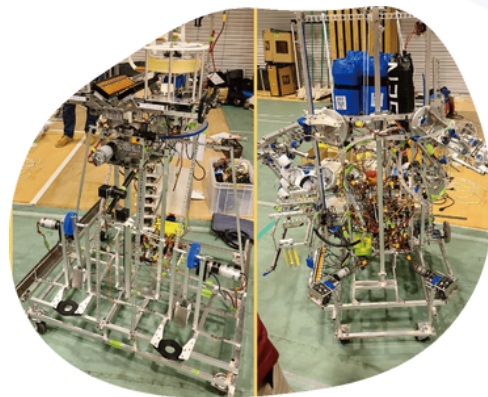
Hello ! This is a kendo club where students practice Kendo . Kendo practice is so hard that we can't recommend that you easily try Kendo. However, if you have an interest , you should join us!



KURT

KURT is a robotics competition team. We work hard and have fun building robots for various competitions and events. Why don't you join us at KURT and try your hand at making things?

✉ kurt.9dai@gmail.com
🐦 @kurt_Qdai



Kyushu- University- Humanoid-Project

This is a robot production circle. We mainly produce biped walking robots. You can learn how to build and how to move robots by programming. It's a lot of fun, so let's join us!

✉ humanoid.9dai@gmail.com
🐦 @QUHP_9dai



Kyushu University Birdman Team

Hello everyone! This is a Birdman Team where students make a hand-made glider. We are building our glider every day for the "Japan International Birdman Rally" held every summer. Humanities students are also welcome!

✉ q-birdman@hotmail.co.jp 🐦 @Q_birdman
📷 [q_birdman](#)



Kyushu University Chor Akademie

This is a male chorus, usually singing simple, beautiful songs like canons, hymns and so on. More than 300 songs we sing a year!!
Join us and sing!!

✉ KCA_official@chor-akademie.net
🐦 @KCA_information



Legal Research Circle

In the Legal Research Circle, we have discussions about laws. The content is difficult, but it is very rewarding when circle members discuss and find a satisfactory answer.

🌐 <https://kyudaisoudan.web.fc2.com/index.html>
🐦 @QU_hoso



men's lacrosse club

This is a men's lacrosse club. We practice on Ito Campus. Our goal is to win the first prize in Japan. Everyone in the club plays lacrosse seriously. We are looking forward to meeting you.

📷 [ballena_kyushu](#) 🐦 @ballena_lax



Ouendan

We are Ouendan, a Japanese traditional style cheerleading team. We mainly go to cheer the baseball games, lacrosse games, rugby games, and so on. In addition, we have special stages to show our dance, too.



✉ qdai.endan@gmail.com 🐦 @qdai_endan

📷 @qdqi_endan

Philharmonic Orchestra

Do you like classical music? If you like, let's enjoy orchestra with us!! We practice for the concert that is held twice a year. We welcome you!!



✉ qdaiphil@gmail.com

📷 @kyudaiphil 🐦 @quphil_official

QART

This is an art club whose members like drawing, painting, sculpturing, paper-cutting, etc. We hold exhibitions for three times a year, and enjoy croquis together twice a week. We welcome whoever are interested in art!



✉ k-artclub@live.jp 🐦 @Qartclub

QESS

Hello! This is Q.E.S.S (Kyushu University English Speaking Society). Q.E.S.S is divided into 4 sections, speech, debating, guide and drama. If you are interested in our club, please contact us!!



✉ qu.english.speaking.society@gmail.com

🐦 @qu_ess

QUCC

Hello there! This is QUCC, Kyushu University Cycling Club. We ride our road bikes every Wednesday. And we regularly organize various long-distance riding events. Come to join us and enjoy road biking with us!

✉ info.qucc@gmail.com

📷 qucc.cycling 🐦 @qucc_2022



Rakugo Club

What is Rakugo? It is a 400-year-old tradition of comic storytelling in Japan. A minimalistic performance art, Rakugo features alone storyteller dressed in kimono, kneeling on a cushion. Enjoy Japanese culture with us!

✉ kyushu.ochiken@gmail.com

📷 @kyudai_ochiken 🐦 @Kyushu_Ochiken

ScienceFictionClub

Science fiction, movies, novels, manga, anime, games, SFX, robots, TCG...

This is a place where people who like a wide variety of subcultures can interact with each other!

✉ qsfcomm@gmail.com

🐦 @_Q_S_F_



soccerclub

Hi! We practice soccer on Tuesdays, Wednesdays, Fridays and weekends. Some international students play soccer with us currently. So please contact us if you are interested! We look forward to playing soccer with you!

✉ kyushudaigakufc2012@gmail.com

📷 kyudaisoccer_official 🐦 @kyushu_univ_fc

Softtennis

Hello! We are a soft tennis club. We usually play tennis on the tennis courts in the center zone of the Ito Campus. Please come and see it once!

✉ 9dai.softtennis@gmail.com

📷 [9dai.softtennis](#) 🐦 [@9daiSofttennis](#)



Wadaiko-Kakyou

Hello there! We are a Japanese Drum circle. We play Japanese Drum in Kyushu University festival or local festivals near Kyushu University. It's a lot of fun! Let's play Japanese drum together!

✉ kyudaiwadaiko.kakyou@gmail.com

🐦 [@kyudai_wadaiko](#)



Wandervogel

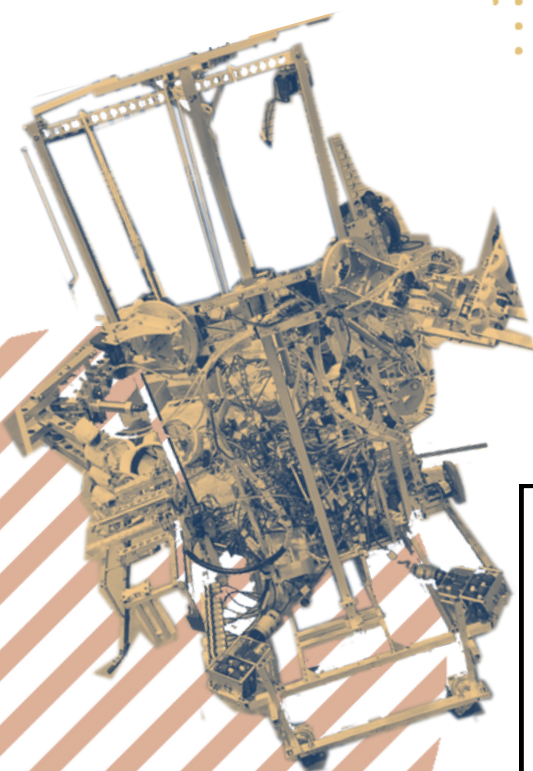
Hello! We do trekking, hiking and cycling. We often climb mountains in Fukuoka City and Kyushu, but in summer we also go on expeditions to the Japanese Alps. Let's climb mountains with us!

✉ q_wander_vogel@yahoo.co.jp

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※ Not everything is listed here.



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This guide book was made by SCIKyu (Student Committee for the Internationalization of Kyushu University), an official committee set up by the university to contribute to the internationalization through students' initiatives.

We hope this guidebook will be of help for international students in Kyushu University.

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