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"Come and join us!" clubs and circles beckon



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Let's join clubs and circles!

The university life outside of the classroom setting gives you, student, the opportunity to not only broaden your horizons, but also to develop more multifaceted interests. As of today, gathering Kyushu University students that are from different backgrounds, there are over 100 clubs and circles on campus that can contribute to your immersion in the Japanese culture, along with personal development, to help you impact a wider community, and ultimately contribute to the internationalization of the university.



In general, "clubs" are officially supported by the university, and hence, are charged with the mission of representing the university in external tournaments, competitions, and contests. With that aim in mind, "clubs" tightly organize their activities and practices. Therefore, their activities are more intense 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 club called "Soccer Club".



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:
Soccer Club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、Soccer Clubに興味をもったのでご連絡しました。
一度Soccer Club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。
よろしくお願いします。

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 the Soccer Club, 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 the Soccer Club in the Kyushu University Student Clubs and Circles guidebook, which made me very interested in your activities.

I would like to participate in Soccer Club 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)

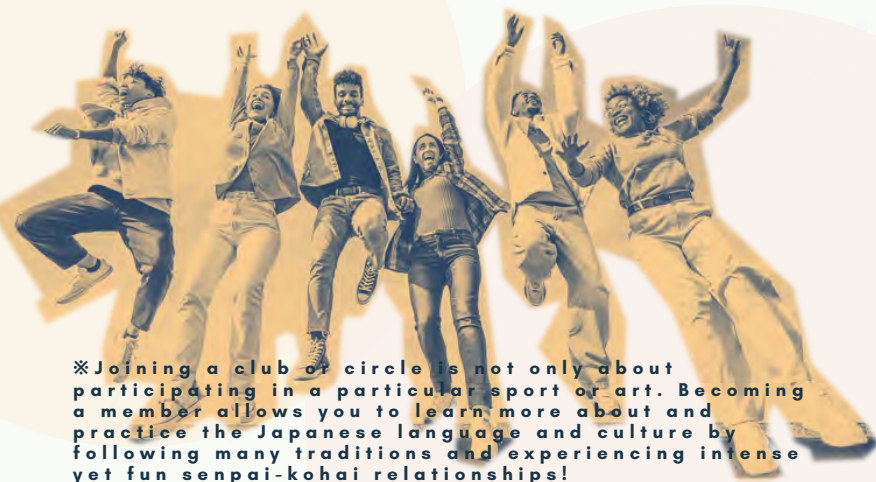
"Head coach"

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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Contact information is for the year 2023. The information may be updated every year, so please check each circle's website or social media directly for the most up-to-date information.

Animation Research Circle

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

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🐦 @q_aniken



ASHIHARA KARATE

Have you ever heard of karate? Karate is a traditional Japanese martial art. Joining our club will help you grow mentally and physically. We also have international students. Come and practice with us!

✉ kyushu.u.ashihara@gmail.com
🐦 @ashihara2022



Blue Planche

Hello, we are a windsurfing circle called blue planche. We practice at 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](https://www.instagram.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!

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 📷 @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!

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 📷 @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 interacting 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 🐦 @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_chicken 🐦 @Q_chicken



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



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 you are just a little bit interested!

📷 kyushu_icehockey 🐦 @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.

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 🐦 @quce_official



Jazz Club

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 🐦 @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 🐦 @kyudaijudo



Juggling Club(9JUC)

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

✉ 9juc.kyushu.1@gmail.com
 📷 @ninejuc 🐦 @ninejuc



Kapua Makana

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!

✉ kyudai.hula@gmail.com 🐦 @kyudaihula
 📷 @kapuamakana.kyudai



Kendo Club

Hello ! This is a kendo club where students practice Kendo . Kendo practice is so hard. However, if you have an interest , you can give it a try!

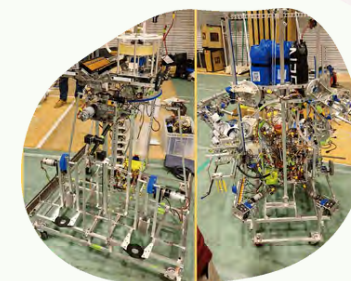
✉ kyushu.university.kendo@gmail.com



KURT

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

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 🐦 @kurt_Qdai



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. Non-scientific course 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. we sing more than 300 songs a year!!
Join us and sing!!

✉ KCA_official@chor-akademie.net

🐦 @KCA_information



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



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 ground. Our goal is to be a semifinalist in Japan lacrosse collegiate championship. We are looking forward to meeting you!

✉ rnntnb112@gmail.com

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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 do, you can enjoy orchestra with us!! We practice for the concert that is held twice a year. You are welcome to join us!!

✉ qdaiphil@gmail.com

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QART

This is an art club whose members like drawing, painting, sculpturing, paper-cutting, etc. We hold exhibitions three times a year, and enjoy croquis together twice a week. We welcome everyone that is 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_2023



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



Science Fiction Club

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_



Soccer Club

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

✉ kyushudaigakufc2012@gmail.com
 📷 kyudaisoccer_official 🐦 @kyushu_univ_fc



Soft Tennis

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 even just once!

✉ 9dai.softtennis@gmail.com
 📷 9dai.softtennis 🐦 @9daiSofttennis



QUSIS (Kyusyu University Startup Innovation Society)

Hello! We're a community of about 60 people who want to start a business, engineers, finance, etc. We welcome international students as well, since about 10 of our club members are currently foreign nationals!

✉ qusis2022@gmail.com
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Syorinji Kempo Kyushu University

Do you know Syorinji? It's a Japanese martial art! Not only you can learn tons of interesting techniques, but also enjoy events like travelling or BBQ with lovely members in our club. Don't hesitate and join us!

📷 @qu_shorinji 🐦 @shorinjiQU



Triathlon GAIA

Hi everyone! We are the triathlon club, GAIA. We are practicing swimming, riding a bicycle and running every day except Fridays. All members do their best to achieve their own goals! Let's have fun together!

📷 @thriathlon_gaia 🐦 @thriatlon_gaia

※Not everything is listed here.

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!

✉ iyudaiwadaiko.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!

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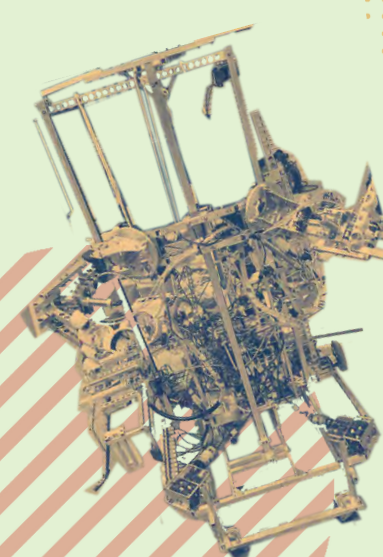


Friends International Work Camp Kyushu(FIWC)

Hello there! This is a volunteer circle
that holds work camps.
Our activities include agricultural
work, educational support,
infrastructure development, and
visits to Hansen's disease
sanatoriums. Let's create the best
memories together!

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