

## ACTIVITIES PLAN

### I. Outline of Kyoto International Students House

1. About a half-century have passed since we obtained permission to establish a corporate body, and since Kyoto International Students House was set up. In 2014, our objective is to convert the foundation to the public-interest foundation. About a thousand students from 80 countries had resided in the House and had experienced precious time. Moreover about three thousand scholars from about 90 countries have used 14 rooms for accommodations which are built aside. The scholars have flourished all around the world from their research and study in Kyoto. The scholars and students had learned the importance of solidarity and caring for other people.
2. Our foundation's objective is "to improve intelligence and virtuousness, and to promote international understanding, cooperation and friendship by assisting with the community lives of students in Kyoto (Article 3 of the constitution)."
3. In the House there are Japanese House-Parents, 34 students and 18 scholars. They are both foreign and domestic. Financial support is required for the administration of the House and for carrying out various activities for students. We have received financial support by as follows:
  - 1) Kyoto city;
  - 2) Lions Club, Soroptimist International of Kyoto-Tachibana and others;
  - 3) Support club, Volunteer groups or persons.

We acknowledge that these contributions are vital both financially and principally for administration.

### II. Projects

In order to achieve the objective we carry out these projects (Article 3 of the constitution) as follows:

1. Institution and administration of international dormitory
2. Introducing customs and circumstances both foreign and domestic, or research, instruction in language, counseling and other supports for study
3. Holding useful activities for friendship or education and amusement, or supplying facilities to them

4. Publishing and distributing books to students
5. The other projects for the objective

○ **Institution and administration of international dormitory**

The Scale of the House

Category	Student' room	Scholar's room	Remarks column
Rooms	34	14	5 twin-rooms are available for scholars.
Charge	30,000 yen a month	54,000 ~ 78,000 yen a month	
Management Fee	2,600 yen a month	Including in the charge	Cooking and shower equipments are available.

Students' applicants for admission shall be invited from the general public two times in a year, in spring and fall. Screening of applicants shall be undertaken by the House Committee.

Applications from scholars can be received at any time, and the House-Father( or House-Mother) is responsible for whether an approval should be given or not. The limit of a scholar's stay is a year from a month and the renewal of the rent contract is required in the sixth month in principle.

○ **Supports for students**

We set a family of scholars or doctors, who have an experience of studying abroad and an interest in international friendship, as the Japanese House-Parents. The House-Parents provide assistance to the students such as counseling or advice on study and so on. The House Committee is composed of scholars or old members (OM), who have an experience of studying abroad and an interest in international friendship. The House Committee supports the House-Parents in the entry interview of the House and it oversees any problems that may happen in the House.

The House-Parents were changed at the beginning of this fiscal year as the result of the commencement of the new system. Under this new system, both new House-Father and Mother are known for the first time as "OM". This letters represent the ancestral influence of House even if the system is changed.

○ **Promotions for friendships, education and entertainment**

In order to introduce customs and circumstances for both foreign and domestic students, and to encourage friendships, education and entertainment for students,

we hold regular activities and special events. These events are described as follows:

1) Regular activities

1. We divide a year into two semesters and assign residents to each semester: a team is organized by representatives of the students (chairman, vice chairman, clerk and accountant and so on) and the House-Parents. Students cultivate friendship and cooperation and enhance their understanding through activities of autonomy. The objective is to ensure that students realize the essence of community life and to contribute to the smooth administration of the House. Residents shall set tasks and jobs for the House (Job: such as Common Meal Toban) or Tobans for each event, and participate in administration. It is through these experiences that residents practice the principles and idea of the House.
2. The Team Meeting (for the Team) and the House Meeting (for all residents and the House-Parents) are held once a week. The aim is to discuss problems of life and the autonomy of the House with the House-Parents. In addition, a dinner party (Common Meal) is held for interaction between students and residents.

2) Activities for overseas students that are subsidized by Kyoto city

1. Common meals on Friday, two times a month, with all residents (scholars also participate) and staffs.
2. Short trips in spring and fall with all residents (scholars can participate), the House-Parents and staffs in order to experience Japanese culture, cultural properties, religion and customs
3. Seminars are held approximately twice a year by scholars, persons of culture, OM or the other eligibles for residents in the vicinities.
4. International Food Festival is held once a year in the first semester to socialize through food.
5. Thanks Giving Day is held once a year in the second semester to express gratitude toward the contributors to the House.

3) The Other activities

1. Sports Day in the House. In addition to this, we hold one more Sports event with others dormitories for overseas students.
2. Dance Party and participation in University Festival for interacting with students and friends.

3. Home Visit of an officer's house to experience Japanese events at the end and beginning of the year.
4. Disaster Prevention Drills orchestrated by all residents who are part of the fire brigade of the House. They participate in Fire Drills and prepare against disasters.

○ **Publishing and distributing books**

Journals, Year Book, is published and distributed to the people involved once a year also posted on our website. It plays an important role for promoting the idea and history of the House, and to ensure that the opinions of residents are conveyed and understood. We decided to insert our cooking recipes for the food cooked for the Common Meal. We are planning to publish cookbook as well once the recipes are gathered.