

ACTIVITIES REPORT

I. Summary

1) Institution and administration of international dormitory

(1) Kyoto International Students House

	For Students	For Scholars	Remarks column
Capacity	34 rooms	14 rooms	5 twin-rooms are available for scholars.

(2) Conditions of usage

○Students (April, 2013 to March, 2014)

Countries	The number	Research Institutions	The number
Japan	13	Kyoto Uni.	31
China	3	Ritsumeikan Uni.	2
Korea	3	Doshisha Uni.	1
Vietnam	3	The other	4
Thailand	3		
Germany	3		
Mongol	2		
Netherlands	1		
Lithuania	1		
Russia	1		
Australia	1		
Brazil	1		
New Zealand	1		
Chile	1		
Switzerland	1		
Total	38	Total	38

○Scholars

Japan	5	Indonesia	1
China	5	Ukraine	1
Germany	3	Australia	1
The U.K.	2	Canada	1
Austria	2	Chile	1
Korea	2	Nepal	1
Switzerland	2	Bahrain	1
Thailand	2	Hungary	1
Taiwan	2	Vietnam	1
The U.S.	1	Russia	1
India	1	Total	37

2) Supports for students and scholars

We choose a Japanese family as the House-Parents (a manager of the House) in the House. They are responsible for providing assistance to the students such as advice on study and so on. Moreover the House Committee is established to support the House-Parents in an entry interview to the House.

3) Promotions of students' and scholars' "Community Life" through events and activities

Events • Activities

Through the following daily activities and monthly and yearly events we lead students to debate about the issues of race, religion, custom, culture and ideology and so on. Due to the diverse range of nationalities, this is a great setting and opportunity for students of different nationalities and cultural backgrounds to debate amongst themselves. Through these debates, we hope that students will come to understand and appreciate the essence of "Community Life" and that students can realize and reconcile their differences with each other. We believe that this is an effective measure for fulfilling the peaceful co-existence as desired outcome for mankind, which is to acquire tolerance and patience through admitting and recognizing their differences. Our main aim is to make students realize the foundation of "Community Life" under the House.

Each resident has a role in the House (Tobans: for example, House Keeper Toban, Sports Toban, Common Meal Toban and so on.). Moreover, we provide some joint facilities to enjoy meals, music, sports and so on together as part of promoting the essence of "Community Life".

(1) Monthly Events

○Approximately twice a month PM9~12 Team Meeting

Residents establish their group: a team is organized by representatives of students such as president, vice president, clerk and account and the House-Parents. The team discusses problems in the House and arranges the events before the House Meeting.

○Approximately twice a month PM6:30~8:30 Common Meal

Common Meal is a dinner party in the House. Residents on duty must cook for the party. It is the first process for residents to cultivate their friendship and understand different cultures from their own. In addition, it gives residents the unique opportunity to understand the principle of “the Community Life”. We think that “eating” is the easiest and best way of understanding various cultures, customs and religions.

○Approximately twice in a month PM8:30~10:00 House Meeting

It is an important meeting which all residents and the House-Parents must participate after the Common Meal. The chairman and president discuss problems of the House and the resolutions. This is part of experiencing “the Community Life”.

(2) Yearly Events

○Welcome Party: April and October

It is held twice a year in the first and second semesters. Directors and the House committee will participate. After greetings by the directors, residents provide updates about the House and introduce new residents who will share their experiences of how they adjust to their new lives in the House.

○International Food Festival: July

This event is designed for understanding the House and culture with food. This is also known as, “the activity for international friendship through food”. Residents invite people from their neighborhoods, contributors and friends to cook and serve their countries’ dishes (from 9~10 countries). Dishes for 300 people are eaten in about 2 hours.

○Thanks Giving Day: November

Residents invite contributors and those who take care of the House. The

purpose of this event is for the residents to express their gratitude for the food contributors had cooked. Residents acknowledge the support and contributions by many people to the House.

○Trip:

The first semester, July and The second semester, November

It was held for residents to cultivate friendships and understand each other through a trip.

○Seminar

The first semester, May and The second semester, February

Seminars are held approximately twice a year by scholars, persons of culture, OM or the other eligibles for residents in the vicinities.

○Sports Day:

The first semester, July and The second semester, December

Sports day was held twice in a year for cultivating friendships through exercise.

○Dance Party: June

Dance Party was held once a year in order to interact between residents and their friends and promote the House. In addition fund raising activities were organised by the Team as well.

○Christmas Party: December

This is a year-end party of residents. They invited officers, OMs and friends to the party, and enjoyed the party with dishes, cakes, and entertainments they had prepared. Looking back on this year, we had cultivated a lot of friendships in this happy event.

○Cleaning Day: July and December

Cleaning day is held twice a year, and all residents do the gardening, clean a lobby, a billiards room, a table tennis room and the other shared spaces in the House. This event's objective is for residents to clean their own spaces to ensure that the House remains a comfortable and clean place to live.

○Home Visit: at the end and beginning of the year

This is an event in which residents experience Japanese life style at the end and beginning of the year. Home Visit is held whenever it is possible for both residents and volunteers.

In addition to the above, Kyoto City and an elementary school and so on, we endeavored to international exchanging by introducing culture and history through the invitations by the Lion's Club, Soroptimist International, Kyoto Prefecture, Kyoto City, an elementary school and others.

4) Publishing and distributing books

Publishing journal: Year Book

Year Book is an official issue of the House. Official reports of activities and events are inserted in the book. It allows the residents to report on the activities that were carried out for the year and also, it reports on OM's experiences. This is distributed to the parties in order to provide updates about the activities and also posted on our website.