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INTERNATIONAL ACADEMIC PARTNERSHIPS

11.1.2021~2.1.2022

RENEW

Department of Informatics, Technical University of Munich / University of Technology, Malaysia / RWTH Aachen University / Institute of Materials Science, Vietnam Academy of Science and Technology

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Indian Institute of Technology, Bombay / Soochow University

114 overseas partnerships from 30 countries/regions as of Feb.1, 2022 (75 institutional level & 39 department level) For more details see: <https://www.naist.jp/dge/>

11/6 Earthquake Survival Event

The Center for International Students and Scholars (CISS) held an Earthquake Survival Event in cooperation with the Nara Prefecture International Citizens Support Center and the Nara Disaster Prevention Association (Nara Bousaishi Society).

More than 80 participants were divided into 8 groups to learn about the various damage that can be caused by earthquakes.

International students, faculty, and their families who participate commented that they gained valuable information necessary for life in Japan, and enjoyed the event while helping each other with the local community members.



Block wall demonstration

12/9 Senior Advisor of Taipei Economic and Cultural Representative Office in Japan visit to NAIST



Commemorative photo

Dr. Yu-Han Tsou, Senior Advisor of Taipei Economic and Cultural Representative Office in Japan, **Ms. Yueh-Jung Wu**, Senior Assistant to the Representative, Science and Technology Division, and **Ms. Yu-Jou Lin**, Section Chief, Cultural and Education Affairs, Taipei Economic and Cultural Office in Osaka visited NAIST.

After a courtesy visit to the President, the delegation toured NAIST, visited the Applied Stress Microbiology Laboratory (**Prof. Hiroshi Takagi**) and the Ubiquitous Computing Systems Laboratory's (**Prof. Keiichi Yasumoto**) Smart Home. Dr. Tsou and her colleagues seemed very impressed with NAIST students' advanced research and achievements.

1/7 New Year's calligraphy event

The International Student Affairs Section hosted a traditional Japanese New Year's calligraphy event in cooperation with the Nara Prefecture International Citizens Support Center where the Center's staff volunteer to be calligraphy instructors.

About 40 students gathered for this first event of the new year, which

was designed to deepen knowledge and understanding of traditional Japanese culture through hands-on experience and to stimulate interaction among students across research fields.



Participants concentrating on their writing



Students and their masterpieces

INFORMATION

Thai Virtual Office Student Assistant Appointment Ceremony 7th March

Six Thai students to be appointed as newly created Thai Virtual Office assistants.

Overseas Crisis Management Training for Japanese Students 10th March

Learn how to minimize crises and problems during your study abroad!

EU Erasmus+ ICM Program

Ms. Yuri Koide (M1) and **Mr. Shohei Tanaka (D2)** leave for Trento University (Italy) in April!

Shimamoto UEA

I can't wait for Japan to lift the complete travel and study abroad bans.

Ishikawa UEA

Praying for world peace.



King UEA

International students can finally come to Japan and spring is finally on its way here!

12/21 Overseas FD training program 2021 debriefing session

This year's FD training was held online in November. The program consisted of two parts: a workshop on effective teaching in English and practice using mock classes by a lecturer from ALC Education, Inc. and an on-demand lecture on dealing with diversity and syllabus design by a lecturer from UC Davis.

As part of this program, a debriefing session was held online on December 21, 2021 with approximately 30 participants, including **President Kazuhiro Shiozaki**, the Executive Directors and faculty & staff. Program participants (**Assistant Professor Taishi Sawabe (IS)**, **Assistant Professor Yuichiro Fujimoto (IS)**, **Assistant Professor Soufi Mazen (IS)**, **Assistant Professor Songkui Cui (BS)**, **Assistant Professor Shotaro Yamasaki (BS)**, and **Professor Mikiya Fujii (MS)** gave presentations introducing what they learned during the training, as well as suggestions for future FD training, and exchanged opinions with other debriefing session participants.



Online training held in November

NAIST International Student Ambassador Program



High school presentation

In 2021, the NAIST International Student Ambassador Program was expanded to add participation in NAIST PR activities and student event planning and participation

to its original role as a peer-counseling program. "Ambassadors" may be requested to participate in activities by NAIST, but they also work with the NAIST staff on events, etc. that they want to hold. In the summer of 2021, CISS welcomed 14 international students as Ambassadors at a training session and they all received certificates of appointment for Executive Director/ Vice President Tsukasa Ogasawara.

Since the Ambassadors were appointed they have participated in 1 event with Shijounawate High School where they helped high school students practice research presentations, 4 online study broad fairs representing NAIST, and led a pre-departure orientation for students coming to NAIST to help them get ready for life at NAIST and studying in Japan. Also, Ambassadors held 2 working groups to discuss students support and NAIST's homepage, while also holding 2 online events for students during the pandemic.

While the ambassadors would like to schedule and plan activities to increase student interaction and communication, under the current conditions most activities are limited for the time-being. However, CISS and the Ambassadors are looking forward to being more active on and off campus in the near future!

Comments from UEA

