



## ◇Notice regarding the appointment of the new principal◇

In the board of directors and trustees of the Tokyo International University Foundation on May 31st, 2024, Shizuka Kurata (deputy chair of the board of directors) was appointed as the new principal of the Japanese Language School Affiliated with Tokyo International University and assumed the position on June 1st.

Former principal, chancellor and chair of the board of directors Nobuyasu Kurata, was appointed as the president of Tokyo International University on the same date, June 1st.

## 1 Messages From The Head Teacher

The rainy season began in the Kanto region on June 21st, about two weeks later than last year. It has been hot and very humid even before the rainy season began. Please be careful not to use the air conditioner too much and take good care of your health during the summer.

The 2024 academic year has started, and in addition to the current students, April and July students enrolled. As of July, there are 19 classes, and students from 17 countries study together. Although it was before the July students enrolled, we had barbecue as a student interaction event, and Noh stage play appreciation event. We saw students getting along with each other through these events.

On June 5th (Wed) and 6th (Thu), we held an in-school mock exam for the Examination for Japanese University Admission for International Students (EJU), and on June 18th (Tue), we held an in-school mock exam for the Japanese Language Proficiency Test (JLPT). The actual exams of the first EJU is held on June 16th (Sun) and the first JLPT on July 7th (Sun). We encourage students to clarify their goals and make full use of what they have learned.

Also, a conversation test was conducted in mid-June as a regular test for all classes. Even if students practice conversation beforehand, some students get nervous and cannot speak well when it comes to the actual test, but the purpose of the test is for the students to become completely familiar with the expressions that they learned through reviewing them, so we always provide feedback. In addition, a writing test was conducted on June 24th (Mon). Based on the results of the tests and the efforts students make in class, we will conduct future class management.

From July, it is the time to seriously decide on your future path. It seems that many students have already made their rough plans for further education or employment, but have not yet decided on the specifics. We will listen to students' hopes for their future career and provide detailed and careful guidance on how to study and what needs to be strengthened, so that they can steadily improve their Japanese language skills.

## 2 Messages from the Career Counseling Room

On July 10th (Wednesday), the "Career Information Session in Campus" was held for graduating students in March, 2025.



A detailed analysis of recent entrance examination trends shows that not only vocational schools but also more and more universities are placing as much importance on interviews as Japanese language exams in their entrance exams. Participating in open campuses held at each school is the most effective strategy for interview tests. Open campuses are most commonly held during the summer vacation period (late July to August) for high school students in Japan. As a result of research at the career guidance office, last year, about 50% of the total number of sessions held in one year at universities near Tokyo, and about 40% at vocational schools, were concentrated in this short period.

For this reason, with the aim of providing an opportunity to participate in the summer open campus and as a touchstone for effective utilization, the major event of the career guidance room, which is held every year, is the "Career Information Session in Campus". "Career Information Session in Campus" is an event where the people in charge of entrance examinations and public relations of each university and vocational school gather at our school building and directly explain the entrance to each school only for our students. In preparation for this, a career guidance session was held at the school in mid-June by the Career Guidance Office, and we explained the purpose and intention of "Career Information Session in Campus" and emphasized its importance.

The schools that participated in the "Career Information Session in Campus" are as follows, mainly consisting of schools that have records of accepting our students using the designated school recommendation system. There are several big Japanese language schools that hold explanation sessions in their own school building. However, we hear that it is very rare for a Japanese language school like our school to conduct such sessions independently without commissioning it to companies. By conducting such events independently, there are advantages such as being able to freely select the schools according to the aspirations of the students enrolled that year, and being able to freely specify the lecture content and time.

For example, this time we had participants from schools that we would definitely want to recommend to students, such as a vocational school that does not participate in information sessions hosted by companies in rented large venues but has more graduates employed by major travel companies than those from top universities, and a university that is not well known but is highly rated by many Japanese high school teachers in charge of career guidance. In addition, because the Career Guidance Office and each school kept in close contact with each other until the "Career Information Session in Campus" was held, such as detailed aspiration trends of participating students, we were able to get high evaluation from participating schools that they were able to give "effective explanations". The fact that the participating schools were able to give "effective explanations" means that our students were able to listen to "effective lectures".

As a next step, we plan to hold an explanation session of Tokyo International University, and then explain the importance of this event and of attending open campuses as a measure to decide on a school of choice during the summer vacation.

## Participating schools

〈Universities〉 Asia University, Takushoku University, Tokai University, Hosei University, Musashino University, Tokyo International University (E-track)



〈Vocational schools〉 JTB Tourism Business College, Ohara Gakuen, Futaba Nutrition College, Futaba College of Confectionary, Tokyo Announce Gakuin, Tokyo Professional College of Automobile Technology, Tokyo Technical College, Toho Gakuen College, Toho Gakuen Film and Animation CG College, Toho Gakuen Sound Technology College, Toyo College of Art, Nihon College of Engineering, Japan Electronics College, Bunka Fashion College, Waseda-Bunri College of Arts and Sciences

〈Career guidance〉 GR Support Co., Ltd.

## ③ ~~~From April to June / Campus Life for Three-month Period~~~

### April 4, 38th Entrance Ceremony

The 38th Spring Entrance Ceremony was held on Thursday, April 4.

We accepted a total of 141 students for this April; 132 regular students and 9 short-term students from 13 countries such as Taiwan, Korea, Myanmar, Nepal, Vietnam.

Following the ceremonial address by Chancellor Kurata, Principal of the school, Mr. HUANG GUANCHAO, Director of the Education Department of the Taipei Representative Office in Japan, delivered a congratulatory address representing the other guests.

Then, representing newly enrolling students, Mr. NING CHIH YEN from Taiwan, Ms. KIM HWANJU from Korea, Ms. NGUYEN THI TRA MI from Vietnam, and Ms. MYAT MON MON SAN from Myanmar, gave wonderful speeches expressing their passion and strong will for studying abroad.

Congratulations to all the students enrolling for the spring semester! Soon, you will begin your long-awaited life in Japan.

We wish you all the best in your Japanese study as you pursue your own goals.



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## May 2, Spring New Students Class Interaction Event

On Thursday, May 2, "Spring New Students Class Interaction Event" was held.

Around 130 new students that enrolled in April enjoyed a barbecue party at Kasai Kaihin Koen Park, facing Tokyo Bay.

The weather was fine and the temperature was comfortable, and the students enjoyed delicious food in a lively atmosphere.

First, representative students from each class went to the reception to get meat, vegetables, yakisoba noodles, cooking utensils etc.

When the class was ready, the students worked together to grill the food and enjoyed the delicious food. Some students actively cooked the food, while others concentrated on eating. They did a good job until the final cleanup.

At the end of the event, each class took a group photo and finished the party.

It was a wonderful day for students to interact with many people and they had a good time.





## June 20, Noh Appreciation

On June 20th, as part of an off-campus class, students participated in a Noh Appreciation Class held at the National Noh Theatre in Tokyo.

The students seemed very interested in, and enjoyed watching the unique atmosphere of the Noh stage, and the Kyogen play "Kakiyamabushi" and the Noh play "Adachigahara" that were performed there.

They seemed to have a hard time with the chants, which contained a lot of Japanese that was different from the Japanese they usually study, but they enjoyed the traditional Japanese entertainment, including the costumes and movements of the performers, as well as the musical accompaniment (Hayashi).



## Club activities

Each club held a demonstration for April enrolling students, and after the experience, those interested officially applied to participate, and club activities for this semester have now begun.



## ■ Flower Arrangement Club ■



## ■ Tea ceremony Club ■



## ■ Calligraphy Club ■



## ■ Yukata dressing Club ■





## June 27, 2024 Ministry of Education, Culture, Sports, Science and Technology Honors Scholarship Award Ceremony

On June 27th (Thursday), a ceremony was held at the school to award a scholarship for foreign students from the Ministry of Education, Culture, Sports, Science and Technology.

This scholarship provides a total of 360,000 yen (30,000 yen per month x 12 months) to students with excellent grades and attendance rates who aim to go on to higher education in Japan after graduation.

This year, HNIN KAY THADAR (Myanmar) will receive the scholarship.

Congratulations HNIN. Study hard and make your dreams come true.



### ● Schedule for July to September ●

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| 7/4    | July entrance ceremony                     |
| 7/7    | 1st JLPT                                   |
| 7/10   | In-school career briefing session          |
| 7/19 ~ | Disaster prevention experience (Ikebukuro) |
| 8/1    | Summer holidays (until 8/18)               |
| 9/20   | September test                             |
| 9/27   | Class announcement                         |
| 9/30 ~ | Autumn break (until 10/7)                  |
| 10/8 ~ | Classes start                              |