

CAMPUS Asia Newsletter



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Greetings from the CAMPUS Asia Office! This monthly newsletter is intended so that the three universities in the CAMPUS Asia program (Peking University, Korea University and Waseda University) can share information on events, people and courses related to the program.

Event of the Month

Conflict Resolution and Social Innovation Joint Intensive Program (Spring 2018) in Iwate, Japan

The Spring Intensive Program took place from February 6th-13th in Japan, hosted by Waseda University. The theme of this course was Social Innovation. The first part consisted of a field trip to cities/towns in Iwate Prefecture, that were severely destroyed by tsunamis resulting from the Tohoku earthquake of 2011. In Iwate, students heard the experiences of people in the area as well as hearing of policies through dialogue sessions with the local NGOs, businesses and government sectors.

In the second part, students went back to Waseda University in Tokyo where they used techniques of theatre for conflict resolution (taught by Mr. Kokido) as well as presenting a project proposal in order to think about effective methods of social innovation.



Group Photo after workshop

Schedule:

Day 1 Orientation @ Tokyo

Day 2-4 Field Work @ Iwate

Dialogue sessions, workshops, and outdoor activities with local NGOs, businesses, government sectors

in Otsuchi town and Kamaishi City

Day 5-7 Reflection/Preparation @ Tokyo

Reflection on field work, acting sessions with Mr. Kokido (professional actor), preparation of theatre and business proposal

Day 8 Presentations @ Ono Auditorium



Final theatre performance



Discussion time with Mr. Kokido

Student Voices

"This course has made me rethink about the way I perceive the world around us. By acting out our feelings, we learnt how to stand in other people's shoes and truly empathize with the people. By learning social innovation, we discover the most efficient way of helping people. Moreover, the friends we made over 10 days are worth a life time of keeping in touch."
(Wei Xin Yan, Student from Peking University)

"This program has given me a chance to ponder on how to revive disaster stricken communities. In Iwate, I was able to hear the real needs of the area through the outdoor activities and the dialogue sessions with the local NGOs, businesses and government sectors. At Waseda, I learned how to form and deliver my ideas not only in the logical context but also in the emotional context. Overall, it was truly an intensive but enjoyable one week and I will cherish this experience as my life long assets."

(Yi Ming Tang, Student from Waseda University)



Guided by Ms. Kamitani at former Otsuchi Town Hall, which was hit by a tsunami

"Through all the programs, I recognized how much "emotion" is excluded in the discourse regarding social innovation. During our field trip to Kamaishi, we could hear the voice of the local people and clearly capture their emotions, their life, and internal problems after the Tsunami. By empathizing with them, we could approach the issue in better and smarter ways, and this will remain as a lesson in my remaining careers."
(Ha Lim Joen, Student from Korea University)



New Years In Korea, China & Japan

January and February are months of celebrating the new year for all of our countries. Here, let's see how each country celebrates!

China

The date of the Chinese New Year changes every year according to the lunar calendar. It is the longest and most important public holiday in the year where family members reunite and celebrate. Customs and activities include eating dumplings, setting firecrackers, pasting spring festival couplets and worshipping traditional gods, and dragon dances being performed.



China: Chinese Dumplings
(Travelchinaguide.com©)



China: Dragon Dancing
(99.co©)

Korea

New Year is one of the most celebrated annual events in Korea, and it is celebrated on the three days before, during and after Chinese New Year. Seollal is a special occasion for Koreans, where they respect their ancestors and reunite with family members. Celebrations are done through customs such as wearing traditional clothes, playing folk games and eating traditional foods such as Tteokguk (a traditional rice cake soup).



Korea: Charye ritual (left), Sebaetdon (New Year's money) given as a Seollal gift (right)
(Visitkorea.or.kr©)

Japan

Japanese New Year is celebrated on January 1st, and is an event where families gather to eat the traditional osechi meal, where each dish has a particular meaning such as long life or fertility. It is also traditional for Japanese to visit a shrine or a temple during the holidays to pray for safety, health etc. in the new year. There is also tradition of families sending New Year greeting postcards to one another as a greeting for the new year.



Japan: Traditional Osechi Meal
(Tripsavvy.com©)

Exchange Students of the CAMPUS Asia Program (Spring 2018)

Give them a shout on campus!

Waseda Uni. → Korea Uni.

En Hsiung (Double Degree, 1.5 years)
Jin Hirakawa (Double Degree, 1.5 years)
Ayano Kohara (Minor, 1 semester)

Korea Uni. → Waseda Uni.

Sanghyuk Cho (Double Degree, 1.5 years)
Ji Soo Sim (Double Degree, 1.5 years)
Jeongahn Seon (Double Degree, 1.5 years)

Peking Uni. → Waseda Uni.

Qingzao Yu (Intensive Course, 1 semester)

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