

### ■Online Meeting with Leeds Students!

*Students from Leeds University, a partner university in the U.K., joined Hosei students for an online meeting on “How the Coronavirus Pandemic has Changed ‘My’ Lifestyle”, on July 16.*

A total of 20 students from Leeds and Hosei participated in presentations and small-group discussions in English. Hosei students discovered the various backgrounds and views of Leeds students, while Leeds students thought that the online meeting was a very effective substitute when the pandemic reduced chances for face-to-face interactions.



<Presentation by students from Leeds University>

### ■2021 English Camp

*A group of students from the three Hosei affiliated high schools participated in an English camp between August 25 – August 27.*

The purpose of the camp was to promote desire to communicate in English, develop understanding of

diverse cultures, and cultivate ability to participate in teamwork. If not for the coronavirus pandemic – and the fact that the government has declared both Tokyo and Kanagawa to be in a state of emergency in that period—the camp would have been held on spacious Tama campus. However, despite that the camp was held online, students found the camp stimulating and were grateful for the very effective guidance they received from the instructors, international students studying in other universities, as well as Hosei students. The grand finale of the event was a one-minute presentation by each of the participants. The presentations undoubtedly showed the progress they made in just three days as well as their strong motivation to improve their English proficiency – and importantly, what they want to do with the acquired language proficiency in the future.

### ■Student-organized Online Meeting!

*Hosei university students organized an online meeting in which students from Tenjin Foreign Language University in China, Pusan Foreign Language University in Korea, and 日越 University in Vietnam participated, on September 3.*

The theme of the meeting this time? “Summer Festivals and Traditions”. It was a lively exchange that included a quiz show and sharing by the participants on summer features in their different cultures.



<Quiz tournament >

## ■Tobitate! Study Abroad Initiative

*Sixty-nine students have received funding from the Tobitate! (transl. "leap for tomorrow") Study Abroad Initiative, making Hosei University the 5<sup>th</sup> ranking university among private universities in the number of students receiving funding from the initiative.*

The initiative was started by the MEXT to encourage students to take their own initiative to take up challenges while studying overseas – to set their own goals and plan to achieve them as part of the study abroad plan. This is the 14<sup>th</sup> round of the initiative, and our students have been receiving funding from it. Through the years, after returning from abroad, funded students would report on their experiences overseas, inspiring the next generation of students to take up the challenge.



<"Tobitate" students working in Iran (2018) >

## ■e<sup>4</sup> Square opened!

As reported in the last issue of the newsletter, Hosei University has been selected as a steering university by MEXT in the Inter-university Project to Develop Online Platforms for International Student Exchange. And **e<sup>4</sup> Square** is the platform for the project! The "e" stands for everybody, everyday, and exchange, and... the last "e"? It's up to students to decide. Check out the website for more information and ongoing events!

<https://www.e4square-hosei.net/>

