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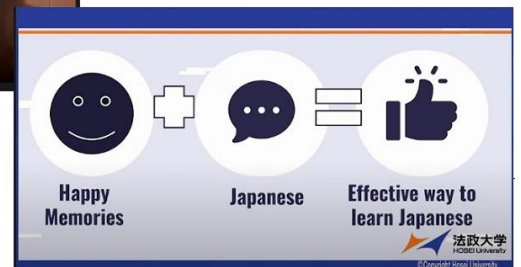
■2021 President's Cup English Presentation Contest

On February 13, as part of the SGU project, the President's Cup English Presentation Contest was held, for the sixth time, with participants from the three affiliated schools.

As with last year, the contest was held online, and livestreamed via YouTube. The theme this year was "Thinking about Solutions to Various Social Problems: My Take on Phronesis". Eight units/individuals from the three affiliated schools took up issues related to child poverty, gender equality, diversity, the environment and so on, presented their thoughts and fielded questions from English teachers from the affiliated schools. The judges included President Hirose Katsuya, university professors, high school English teachers, and international students at the university. The audience were kept occupied by a discussion with Professor Imaizumi Yumiko of the Faculty of Intercultural Communication and Professor Somura Mitsutoshi of the Faculty of Global and Interdisciplinary Studies, facilitated by Vice President Koakimoto Dan, on their research, the history of Hosei University, and various related topics.

The winner of the President's Cup went to Kikuchi Umi from Hosei International High School. For other awards presented and the more information on the presenters and presentation, please see

<https://www.hosei.ac.jp/pickup/article-20220302134241/>



< Participants and Judges >

■External Evaluation on "Internationalization"

External members of the University Evaluation Committee conducted a group interview with Hosei executive members and managerial staff on "Progress of the SGU Project and post-SGU Plans" and

“Support for Sending Students Abroad and Receiving Students from Overseas”. The evaluation committee showed a good understanding of the university’s efforts and has high expectations for the leadership of the university. The members highly evaluated the university’s commitment to maintaining study abroad activities despite the pandemic. They also resonated with the emphasis on the development of a global mindset as core to the university’s globalization effort, which was explained in a statement on “What is Globalization for Hosei University?” included in the material for evaluation. The committee members made constructive suggestions related to the misconceptions that internationalization equals the popularization of English or that one has to have English skills before participating in globalizing activities, the importance of practice in tandem with the acquisition of language skills, digital literacy and so on.



■New Scholarships for International Students

A scholarship for international students from designated nations, based on *Hosei University Global Strategic Plan 2020 – 2024*, has been established to attract high-achieving students, currently low in number, from ASEAN nations such as Indonesia, Cambodia, Singapore, and so on. Another scholarship targets international students who do

not meet the application criteria for JASSO and other scholarships targeting “foreign students” (viz. international students with a “student visa”). These students who stay and are studying in Japan with a family visa now can apply to a scholarship.

In recognizing the diversity of international students who intend to study in Japan, these scholarships go a long way towards realizing the intentions and ideal of the university’s statement on diversity.

■ Applications are Now Open for ERP (English Reinforcement Program)

ERP offers small, interactive classes taught by native speakers of English. They meet not only the needs of students who intend to study or launch a career overseas, but anyone who wants to improve their English skills. For more information, check this out:

<https://www.global.hosei.ac.jp/programs/oncampus/erp/>