

■Japanese Culture Seminar for International Exchange

On July 6th, 41 students participated in a seminar aimed at facilitating international communication through thinking about Japanese culture.

International exchange is defined not only by learning about a foreign culture, but also about sharing about one's own culture. Students who have studied overseas have also reported not being able to answer questions about Japanese culture. This seminar caters not only to the needs of these students and foreign students, but it appeals to a wider audience interested in learning more broadly and deeply about the Japanese culture. Indeed, more than half of the attendees reported that they joined the seminar out of pure interest, without intending or having the chance to study abroad or engage in international exchange. However, this is of course about international exchange centered on a deeper exploration of Japanese culture.

In this seminar, Mr. Nagai Masato (senior priest (*negi*) of Kamoi Hachiman Shrine, and Yokosuka City Council Member) presented on 'Thinking about Communication from a Religious Perspective'. Rather than focusing only on textbook knowledge, he also drew on what he has gained from his own experience to explore the topic, covering also the place of religion for people overseas, how Japanese rely on unspoken mutual understanding (*ishin denshin*) in interpersonal communication, and so on.

Stay tuned for other events that similarly approach international exchange from multiple perspectives.

Click here for the video recording of the seminar. Hosei ID log-in is required. <https://youtu.be/ma3hMT9Svq8>

■Admission of Students Evacuated from Ukraine

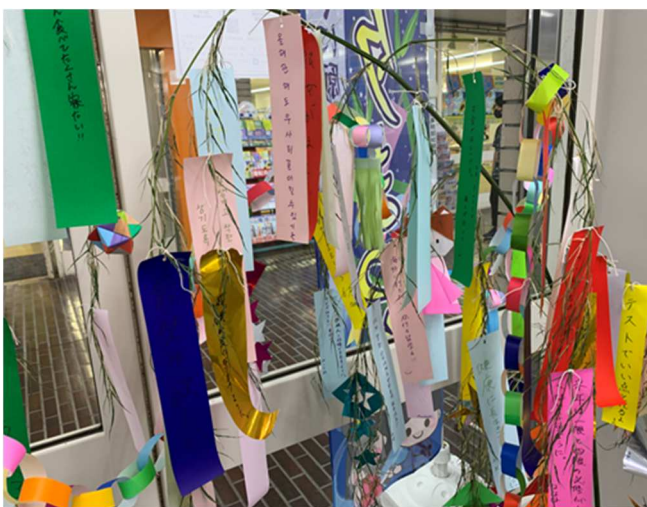
In light of the events unfolding in Ukraine, Hosei University endeavored to provide humanitarian support and educational opportunity for students evacuated from Ukraine. We provided information on our home page and JASSO's home page, and as a result, 18 students applied and four were eventually admitted in the Exchange Students from Overseas Program (ESOP) in the Fall semester this year. We provide financial support for tuition, residence, and living expenses, and are committed to extending the support for a longer period of time should the need arise.

We would be very grateful if you could also donate, in whatever amount, to this cause. You may donate any amount during August 1, 2022 – March 31, 2023 to the Ukraine Evacuee Student Support Fund, and the donation will be used to provide residential and living expenses support to students evacuated from Ukraine. Here's the link to the donation form: <https://bit.ly/3dGwvDr>



■Tanabata Festival on Tama Campus

The Global Office staff of Tama Campus hosted the Tanabata Festival, also known as the Star Festival, from July 4 to July 8. Students wrote their wishes – in various languages, including Japanese – on small strips of papers (*tanzaku*) and hung them on bamboo branches set up at the Tama Campus G-lounge. Students wished for world peace, the end to the Pandemic, and of course, course credits! In return for participating in this event, they not only received snacks, but also got information on the G-Lounge. Among the participants were first time visitors as well as those interested in talking with the English advisor, ERP classes, and other services/programs offered. Please tell students to visit the G-Lounge!



■Camp hosted by the Chinese International Student Association

There are about 700 Chinese students in Hosei University, and there is a Chinese International Student Association on each of the three campuses to organize activities to support Chinese students studying abroad in Japan. In this summer, the two associations of Ichigaya and Tama jointly organized a camp. Taking appropriate precautions to prevent COVID infection, the two-day camp featured art museum tour and various recreational activities to deepen relationships among the participants. YU Hanchun(Global Politics, Faculty of Law, 1st year) put his/her wishes for a successful camp in a beautifully crafted painting of Mount Fuji that includes Hosei's mascots! And, the representative of the Ichigaya association, LI Mingli(Career Design, 2nd year) was happy to have had the chance to have joint activities across campuses and wished for interactions with students beyond the association in the future.

