

### ■ “Getting to know about Ukraine” on Ichigaya Campus

On November 16, four students from Ukraine who were accepted into Hosei University’s Exchange Students from Overseas Program (ESOP) from the Fall semester hosted an event to let Hosei students know more about Ukraine. The four students covered Ukrainian geography, history, culture and so on in their presentations, which were followed by a poster section complete with pictures and illustrations. They fielded questions from the participating Hosei students, and the topic of Ukrainian cuisine was particularly popular. Not many knew that every family has their own recipe for Borscht!



### ■The 8<sup>th</sup> Hosei University Japanese Speech Contest

The annual Japanese Speech Contest was held at the University of Languages and International Studies (ULIS) in Hanoi, with online participation by judges, including Vice-President Dan Koakimoto, Professor Akiko Murata (GEC), and Lecturer Yuka Hasegawa (GEC). High school and first- and second-year university students with Vietnamese nationality were eligible to participate in the contest. Their scripts were first screened before the second round of assessment of speeches conducted in Hanoi, Hue, Da

Nang, and Ho Chi Minh City. Nineteen candidates passed the two screenings to appear on stage to give speeches on the topic, “What’s happening in the world today and what I can do about it”. The winner of the High School Division, Duong Thi Minh Ngoc of Japanese International School, spoke on gender equality, while Phung Hai Phuong Anh of ULIS came first in the University Division with a speech on parent-child communication. Among the prizes were a visit to Japan, which would allow the winners to deepen their knowledge of the Japanese language and culture.

Check the video clip here for the day’s event:

<https://youtu.be/T8dfUI5d-jI>



### ■The European Higher Education Fair 2022

After a hiatus due to the pandemic, the 10<sup>th</sup> European Higher Education 2022 Fair was held on-site in Sky Hall, Ichigaya Campus, on November 19. Twenty-three representatives from 17 European countries, including Embassy employees residing in Japan, set up attractive booths to introduce research and study opportunities to students, researchers and others looking for opportunities for higher education in Europe. Mr. Jean-Eric Paquet, the EU Ambassador,

first met with Vice-President Diana Khor for a meaningful discussion about studying abroad in Europe, before touring the booths and talking with the participants as well as the visitors. The same event was held in Kyoto as well, and 500 people visited the two sites.



On December 7, 40 students from Saikyo Junior and Senior High School in Kyoto visited Hosei University, and engaged in a cultural exchange with nine exchange students. The participants were divided into small groups, where the school students shared about Kyoto culture and customs, fielded questions from the exchange students in the first session. In the second session, the participants discussed various topics related to SDGs, politics and economics, world peace, environmental problems, culture and arts, and so on. The exchange students were pleasantly surprised by the high English proficiency of the school students and were delighted to receive handwoven braids (*kumihimo*) from them as gifts. It was rare for exchange students to interact with school students, and these exchanges no doubt gave them a chance to gain new insights about Japan.



### ■ International Students Brought Cultural Exchange to High School

On November 7 and 8, ten exchange students from the United States, Britain, Ukraine, Austria, Australia, the Netherlands, Germany and France visited Miwada Gakuen Girls' Junior and Senior High School under the "Cross-Cultural Project", in which 23 Miwada Gakuen students participated. The exchange students introduced themselves and shared their observations on the differences between their native cultures and Japanese culture, and then engaged in a lively exchange in English on what the participants would like to learn about their respective cultures, what they would like to do, and so on.

