

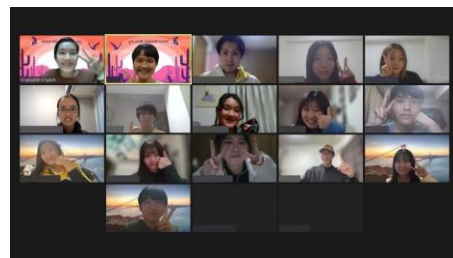
■The Chinese Ambassador's Visit

His Excellency the ambassador of the People's Republic of China, Mr. Wu Jianghao, visited Hosei University with his delegates on November 30. Mr. Wu met with President Hirose, commented on the discussions (in Japanese!) among young Chinese diplomats and Japanese students on social issues, and fielded questions from the students. Ten young Chinese diplomats with excellent proficiency in Japanese and 20 Hosei University students (including international students from PRC and Japanese students) participated in the discussions, exemplifying the importance of exchange among young people across the two nations and the place of conversation in problem-solving, a message strongly conveyed by Ambassador Wu. Such exchange with the Chinese Embassy is expected to continue.



■Tama Xin Chao! Learning Vietnamese through English on Tama Campus

Fourteen weeks of lessons that started in September concluded on December 16, 2023. This program is managed by three third year students in Professor Ryuhei Sano's seminar (Faculty of Social Policy and Administration). While it started in Tama, it is now open to all Hosei University students, and 25 students participated this time. This student-centered program is not only about language learning, but student participants also got to learn about Vietnamese culture and society. Indeed, students had a chance to interact with Vietnamese people working in Japan through this program. Professor Sano's seminar students are committed to continue these unique efforts to contribute to the cultivation of young people who can help create an inclusive society.



■Events with Students from Ukraine

The third “Learn more about Ukraine@Ichigaya Campus” was held on December 20, succeeding a similar event held on November, 2022, and July, 2023. Four students from Ukraine presented on the history, culture, etc. of Ukraine, with quite a bit of detail. The discussion session quickly passed with questions from students asking about schooling, the difference between Ukrainian and Japanese cultures, and so on. One Ukrainian student who is here on a national scholarship talked about the current state of Ukraine, and connected via zoom to a politician in Ukraine Sviatoslav Yurash who gave a talk to the students. The students from Ukraine interpreted the content for students participating in the event, who asked questions about what type of assistance Ukraine needs now, and how the people in Ukraine keep their motivation to work, etc. More events like this one are expected to be held in Hosei University.



■Documentary Screening for Human Rights Day

Hosei University is a partner of UNHCR (The Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees) Refugee Film Festival, and we selected *Mukwege*, a documentary on a gynecologist who helped women survivors of sexual violence in Congo. The screening was on Ichigaya campus, but the participants included at least one student from Tama campus! Professor Eiko Saeki gave a talk on going from the thought that “the film made me think about...”, after watching films focusing on social and international issues, towards taking the next step to move forward. Students shared their thoughts on needing to know more and to be proactive so as to solve the problem, as well as the importance of having a space to discuss social and international problems among with fellow students.

