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International Joint Summer Seminar, Japan 2019 Call for Applications *Local Competence in an Era of Globalization*

1. Outline

Collaborating with local municipalities in the Niigata prefecture, the University of Niigata Prefecture (UNP) have invited students from its overseas partner universities, and other universities located in Niigata, to jointly hold 6 rounds of Summer Seminars in the past years. Based on its central theme — “Globalization and Local Development”, the Seminar aims to provide participating students with extraordinary opportunities to experience and learn, through special lectures, field trips, and group works. Students are expected to present their ideas for local competence. We hope that all these activities contribute to cross-cultural interactions among the students, expand participants’ horizon and enhance their potential as future leaders in the global arena. Last year, under the common theme of “Foods of Niigata – Impressing the World”, 40 students from Japan, China, Taiwan, Hong Kong, Korea, Indonesia, the U.S., Russia, France, Cambodia and Vietnam took part in this program.

This year (2019), carrying on the theme of “**Foods of Niigata — Impressing the World**” from last year, the UNP invites international students from Graduate Institute for Entrepreneurial Studies, Niigata University of International and Information Studies, Niigata University, and students at UNP and Yokohama City University to gather at Niigata during the summer. Their goal is to discuss and propose their ideas in creating and rediscovering local potentials via special lectures, field trips, and group works.

As the venue of field trips, the cities of Niigata, Agano, Tsubame and Sanjo are richly endowed with agricultural produces, fomented cuisines and kitchen utensils. Their unique food culture, nurtured by its abundant natural resources, makes it a valuable site for people to understand its local nature, history and culture through food.

Against the backdrop of the coming 2020 Tokyo Olympic Games, participants will hold in-depth discussions on how the city can bring the best of these attractive points to invigorate its community. It is very important for students to share and compare the challenges and solutions in their countries with those of Niigata. This would help them come up with novel ideas to solve the problems and further enhance local charms.

2. Schedules (tentative)

Date	Activities	Accommodation /Transportation
Aug 5 (Mon)	Arrival at Niigata Check in Hotel	Niigata City
Aug 6 (Tue)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● 9:30 Bus leaves from hotel for UNP ● 10:00 Opening Remarks and orientation ● 10:30 Participants self-introduction and recreational cultural exchange ● 15:00 Lecture “Foods of Niigata” (tentative) ● 17:00 Bus leaves from UNP for hotel 	UNP
Aug 7 (Wed)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Field trip in Niigata City 	by bus
Aug 8 (Thu)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Field trip in Niigata City 	by bus
Aug 9 (Fri)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● 8:30 Bus leaves for UNP ● 9:00 arrive at UNP; Group work <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ※ Preparation for presentation ● 13:00 Group Presentations ● 16:00 Conferral of Program Completion Certificate ● 17:00 Bus leaves for hotel ※ Niigata Festival (Aug 9-11) 	UNP
Aug 10 (Sat)	Check out Hotel	Niigata City

3. Languages

The orientation and daily instructions on activities and schedules will be provided in both Japanese and English. Special lectures and field trips will be basically delivered in Japanese, however, interpretation in English might be provided depending on the participants' Japanese proficiency. The participants may use any languages they feel comfortable with for group works and other activities.

4. Participation Eligibility

Regular and international students enrolled at the UNP, and students (both undergraduate and graduate level) from the following overseas sister schools of the UNP:

Heilongjiang University (China), University of International Business and Economics (China), Shanghai International Studies University (China), The Hang Seng University of Hong Kong (Hong Kong, China), Hankuk University of Foreign Studies (South Korea), Cyber Hankuk University of Foreign Studies (South Korea), Pacific National University (Russia), All Community Colleges of the University of Hawaii (the U.S.), Duquesne University (the U.S.), Saint Mary's University (Canada), University of Ottawa (Canada), Bogor Agricultural University (Indonesia), Ondokuz Mayıs University (Turkey), Yokohama City University (Japan)

In addition, international students at the following universities are also eligible for participation: Graduate Institute for Entrepreneurial Studies, Niigata University of International and Information Studies, Niigata University.

Universities willing to participate may send approximately 3 students.
Selection of participating students is entirely up to each university.

5. Costs

The University of Niigata Prefecture will bear all the relevant costs of accommodation (during the Aug 5th - Aug 9th period), domestic transportation, field trips as well as cultural exchanges in Niigata. However, the travel expenses to Niigata and meals during the program have to be covered by the participants individually.

6. Application and Contact

Applicants should submit their application forms to their home university.
For details of the program, please contact the following email: gyoumu@unii.ac.jp
(Language support available in English and Japanese)

7. Emergency contact

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