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Keio University

Keio to Hold *Experience Japan Exhibition 2023 / Tokyo Symposium: Unleash Your Potential in Japan*
(Event Date: September 1, 2023)

On Friday, September 1, 2023, Keio University will hold the *Experience Japan Exhibition 2023 & Tokyo Symposium: Unleash Your Potential in Japan* at Mita Campus, Tokyo, as part of the Ministry of Education, Culture, Sports, Science and Technology's (MEXT) Top Global University Project. The event is focused on encouraging students to consider studying abroad in Japan. Keio has also published a companion website containing information on study abroad opportunities through 26 Japanese universities and 7 institutions. This online resource, dubbed the *Experience Japan Exhibition 2023 / Virtual Fair: Welcome Back to Japan*, will be available for roughly one year.

For the 13th iteration of the Experience Japan Exhibition (EJE), Keio University will hold a symposium at Mita Campus, *Experience Japan Exhibition 2023 / Tokyo Symposium: Unleash Your Potential in Japan*. This is in addition to the EJE companion website which will consolidate information on studying in Japan and which will remain open to the public over the next year.

The symposium will feature a keynote speech by Dr. Shinichi Kitaoka, professor emeritus of the University of Tokyo, who has dedicated his efforts over many years to fostering the future leaders of developing countries and strengthening their relations with Japan through initiatives that support the studies of international students at Japanese graduate schools. The event will also feature presentations by former international students who have established their careers in Japan. In addition, under the current geopolitical landscape, the effects of climate change, and in light of global trends in overseas education and the Japanese government's international student policy, a panel discussion by university representatives will be held to talk about the present condition and challenges that Japanese universities face as they continue to globalize, as well as their accomplishments and future prospects.

What does study abroad in Japan offer students, and how can Japanese universities contribute to both Japanese and international societies by accepting international students? This will be an excellent opportunity for everyone to reflect together on the significance and purpose of an education in Japan.

The EJE companion website consolidates information for students looking to study at Japanese universities. The online resource was developed in collaboration with 26 Japanese universities and 7 institutions selected under the Top Global University Project. The website, which is modeled to resemble a study abroad fair, will feature virtual booths run by universities and institutions,

with brochures, promotional videos, scholarship information, and more. The website is scheduled to be active for the next year. Highlights of the September 1 symposium is also set to be released on this website at a later date.

Overview of *Experience Japan Exhibition 2023 / Tokyo Symposium: Unleash Your Potential in Japan*

Date: Friday, September 1, 2023, JST 14:45–18:15 (doors open at 14:15)

Venue: Global Research Lab (G-Lab), East Research Building, Mita Campus, Keio University

Language: English (no simultaneous interpretation)

Participation: Free of charge (advance reservation required)

Seats: Roughly 100

Register here: <https://www.experience-japan.jp/#tokyo-symposium>

Event program:

14:45–15:00 Opening Remarks: Vice-President Motohiro Tsuchiya, Keio University

Guest Speech: Mr. Yosuke Kobayashi, Director, International Affairs Division, Higher Education Bureau, Ministry of Education, Culture, Sports, Science and Technology (MEXT)

15:00–16:00 Keynote Speech: “Studying in Japan and the Future of Japan”

Speaker: Dr. Shinichi Kitaoka, Professor Emeritus of the University of Tokyo

Moderator: Vice-President Motohiro Tsuchiya, Keio University

16:00–17:00 Session 1: “Career Prospects for Former International Students”

Speaker: Mr. Piotr Kroujkov, Business Design Manager, Accenture Japan

Speaker: Dr. Md Shamim Sarker, JSPS Postdoctoral Fellow, The University of Tokyo

Moderator: Prof. Norihisa Miki, Faculty of Science and Technology, Keio University

17:00–17:10 Break

17:10–18:10 Session 2: "Globalization of Higher Education in Japan: Past, Present, and Future"

Speakers: Prof. Mayumi Ishikawa, Center for Global Initiatives, Osaka University

Prof. Takeshi Hirose, Top Global University (SHARE) Office, Kyushu University

Moderator: Prof. Hisayo Ogushi, Dean of the International Center, Keio University

18:10–18:15 Closing Remarks

Prof. Hisayo Ogushi, Dean of the International Center, Keio University

*The symposium will not be livestreamed online, but a video of the day’s proceedings will be posted later to the EJE companion website.

Overview of *Experience Japan Exhibition 2023 / Virtual Fair*

URL: <https://www.experience-japan.jp/>

Accessible: August 8, 2023–July 2024

Participating Universities: Keio University, The University of Aizu, Doshisa University, Hiroshima University, Hokkaido University, International Christian University, International University of Japan, Kyoto University, Kyoto University of Advanced Science, Kyushu University,

Nagoya University, NUCB (Nagoya University of Commerce & Business), Ochanomizu University, Okinawa Institute of Science and Technology Graduate University, Osaka University, Rikkyo University, Ritsumeikan Asia Pacific University, Ritsumeikan University, Sophia University, The University of Tokyo, Tohoku University, Tokyo Institute of Technology, Tokyo University of Foreign Studies, Toyo University, Waseda University, the Consortium of Universities in Kyoto (in no particular order)

In cooperation with:

The Australian Embassy, Japan Student Services Organization (JASSO), Council of Local Authorities for International (CLAIR), the British Council, Indonesian International Student Mobility Awards (IISMA), and the Disco Corporation (in no particular order)

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