

International Student Seminar in Kamakura 2019

DATE : Saturday, June 15, 2019 11am. – 2pm.

PARTICIPANTS : 7 (6 international students and 1 TMU student)

ITINERARY : A walk around Kamakura with volunteer guide in English(Kamakura Station-Tsurugaoka Hachimangu shrine-Great Buddha of Kamakura-‘washoku’ lunch)

The international student seminar in Kamakura 2019 was held in our hope to provide TMU international students with an opportunity to learn about Japanese nature, culture and history while getting to know peer students. 6 international students and 1 TMU student participated this year.

We gathered at Kamakura station to start strolling through a popular tour course guided by volunteers of Kamakura who spoke English, but it was such a windy, heavily raining day that we even had hard time just to get to Tsurugaoka-Hachimangu shrine. Nevertheless, the party enjoyed visiting the shrine, and then we hurriedly took the bus to go to Kotokuin temple to see the Great Buddha of Kamakura. The international students were all impressed by the size of the buddha and enthusiastically listened to the guides’ explanations. Cancelling our next destination, Hasedera temple, we moved to a Japanese restaurant on Komachi Street which was a recommendation of our guide upon our students’ request to have a famous local specialty “shirasu-don” (donburi with young anchovy or sardines).

Some students said that they wanted to come visit Kamakura again to fully enjoy this tourist spot.

Although the number of participants for this fun excursion was rather small this time, there was a variety in the students’ nationality; namely Thailand, Myanmar, Australia, Taiwan, Nepal and Brazil and chatting freely, they were exchanging contacts for further communication.



Listening to a volunteer guide



a shot at ‘wara-zori’ (straw sandal)