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Welcome to the first edition of our Global Newsletter! We will send out news stories on a wide variety of topics to international students.

# TMUtimes News Letter

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Tokyo is one of the biggest cities in the world, with its economic progress and high-tech businesses. Its population is 13.7million, with cultural and global diversity. Tokyo offers wide choice of excellent restaurants and shopping facilities, major sports and entertainment venues and vibrant social and cultural scenes, as well as traditional culture and events in central and the great nature in suburban areas and islands.

# Welcome to Tokyo Metropolitan University!

Tokyo Metropolitan University is the only one public university in Tokyo, and one of the leading Japanese comprehensive universities, which aims to sustain the high standards in both research and education.

## A Message from TMU President

TMU aims to become a world top class university in terms of research, education and internationalization which are the mission of higher educational institutions. We are steadfastly making it happen. In fact, we enjoy high evaluation every year in the World University Rankings.

Top of the mission, we are ardently working toward internationalization, currently over 500 international students are enrolled in TMU. We have the goal to increase the number to 900 and over, and with the current enrollment of 9,000, that will account for 10 % of it.

The Global Newsletter has the purpose to send out information on how TMU is working on international exchanges. We will be happy if we can make you interested in reading this Newsletter.

We truly hope to meet you on the beautiful TMU campuses, and truly wishing you a bright future after studying at TMU.



President Jun Ueno

## About TMU Campuses

TMU has three large campuses, all of the campuses are located in Tokyo, the host city for the Olympic and Paralympic Games in 2020.

As our main campus is located in the western suburban area of Tokyo and easily accessed by direct bus from the airport (40 minutes by train from the center of Tokyo); students can enjoy both the nearness to Tokyo Metropolis which offers many academic and social activities, and lush greenery surrounded by the great nature. Thus, TMU provides a best and a most pleasant study environment for international students.

## Symbol Tower of TMU

At the Minami-Osawa Campus main gate is the Symbol Tower of TMU. At both sides of the main gate, you can see cherry blossoms in full bloom every spring. On the campus you can fully enjoy four seasons of Japan around you.



## Main Library

The main library is a structure of 3 floors above ground and 2 underground. Of course, a library is a good place for self-study, but this main library also contains group presentation rooms and communication spaces, where students can practice presentations and hold meetings for group projects.



## International House

International House offers rooms for Japanese language classes and counselling services for international students. These rooms are efficiently used by many international students. In International House is a French restaurant, which is bustling with the university community members and people in the local community at lunch time.



## Exchange Programs

Tokyo Metropolitan University has signed student exchange agreements with overseas universities and research institutions, and hosts incoming students through the student exchange program. The exchange program allows students to study at TMU for six months or one year, starting in either April or October.

TMU also has a short-term study abroad program known as Semester Abroad at Tokyo Metropolitan University (SATOMU), in which students primarily take courses taught in English. In this program, students will take international exchange courses and receive a certificate of completion if they meet the requirements.

We accepted 61 international students from 17 countries and regions in 2017.



## Summer / Winter Programs

TMU offers students from universities on student exchange agreements a three- to four-week intensive Japanese-language and culture program twice a year.

The program aims at providing a comprehensive introduction to Japanese language and culture. Students will develop their language skills, experience traditional and pop culture of Japan, and increase their understanding of Japanese society.

We accepted 57 international students from 11 countries and regions in 2017 in the summer and the winter program.



# Voice from International Students

We have many international students enrolled in the undergraduate and graduate schools, and the number is increasing year by year. TMU can offer many programs -- short-term, one -semester, two-semester.

Voice  
**1**



Name : Roh Jee Ho

## Exchange Student from South Korea

### Q1. Why did you choose TMU to study abroad in Japan?

My dream is to be a trader who connects Japan and South Korea. In order to trade, we need detailed information about the country. TMU is environmentally the best place to learn about Japan. Located in Tokyo, its accessibility is good for getting to know the trends of Japan. The international programs or majors lessons at TMU are quite systematic. These are also good because I can study with international students from all over the world, and learn not only about Japan, but also about other countries.

### Q2. How are you currently taking classes at TMU?

I have 4 economics classes and 5 cultural

studies classes. Especially Game Theory class is really interesting to me because it is something I can not learn in my home university. In Japanese Business and Industry class, I am learning a lot about how the structure of the Japanese economy is made.

### Q3. What are your impressions on TMU?

Everything is good. The campus is wide and the scenery is so beautiful when the leaves or snow is falling. TMU students are kind and easy to talk to. Because of the many international programs and classes, I think TMU is the best university for international

students. It is also a great place to hang out with friends as it is near the shopping area and the station.

### Q4. Advice for prospective international students who are looking to study at TMU.

I think studying Japanese is the most important way to have fun at TMU. Life abroad may be harder than you expected, but the more you know Japanese, the more fun you can have in your student life at TMU, and the more you can feel about Japanese culture. So I'd recommend hanging out and talking with a lot of people.



He often goes to the library to concentrate on study and look up in the library resources.



He often dines out with his friends at restaurants in the station area.



He enjoys residence life doing things with his best friends in the dormitory.

Voice  
**2**



Name : Damien Lechevestrier

## Exchange Student from France

### Q1. Why did you choose TMU to study abroad in Japan?

I became interested in TMU because my Japanese teacher recommended it to me. After research, I considered that TMU would suit me well. I was particularly interested in the SATOMU program, a study program

dedicated to international students. I was sure that it would give me the opportunity to meet and study with people from different countries, to improve my Japanese, to know Japanese society through courses that seemed interesting to me. All this has been the case.

Also, at my home university I met TMU students with whom I got along well. They told me about the university, student life, they convinced me to apply for this university.

### Q2. What are your impressions on TMU?

TMU is, in my opinion, very well placed. The reason is that the university is located in Tokyo, capital city of Japan, so that I can visit any time I like this amazing city, where there are always new things to do. On the other hand, TMU is located in a little away from the center of Tokyo, so that I can also enjoy a quiet and pleasant student life.



## Total Number of International Exchange Partners: 177 (as of March 2018)

The number is increasing year by year, reaching 101 for university to university agreements, and 86 for department to department agreements as of March 2018.

The list can be found on the web at <https://www.tmu.ac.jp/english/international.html> The National University of Mongolia and TMU signed an academic exchange agreement on October 24, 2017. The signing ceremony took place on Minami-Osawa Campus, and we were honored to have President Y. Tumurbaatar, Vice-President B. Ochirkhuyag and Professor J. Batkhuu from Mongolia with us, joined by our President, Vice-Presidents and professors engaged in many years research collaboration with the National University of Mongolia. Representatives of both universities exchanged opinions vigorously over future exchange.



## International Student House

In International Student House, international students stay with a resident assistant student (Japanese) and sharing life with other residents. The House is intended to be an educational place where residents can get involved with each other every day and learn not only languages but also different values through the shared residence life. Its purpose is to help foster internationally oriented human resources and Internationalize the community and the university.

The House offers private rooms to each resident, and a shower, restroom and kitchen shared by three residents. The House has more common spaces including larger kitchens and theater room. We are sure you can make good friends at International Student House.



## Annual Meeting of the Tokyo Human Resources Fund for City Diplomacy

The annual meeting of the Tokyo Human Resources Fund for City Diplomacy scholarship program was held with 73 attendees of international students studied or studying in the scholarship program on the Fund and faculty/staff. All got together in one place – it was a great and exciting event.

TMU has accepted 226 international students from 19 countries and regions around the world on the Tokyo Human Resources Fund for City Diplomacy (and on the Asian Human Resources Fund) as of March 2018. Detailed information about the Fund Scholarship program can be found on the web at <http://www.thrf.ic.tmu.ac.jp/en/>



## International Student Seminar

This Seminar is organized for our international students and Japanese students. The seminar helps deepen friendship among international students and Japanese students, and also deepen the understanding of Japanese unique culture, nature, history through group work and first-hand experience. This seminar is scheduled twice a semester, during the first and second semester of the academic year. Our students went to Hida-Takayama and Nikko for the Seminar in 2017.



## Report on Activities of Bangkok Office

Since its opening of 2014, Bangkok Office has been expanding its promotional activities in ASEAN countries.

In 2017, it intensified its activities such as running exhibition booths in many study-abroad fairs and visiting high schools, universities and others in Thailand.

For this year's Study in Japan Fair, our graduate school alumni came over to the venue to assist us! We were so happy to see many prospective students at our booth.

Our alumnus supporters give advice and information



Two reliable alumni supporters



## A Look at Numerical Facts (Data)

- Over 9,000 students (about 7,000 undergraduate and about 2,300 graduate)
- About 700 faculty staff and 450 administrative staff
- Ranked 11th and enjoyed a great reputation for research achievements among Japanese universities. (Times Higher Education World University Rankings 2018)
- Over 500 international students from about 40 countries
- Over 200 Student Associations

## Academic Composition (7 faculties and 7 graduate schools)

### Faculty

- Faculty of Humanities and Social Sciences
- Faculty of Law
- Faculty of Economics and Business Administration
- Faculty of Science
- Faculty of Urban Environmental Sciences
- Faculty of Systems Design
- Faculty of Health Sciences

### Graduate School

- Graduate School of Humanities
- Graduate School of Law and Politics
- Graduate School of Management
- Graduate School of Science
- Graduate School of Urban Environmental Sciences
- Graduate School of Systems Design
- Graduate School of Human Health sciences

