

# Great Voyage

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## News

### Doshisha University joins the “30% Club Japan University Working Group” and gains membership in the “30% Club Japan”

In September 2022, Doshisha University joined the 30% Club Japan University Working Group and became a member of the 30% Club Japan.

The 30% Club, established in the United Kingdom in 2010, is a global campaign aimed at increasing the percentage of women in key decision-making bodies in companies, including boards of directors. In Japan, the initiative was officially launched in 2019 by the 30% Club Japan, with the goal of increasing the percentage of female directors in TOPIX 100 companies to 30% by 2030.

Three working groups have been created in the 30% Club Japan, each forming a subgroup and developing activities. One of them is the University Working Group. The University Working Group promotes educational and awareness-raising activities to contribute to the realization of gender diversity in a wide range of fields, including education, research, and social contribution.

In 2008, Doshisha University established the Office of Promotion of Gender Equality. In 2021, the functions of the Office were taken over by the newly established Diversity Promotion Committee, which reviews measures related not only to gender equality issues but also to Diversity Promotion in general. Taking the affiliation with the 30% Club Japan University Working Group as a new opportunity, we will work together with the universities in the Working Group and the companies participating in the 30% Club Japan to address Diversity Promotion based on the principle of “Each and every person is precious,” and we will widely share the philosophy with society.



### NIIZEKI Mikiyo Seminar in the Faculty of Economics wins Japan's No. 1 in the Bloomberg ESG Investment Contest 2022!

Two teams from the NIIZEKI Seminar, Faculty of Economics, won first prize and a prize in the Bloomberg ESG Investment Contest 2022 sponsored by Bloomberg.

The contest has been held since 2017 to provide students with a wide range of learning and real-world experiences at the forefront of economics and finance.

This year's contest attracted the largest number of entries ever: 342 students on 61 teams from 23 universities from across Japan. Over the course of three months, the teams made full use of the Bloomberg Terminal to simulate ESG investments using 10 billion yen in virtual funds.

After stringent screening, two teams from the NIIZEKI Seminar, "Gabenomikusu" and "Croissant," successfully advanced to the finalist presentation session (held on October 4), where the top four teams participated. "Gabenomikusu" advanced to the final competition (held on October 25), where the top two teams competed, and was selected as the winner by a vote of approximately 200 people, including the judging panel and securities analysts.

#### 1st Prize Winner

Team name: Gabenomikusu

Theme: Dilemma Busters

Members: SOGABE Yuka, SASAKI Daiki, SCANLAN Selinahana, NOGAMI Ryunosuke, MORIMOTO Yuta, OKINAGA Koki



#### Prize Winner

Team name: Croissant

Theme: Food Technology Health

Members: OKUNO Yujin, SHIMOMURA Kyoka, SONODA Kyohei, TAKIGUCHI Hana, NAGAISHI Moe, HARA Misaki



## H.E. Dr. Frank-Walter Steinmeier, President of the Federal Republic of Germany, visits Doshisha University

On Thursday, November 3, 2022, H.E. Dr. Frank-Walter Steinmeier, President of the Federal Republic of Germany, visited Doshisha University during his stay in Japan and participated in a panel discussion on climate change titled “25 years after the Kyoto Protocol—Progress and Challenges” held at the Learning Commons on the second floor of the Ryoshinkan Building on the Imadegawa Campus.

The event started with a welcome speech by President UEKI Tomoko of the University, followed by a keynote speech by President Steinmeier. He stated emphatically: “Only if a concerted effort by all countries - harnessing research and the innovative ideas of our smartest minds – succeeds in slowing global climate change can we sustain the world in which we all live. The spirit of Kyoto must live on – we must not fall behind on implementation, despite the many crises. Rather, we must go even further.” After the speech, a discussion between Japanese and German experts on climate change impacts and countermeasures, moderated by Professor GOTO Takuya (Faculty of Science and Engineering, Doshisha University), and a Q&A session between those experts and students from Doshisha University and Tübingen University Center for Japanese Studies\* were conducted. The discussion allowed participants to review the progress made since the Kyoto Protocol and hear the opinions of the experts on what we should do. Furthermore, the experts presented their ideas on climate change prevention measures in response to active questioning by the students. The President listened attentively to the heated discussions and the Q&A session until the very end. Finally, Professor GOTO concluded the panel discussion with the following summary: “We must take steps forward together, faster and wider, to achieve our climate goals.”

Through this event, participants were able to think about climate change from various perspectives and discuss it with experts. It was a very meaningful event providing an opportunity for students majoring in various fields, such as the environment, economics, and Japanese studies, to gain new insights and interact with each other.

\*In 1993, Tübingen University (Germany) established the Tübingen University Center for Japanese Studies on the Imadegawa Campus, which serves as the university’s base for Japanese studies. Doshisha University also opened its first overseas campus, the Doshisha EU Campus at Tübingen University, in 2017.



## Her Royal Highness Princess Astrid of the Kingdom of Belgium Pays a Call on Doshisha University

On Friday, December 9, 2022, Her Royal Highness Princess Astrid of the Kingdom of Belgium visited the Imadegawa Campus of Doshisha University as part of her visit to Japan. On this visit to Japan, HRH Princess Astrid led a Belgian economic mission that comprised 575 members, one of the largest Belgian missions to Japan in the history of the relationship between the two countries. At Doshisha University, a seminar titled “Business and Human Rights- Expectations regarding gender equality in business” was held with the participation of HRH Princess Astrid, Her Excellency Ms. Hadja Lahbib, Minister of Foreign Affairs, European Affairs and Foreign Trade and the Federal Cultural Institutions of the Kingdom of Belgium, Mr. Pascal Smet, Secretary of State of the Brussels-Capital Region, and some 90 other members of the Belgian economic mission, together with about 160 Doshisha University students.

The Kingdom of Belgium has positioned gender equality as a high-priority domestic and foreign policy issue. In her opening remarks, Minister Lahbib stated, expressing her expectations of young people, including Doshisha University students, “It is important for young generations who will become full-fledged members of society in the future to take action with a keen awareness of the rights of women.” At the panel discussion, a video of interviews with Doshisha University students, which had been created by the Belgian Embassy to Japan, was screened. Then panelists discussed various topics based on the thoughts of young generations today. Finally, Doshisha University President UEKI Tomoko mentioned, “In addition to gender equality, which has been the theme of today’s event, diversity promotion is a crucial theme for not only our University but also the entire world to tackle.” And she added to conclude the seminar, “I believe that diversity promotion requires every one of us to think seriously about the issue and take practical action.”

This seminar provided a very valuable opportunity for participating students to ponder deeply on diversity promotion, including the promotion of gender equality.



## Report: "Let's make Origami Crane Earrings!" (presented by SIED)

Hello, we are SIED!

On October 4th (Tue.), SIED hosted an event, "Let's make Origami Crane Earrings!" at International Community Lounge on Imadegawa Campus. 9 international students and 3 local students, 12 students in total participated in this event! In this event, participants experienced traditional Japanese origami and made earring accessories with the origami cranes they made.

Before creating cranes with tiny origami, participants tried to make cranes with large origami as a first step. Many of the international students were making cranes for the first time and struggled at first, but with the help of local students who taught them how to fold, they were able to complete beautiful origami cranes!

After they mastered making origami cranes, it was time to make small cranes! Participants created cranes one-sixteenth the size of the first origami they made. Many of the participants struggled to make one that would almost fit on their fingers, but by the end of the event, they all completed their original origami earrings.

During the event, participants communicated with each other talking about their countries of origin and hobbies, and the atmosphere was nice and relaxed throughout the event.

After the event, many participants left with their earrings on, and we received many positive comments from participants

saying that they would like to participate in the event again.

We hope all participants had a wonderful experience through our event. We will host many other intercultural events throughout the year with caution to prevent COVID-19 infection, so don't miss it!



## Report: "Let's go to Shokoku-ji Temple!" (presented by SIED)

We held "Let's go to Shokoku-ji Temple!" on November 14th (Mon.). 6 international students and 3 local students participated in this event. It was an event to visit Shokoku-ji Temple, located right next to Doshisha University Imadegawa Campus on the north side. As it was during the special autumn exhibition, we were able to visit the Dharma Hall, Hojo and Kaizando Hall, which are not normally open to the public.

The participants were divided into three groups and visited Shokoku-ji Temple while having enjoyable conversations with each other. In the Dharma Hall, when you clap your hands under a ceiling picture of a dragon "Banryuzu", it will reverberate with the back of the ceiling and make sounds called "Nakiryu" (crying of a dragon). All participants lined up in a row to feel the inscrutable voice of the dragon. The leaves started to change the color gradually into red and orange, so participants enjoyed the beautiful autumn leaves in Kaisando Hall. We were happy that the international students enjoyed the Japanese autumn too.



After the event, it was impressive to see all the participants enjoying chatting with each other in other groups. One of the participants even collected "Goshuin" (red ink stamp as a proof of the visit to a shrine or temple), so we were all very interested in the Goshuin book! Some of them saw it for the first time. We were glad to hear that she collected Goshuin of Shokoku-ji Temple, too. There were comments like "I had fun again this time!" and "I became more interested in international exchange" which made us very happy. Thank you to everyone who participated in this event!



SIED will hold many events you can interact internationally and make wonderful encounters under COVID-19 infection prevention. We look forward to your participation ♪

# Overseas Offices

Doshisha University's overseas offices were established in order to further promote its rapid and effective internationalization. At our overseas offices, we are implementing mainly public relations activities to increase the profile of Doshisha University, while at the same time making the most of the characteristics unique to each office. In addition, we are undertaking various efforts to recruit international students, support Doshisha students while they are studying overseas, and provide on-site support to our faculty members.

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# Greetings

## Greetings from the Institute for the Liberal Arts Office

We hope that you and your families are safe and well at this challenging time.

In April 2011, the Institute for the Liberal Arts (ILA) welcomed 20 students as the first cohort into the four-year undergraduate degree program delivered entirely in English. Since then, the ILA has continued to diversify as we now have about 180 students from more than 30 countries. Every student has a myriad of talents and interests which together contribute to our special learning community here.

The Japanese border has been open since March 2022, and we are very happy to be able to welcome students here on campus again. The ILA made an important announcement regarding returning to “in-person” classes on the Campus from the Fall 2022 Semester.

We look forward to welcoming students to the ILA. We are planning to release our new Application Guide 2024 by June 2023 on our website at : <https://ila.doshisha.ac.jp/en/admissions>.

We hope you will visit our website and find out more about our program.

Please stay safe.

Warm regards,

The Institute for the Liberal Arts Office



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