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News

Doshisha University Formula Project Comes Third Overall and First in Cost Event at Student Formula Japan

From September 2 to 6, 2014, the 12th Student Formula Japan Competition was held at ECOPA (Ogasayama Sports Park in Shizuoka Prefecture), where Doshisha University Formula Project (DUFP) finished third in the overall ranking (for the third consecutive year) and came first in the cost event (for the second consecutive year).

Comment from the head of Doshisha University Formula Project:

I am pleased to announce that at 2014 Student Formula Japan our team came third overall for the third consecutive year among 90 participating universities from home and abroad, and ranked first among private universities. The team also came first in the cost event, where low production cost of the vehicle is all-important.

We are disappointed not to have won the overall title, but we believe that securing third place for the third consecutive year is the accumulation of many years of hard work by the team since the competition started 12 years ago.

We will share the experiences of the competition among team members, and aim at winning the overall victory next year.



'Health Promotion Project' of the Faculty of Health and Sports Science Highly Appreciated by Seika Town

On July 23, 2014, Seika Town presented a Letter of Appreciation to students who attended the First Year Seminar (a first-year experience program) of the Faculty of Health and Sports Science, taught by Professor Kojiro Ishii. The ceremony was held at the Exchange Hall in the Seika Town Municipal Government, Kyoto Prefecture.

The theme of Professor Ishii's First Year Seminar this year was the proposal of project plans by students regarding health promotion of local residents in response to a request made by Seika Town. The initiative was conducted under the

Comprehensive Collaboration Agreement that exists between Seika Town and Doshisha University. The missions requested by Seika Town included 'planning a walking event', 'designing a walking course map' and 'collaboration between private health promotion facilities and the local government'. Eleven students divided into three groups started research and survey work in April, leading to a presentation on July 16.

The following are the project plans proposed by the students.

An 8-kilometer walking event scheduled for May and June, during the harvest season of the town's famous strawberries, with 500 to 1000 people participating; five walking courses that take participants around the town; supportive plans such as the introduction of a walking mileage campaign and the distribution of dietary education recipes designed to motivate residents to improve their health.

Seika Town commented that using these proposals as a reference will enable it to successfully design and implement new health promotion projects.

Arisa Yoshida (Graduate School of Global Studies) Selected as Crown Prince Akihito Scholarship Awardee

Arisa Yoshida (Master's Program, Graduate School of Global Studies) has been awarded the 2014 Crown Prince Akihito Scholarship to study at the University of Hawaii.

The scholarship was established in 1960 to commemorate the marriage of Prince Akihito (the present Emperor) as well as his visit to Hawaii, in cooperation with Japanese-Americans living in Hawaii, the Honolulu Japanese Chamber of Commerce and the Japanese business community. It is aimed at promoting mutual understanding and friendly relations between Japan and the US through student exchanges.

Yoshida was selected to compete for one position from among many applicants across the country. She will study at the University of Hawai'i at Mānoa for two years starting August 2014.

Comment of Arisa Yoshida:

"I learned plenty of new things during the first semester at the Graduate School of Global Studies. It was a really stimulating and productive four months. Two years at the University of Hawaii will pass quickly, so I'll be certain to use this opportunity wisely by studying hard. I'll also make time to meet the people of Hawaii, a place where multiple cultures co-exist. I'm a little anxious, but I will believe in myself and make my best efforts."



Doshisha – Amherst Friendship Hardball Baseball Game held

On August 11, 2014, an international friendship hardball baseball game between Doshisha University and Amherst College (US) was held at the Kyotanabe Campus Hardball Baseball Field. It was postponed from the previous day due to typhoon No.11.

At the opening ceremony prior to the game, a former member of the Amherst College Baseball Club, Mr. Mark Dewaele, expressed his appreciation for the opportunity to have a memorable first exchange game between the two universities. Mr. Dewaele handed a commemorative trophy symbolizing friendship to Doshisha's Vice President and Executive Dean of the Organization for Students Support Services, Fumiaki Ojima.

The game began with a ceremonial first pitch thrown by the Mayor of Kyotanabe City, Mr. Akezo Ishii. Amherst was first to score, and went on to lead by 6 runs which included a home run in the first innings. However, Doshisha launched a counterattack from the middle of the next innings and won the game 16-6. The atmosphere reached fever pitch as the teams battled it out, with the enthusiastic and good-natured crowd cheering for both sides.

It was our pleasure to have played a role in further strengthening the relations between the two baseball teams as well as between the two institutions through this friendship game. The exchange event provided an invaluable experience that will be an asset for our club as well as individual club members.



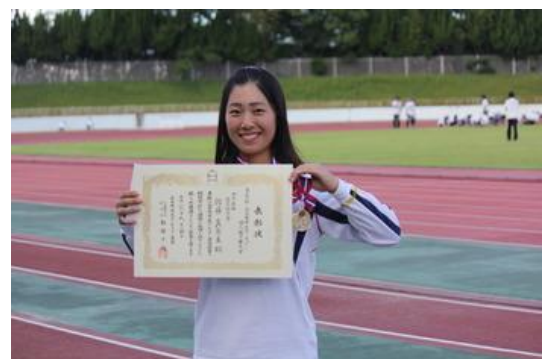
Manami Sato of the Archery Club Wins All Japan Student Archery Individual Competition

From September 12 to 14, 2014, the 53rd All Japan Student Archery Individual Competition was held at Hattori Ryokuchi Athletic Stadium in Osaka, where Manami Sato (fourth-year student, Faculty of Health and Sports Science) won the championship.

Comment from Manami Sato:

I'm very pleased to have won the title at the last inter-college tournament of my university life. I couldn't have achieved this without the great support of many people around me. I'd like to take this opportunity to thank you all.

I wasn't in good shape and continued to feel uneasy during training, but just before the tournament my condition started to pick up. I was able to shoot with a good feeling and get higher scores. So, I had an aggressive and competitive mindset without any anxiety at the tournament, which I believe helped earn me the victory. Having overcome some difficulties with my condition, I can honestly say I enjoyed the tournament so much.



I will continue to work hard toward winning the championships at the All Japan Tournament and beyond.

Global MBA Proposes Strategic Direction of Overseas Expansion of Kyoto's Traditional Handicraft Industry

The Cultural and Creative Industries Course of Doshisha Business School's Global MBA implemented a project that formulated an overseas expansion strategy plan of traditional handicraft industries based in Kyoto. The project culminated in a final presentation given by students on August 8 with the participation of cooperating companies.

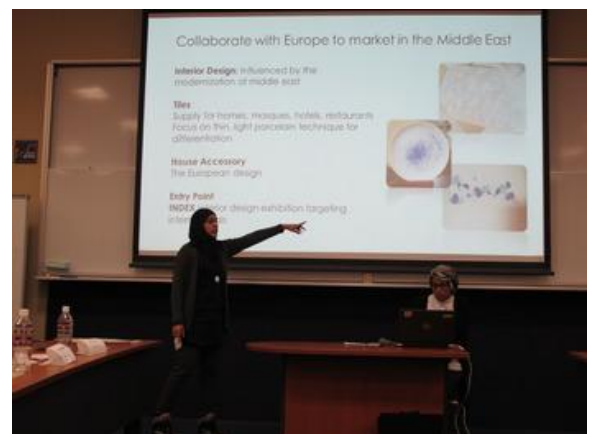
In this practical project, 20 international students from 12 countries, divided into small groups, visited traditional handicraft companies in Kyoto that are eagerly seeking overseas expansion, undertook research and analysis, and made specific proposals for selling their existing products to overseas markets as well as developing new products using traditional craftsmanship.

The cooperating companies were Isuke (Japanese lacquerware), Omi-ya (triaxial woven fabrics), Kumagai Corp. (Kyo-yaki, Kiyomizu-yaki pottery), Kōbori, Inc. (Buddhist altar fittings), Takesada-Shoten Co., Ltd. (bamboo products), Nishimura Yuzen-Chokoku (Yuzen dyeing), and Hiyoshiya Co., Ltd. (Japanese umbrellas). These are leading traditional handicraft companies, most of which are members of the Kyoto Contemporary Project, a project of Kyoto City for supporting the overseas expansion of Kyoto brand products including traditional handicrafts.

The course also offered a special lecture given by the president of Hiyoshiya, Mr. Kotaro Nishibori, who acted as the producer of this project. His philosophy, 'tradition is not a historic relic, but a succession of innovations', attracted the eager attention of the students.

At the final presentation, students made a number of creative proposals to each company based on detailed analysis, which included an expansion plan of Buddhist altar fittings to the home pet market, a skateboard guitar made of bamboo, and cuff links made with triaxial woven fabric.

The project became productive and successful, providing international students with the opportunity to deepen their understanding of Japanese traditional handicraft industries, as well as to propose unique ideas to each company. The project also served to help strengthen collaboration among students, the university, local industries and communities.



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 overseas students, support our students while they are studying overseas, and provide on-site support to members of our faculties while they are overseas.

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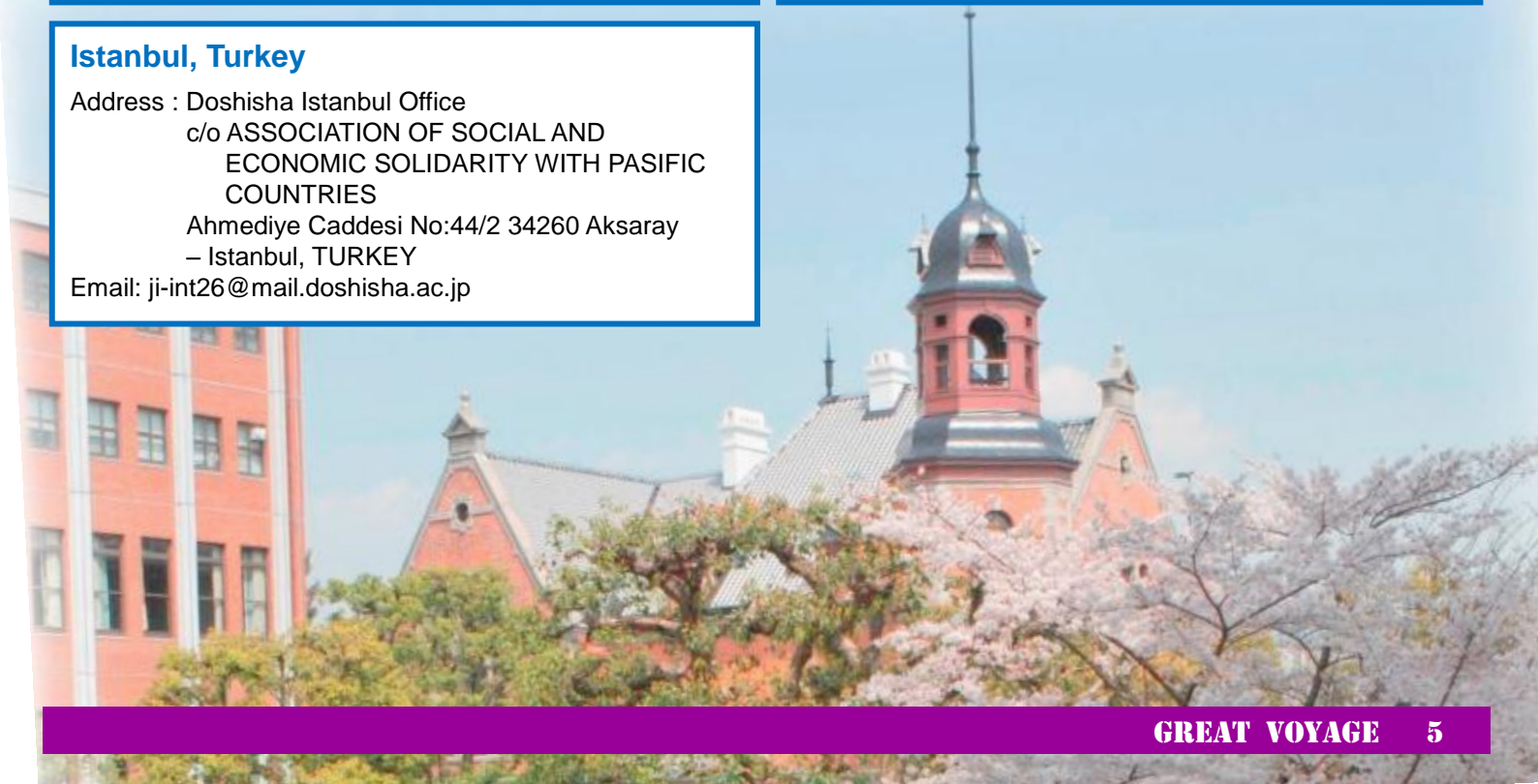
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Greetings from the Institute for the Liberal Arts

Greetings from the Institute for the Liberal Arts Office!

We trust you had a wonderful New Year holiday.

In April 2011, the Institute for the Liberal Arts (ILA) admitted twenty students into the four-year undergraduate degree program delivered entirely in English. Four years later, in March 2015, this first cohort will be graduating from Doshisha University with a B.A. in Liberal Arts.

This past year, the ILA has continued to diversify as we welcomed two more cohorts of new students from over 20 countries. Every student has a myriad of talents and interests which together contribute to our special learning community here in the heart of Kyoto.

We are planning to release our new Admission Form 2016 by June on our website at: <http://ila.doshisha.ac.jp/admissions>.

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

Best wishes for 2015, and please do stop by our office for a visit.

Warm regards,

The Institute for the Liberal Arts Office



Application requirements

■ First-Year Student Application

Applicants should be at least 18 years of age at the time of enrollment at Doshisha University and satisfy one of the following requirements.

1. Applicants should have completed or be expected to complete twelve years of school education (including a high school degree) outside Japan by the time of enrollment at Doshisha University.
2. Applicants should possess a university entrance qualification (or be expected to obtain one by the time of enrollment), such as the International Baccalaureate, Abitur, or French Baccalaureate.
3. Applicants should have completed or be expected to complete twelve years of education at a WASC, CIS or ACSEI accredited international school by the time of enrollment at Doshisha University.
4. Applicants should have graduated from a Japanese high school or be expected to graduate by the time of enrollment at Doshisha University.

■ Third-Year Transfer Student Application

In addition to one of the four requirements stated above for first-year applicants, third-year transfer applicants should satisfy one of the following requirements.

1. Applicants should have completed or be expected to complete two full academic years at an undergraduate degree-conferring institution as a regular student by the time of enrollment at Doshisha University.
2. Applicants should have graduated from a two-year college or be expected to graduate by the time of enrollment at Doshisha University.

■ English Proficiency Test Scores

TOEFL iBT: 85 or above, IELTS: 6.0 or above

However, the proof of English proficiency is not required if applicant:

- is a native speaker of English
 - has spent 12 or more years of education in English
- More exceptions can be found on the Admission Form 2016

■ We are looking for

applicants who have an excellent secondary school record. However, over and beyond a high G.P.A. and outstanding standardized exam scores (typically students accepted to the ILA have an IB score of 32 or above, and SAT score of at least 1650, or three GCE A levels), most importantly we look for applicants who demonstrate a passion for the Liberal Arts Program with an obvious and strong potential for contributing to the intellectual and social life of the Institute.

The ILA Office

Admission Procedure

1. Document
Screening

2. Interview
(FTF or Skype)

3. Successful applicant will
be offered places with
reduction in tuition fees*

**In principle, scholarships are applicable to students on a college student visa*

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