

## YOSAKOI Summer School in Kochi University of Technology 2013

### 1. Purpose

This Summer School aims at attaining the following goals through the cooperative experiences of attending students from 9 universities.

- To get to know other cultures more deeply.
- To have new friends from other countries.
- To broaden academic knowledge.
- To deepen a beautiful relationship between 9 universities.
- To achieve a personal relationship with local people.
- To learn local history, environment, society and culture.
- To get a wonderful experience through the lively Yosakoi Dance.

### 2. The venue of the event:

Kochi University of Technology, Japan and neighboring areas.

### 3. Period

From Sunday 3 August, 2013 to Monday 12 August, 2013

### 4. Persons who are being attended

- Harbin Institute of Technology 2 students
- Heilongjiang University 2 students and 1 faculty member
- National Taiwan University of Science and Technology 2 students
- National Kaohsiung First University of Science and Technology 2 students
- Yeungnam University 2 students
- Thammasat University 2 students
- University of Glamorgan 2 students
- Polytechnic University of Valencia 2 students
- Kochi University of Technology students and several faculty members

### 5. Organizer:

Kochi University of Technology

## 6. Schedule:

DAY 1 August 3rd (SAT) - Arrival

DAY 2 August 4th (SUN) - Opening Ceremony and Orientation

- KUT open-campus event (Campus tour etc.)
- Welcome Lunch with KUT President
- Lecture 1 by Professor WATANABE  
"Glocalization for New Sustainable Development"

DAY 3 August 5th (MON) - Lecture 2 by Professor HATTA "Electronics and Photonics for Sustainable Development"

- Lecture 3 by Professor SAKIKAWA "Introduction to Japanese Culture"
- Exchange program with KUT students

DAY 4 August 6th (TUE) - Short bus trip

John Manjiro Museum, Glass-bottom boat tour,  
Toujin Field, Exchange program

DAY 5 August 7th (WED) - Short bus trip

Kongoufukuji temple, River rafting

DAY 6 August 8th (THU) - Practice of Yosakoi Dance

- Music Concert

DAY 7 August 9th (FRI) - One day free time (Eve of the Yosakoi festival)

DAY 8 August 10th (SAT) - Participate in the Yosakoi Festival in Kochi city

DAY 9 August 11th (SUN)- Half day free time

- Review and wrap up
- Farewell party

DAY 10 August 12th (MON)- Departure

## I love YOSAKOI summer school



I am so glad to attend to YOSAKOI summer school, this is an unforgettable and wonderful trip. I will never forget it.

I got many good friends from different countries during this summer school. I like them very much. They are my lovely buddy Takumi Omori, Taiki Naito, and my new friends Youjo Chin, Masako Tanaka and so on. Specially, I can't forget Hironori Sato. Everybody called him Hiro, and I think he is my hero. I can't swim, and I am not very good at playing sports. When we were river rafting, I can't put my boat to the shore. I was so nervous because I could not control the boat. He saved me. So, to me he is my hero. And I also can't forget Ms. Mari Yamasaki, she just likes an angle to me. I love her very much. She is beautiful and very kind. She bought dinner for me when I was sick. I was alone and wanted to have some hot dinner. I missed my home and wanted to eat the Chinese food which is cooked by my mom. At that time, Ms. Yamasaki knocked my door and brought a hot dinner for me. My heart was so warm. I think Japanese are so kind. I like Japanese.

I had a very splendid experience I have never had before. I like it very much. I like Kochi University of Technology. The school is way different from my school. My school is Russian architecture, there is a humanities feeling in my school. But KUT is a technological university, it has an engineering feeling, I like both of them.

I love YOSAKOI summer school. I love Japan and I hope we will be friends forever.

Heilongjiang University  
School of Economics&Business&Management, Grade 2  
HaoChanyuan

## Unforgettable memory



Rikiya, Joey, Hannah, Ami, Shoki

I am really grateful for Kochi University of Technology to give me this opportunity to join the summer school program; it means a lot to me now and forever. I am a bit different from other international students in this summer school, because I have met some of the Kochi University of Technology students already when they visit our university 2 years ago. We have been talking about are culture lots, but talking about it doesn't comprehend the reality of actually seeing it, it's an eyes opening experience and a dream come true (I have always wanted to visit Japan). Experiencing Japanese culture and the festival of Yosakoi is a rare and unique thing to me.

From the short bus tour we went on, I had the opportunity to cook Bonito, while we played wasabi games with friends and kayaking even though I can't swim, but my friends and professor said to me 'Don't worry, we will look after you', they make me feel so safe, but the most scary memory I have is from the Ghost's walk, it made me cry. However the night sky view is the most beautiful night in my life there are lots of stars and that's the first time I seen a shooting star!

I have to be honest I didn't think I would like the Yosakoi dance festival because it would be so hot and we where going to dance on the street the whole day long, however when the day came I loved it! It is really enjoyable to dance with lots of friends and see the smile on peoples face from the audience and fellow dancers, it made me feel tireless and I wish the festival would never end.

I have to say thank you very much to all the staff, professor, buddies and everyone I met, because you all made me feel at home. Especially to Rikiya, Akane, Shoki and Ms Sakamoto, because I gave them a lots of trouble during my stay 'Arigatou'. In return I will study hard to learn Japanese and see you all in Japan soon!

I can talk about the memory of this summer school forever, and I wish it never ended. Our Yosakoi summer school 2013 might have ended, but our memory and friendship will be endless. Miss you all so much, will keep in touch!

## ▣ KUT Yosakoi Summer School Program 2013



Sometimes photos may tell more than words. I got many impressions in this summer school program. Since before I flew there, the KUT staff had always announced about the program schedule. When I arrived at Kochi airport they gave a very warm welcome and always took care of me till I left there. My Japanese buddies are really wonderful. They had high responsibility, hospitality, and friendly feelings. They made me relax although we only met for the first time. I got many valuable experiences from this program. For example, the friendship between the students from various countries, learned Japanese traditional cultural (such as Sado, Kado, and Shodo), had a chance to attend the KUT open-house day and the classical concert, joined the fantastic short visit trip to Ashizuri area and canoeing at Shimanto river. And the best time in this summer school was taking part in Yosakoi dancing as an International team. Moreover, I knew this year was the 60th anniversary of Yosakoi dancing in Kochi. During dancing day, I got a lot of good memories with my team and the audiences. I wish KUT will provide this summer school program in the future because it can make sustain the friendship between the students that attend in this program. This program gave me the great opportunities to exchange and spend time together. Finally, I would like to thank you once again to KUT staffs, professors, KUT students and also Thai students (which always took care of me).

Sirindhorn International Institute of Technology (SIIT), Thammasat University  
Management Technology program, Doctoral Level 4  
Chat Chuchuen



## 2013 YOSAKOI summer school in KUT



It was an awesome experience for me. I made a lot of friends from different countries in KUT. Also learned different cultures, I enjoyed it. Especially I love Japanese-style hotel, and I took a hot spring wore YUKATA, I really love this clothing that is very traditional and comfortable. This trip we had a special dancing in YOSAKOI and it was exciting and amazing when we danced and yelled in these roads. The Activity river rafting was very exciting I love when I finished it. Even I couldn't play it very well.

It is really my honor to have this good buddy, Kazu (田中一徳). He is a kind person because he took me to anywhere I want by driving his car. Attending this summer school I realize our relationship now is beginning not the end professor said that. It was so hard to say good-bye that I cried at the Kochi Ryoma Airport. I love everyone I met in Japan, I want to thank KUT for providing this good opportunity. It was truly a milestone in my life.

National Kaohsiung First University of Science and Technology  
Safety, Health and Environmental Engineering,  
The first year of master program  
Li Jeng-Hung

# YOSAKOI SUMMER SCHOOL 2013

Kochi University of Technology



First of all, I would like to thank KUT to give us the chance to experience Japan in a unique way that we've never experienced before. The 10 days were fruitful and definitely will become a part of our lives that would never be forgotten. My first impression about summer school was the versatility of the programs, from open campus event, lecture of professors, trip to Ashizuru, river rafting in the Shimanto river, and the grand Yosakoi dance festival. These abundant activities really made an extraordinary summer experience for me.

The program I enjoyed most was the experience of Japanese culture, particularly Kado and Chado. Because it was the first time ever that I had the chance to do flower arrangement, the experience really made a profound impression in my memory. In addition to Kado, I also enjoyed Chado. Before the program, I had only a little knowledge about Chado from television and books. It was really impressive to actually sit in the room and hold the bowl in my hands. And then, I could realize that how Japanese people take Chado so seriously.

Apart from the above programs, the Yosakoi dance festival was a precious experience in a lifetime. Despite the heat all day long, I think all Japanese and international students did have a great time that day. Thanks for KUT, we actually took part in the festival, not just stood on the sidewalk or watched the television.

These experiences let us build an intimate bond with Japan culture, to diet like a Japanese, to live like a Japanese, and to see things like a Japanese. I used to think Japanese culture is somehow resembled to Chinese culture in a large part. Now I know that Japan has developed its own unique lifestyle, by merging eastern and western cultures to give birth to an entire new culture – the Japanese culture.

As for the comments, I think it would not be a bad idea to exhibit the calligraphy of all students of summer school, so we can admire others' works. KUT has a beautiful campus and an open academic climate. I believe KUT could be an example for other universities in Asia, and I will, without hesitating, recommend students in our school to study at KUT.

National Taiwan University of Science and Technology  
Graduate Institute of Patent, Grade 1  
Chang Ho-Chiao



## Eternal Summer



This exchange program in Kochi impressed me a lot.

This was my first time to Japan. So, during this summer school, I experienced so many new things that I was really interested in. Such as tea ceremony, hot spring, Japanese-style room, especially the YOSAKOI dancing. We yelled and danced with music all day. We were exhausted but, we did enjoy it. The day of Yosakoi was the most unbelievable day in my life so far.

At the same time, I made so many international friends. Communicating with friends indeed broaden my horizon and helped me to learn about the cultural differences. I hope that our friendships will last forever.

I was sincerely grateful for the favor from my buddies and other international friends. My buddies were definitely nice people. They tried their best to meet my needs as possible as they could. I also want to express my appreciation to all the KUT staffs and professors. I am so moved for what they have done for me.

At last, I want to say thanks to KUT authority for giving me the opportunity to take part in this summer school. I will cherish the memory of this eternal summer forever.

Harbin Institute of Technology  
Civil Engineering, the Second Grade  
Su Dongyu



## I'll never forget all of you



One of my dreams is visiting many countries and get many friends from all over the world. This summer school program gave me friends. It made my dream come true.

At first, I was afraid of communicating in English, because I couldn't speak English so well. But, after this program, I noticed the most important thing is just try to speak and don't be afraid of making mistakes. Being shy is losing precious time. So, I tried to communicate not to be afraid of making mistakes. Day by day, I got many friends. I want to keep communicating with my friends. It was a most interesting two weeks for me!! I am very satisfied now!!

However, I have one thing to regret. Although, I had the opportunity to become friends with 16 guys from six countries, I did not have enough time to talk with all of them. If I have a chance to join this program next year, I really want to get more friends.

Kochi University of Technology  
Management, three  
Yojo Chin

# Summer School in 2013



I joined mainly Asizuri bus tour for two days. Although it was short periods, I could communicate actively and become friends with foreign students.

I was the most impressed about the exchange program by KUT students. I was a member of the group that projected courage test, firework and suikawari. Because the program was worked out all by ourselves, I thought challenging job and my feeling of hospitality got stronger. As a result, I was very glad that foreign students enjoyed it.

In this opportunity, I could use the experience that I have been to Thailand in this March. I was going to do what I was happy to be done in Thailand.

It was a good outcome in myself to able to join the opportunity of international exchange again. I'm interested in ways of thinking of various country people. In the future, I want to communicate actively with KUT foreign students too.

Environmental science and engineering  
1140231 Hirotaka Komatsu

# Discovery



During the Yosakoi Summer School, I noticed that each person we have a different sense of value. However, we can enjoy the same thing even though we are from different countries.

For me, it was so impressive to watch the starry sky at Ashizuri trip. I am sure every student was deeply touched by watching the beautiful starry sky at the same time and shared the magic of the universe.

The beautiful view transcended our nationality, cultural background, and religion. The view was the very key that we can be one. I felt that the view of the nature united us to be one. I could say this was my great discovery during the unforgettable summer.

Kochi University of Technology  
System Engineering  
Shiraki Kengo



## YOSAKOI Summer School 10days Impressions



I felt three things while participate in this summer school. At first, although my English speaking skills were poor, it was not so difficult to convey my thoughts. Because, I had many useful tools. For example, iPhone, Google Translate, and body language of my own. Secondly, I knew each student from different countries had a different culture. But, the way of thinking of students of same generation should be similar. Thirdly, the summer in Kochi was very very hot. It was hot as much as our Yosakoi dancing. I would like to thank to all the members and KUT staff. Thank you, it was so impressive!

Kochi University of Technology  
Electronic and Photonic System Engg  
M1 Hiroaki Hara



## Summer School Memories



I have two good memories of the summer school. Firstly, Japanese cultural activity. I was responsible for Japanese cultural activity. So, I was very busy planning, funding, meeting, and too many other things. But, when I looked at the foreign students enjoying the activity, I was very happy. Everybody seemed to enjoy it. I think this activity succeeded because the activity members did one's best. Thanks activity members!!!

Secondly, short trip to Shimanto was fun.

I have been to Shimanto once with my family. But, this time, I was able to experience many things than before. I ate so many Tatakis. The firework was great. I didn't play with firework for a long time. A test of one's courage, Kimodameshi was good too. I hate Komatsu. Finally my best memory is kayaking. I had never ridden kayak before. Riding kayak was very exciting. In the near future, maybe I ride kayak again.

These were my best memories. The summer school was very well organized and I made many friends. But it is a pity that I didn't join the Yosakoi dancing festival. I wanted to join. If I can join Yosakoi summer school next year, I am sure I will be a great Yosakoi dancer!!!

Kochi University of Technology  
Environment technology 4<sup>th</sup> grade  
Takamasa Shimoda

## Enjoyable Japanese culture



I have studied a variety of things throughout the YOSAKOI summer school.

Especially, I found that Japanese culture was very difficult and profound. Actually, I felt some difficulty when I tried to explain the tradition of tea ceremony and when I planned the event for YOSAKOI summer school with my friends. So, I thought that I should study Japanese culture again and, I should study English more because, I want to teach the Japanese culture to my friends from overseas.

Kochi University of Technology  
School of Environmental Science and Engineering, 4<sup>th</sup>  
Natsumi Yamasaki

## My YOSAKOI summer school



To tell the truth, I didn't want to dance in public. I thought it must make me feel ashamed. But, after dancing, I found myself how enjoyable the YOSAKOI is.

Thanks to this program, and all participants, I found that if I didn't attend this program, I guess I never understood the heart of YOSAKOI.

So, I want to say thanks to all members. Thanks for dancing and spending exciting time with me!

And there was one thing that many people misunderstood. Did you know the boy danced with us? The boy was so friendly.

I guess the reason was that I played with him a lot. So, many people said to me "Take care of your brother!". No...he was not my brother! We just played a lot! Even Japanese students misunderstood. Remember, he wasn't my brother. Anyway, I was so glad to meet all the students. If we have chance, we will meet again! Bye!

System, first grade  
Akira Nakamura





This was the second time for me to attend Yosakoi summer school, and I'd like to compare with the summer school in 2012. The participants in 2012 were 13 international students from 2 countries, China and Thailand and about 10 Japanese students. But this year, 16 international students from 6 countries and more than 20 Japanese students participated. Yosakoi summer school became bigger. Moreover, a new system was applied and international students had a buddy. I think this was the biggest difference.

It was quite natural that we divided into some groups. I spent most of the time with my buddy, 3 other international students and their buddies. We did many things together from the first day. For example, having lunch and dinner, seeing a festival and going shopping. I felt so comfortable with them and I enjoyed the time very much. This was the good point of the buddy system and I thank for it. However, some Japanese students couldn't join every activity and some international students couldn't have a buddy every day. I understood the reason why the Japanese students couldn't come. I knew they were busy with their research, part time job or Yosakoi festival. I thought they should have explained their schedule to other buddies clearly in advance, so that the international students who did not have a buddy had a chance to choose their new buddy, who was not chosen by Japanese students.

Anyway, this summer school was a great experience for me. We were completely different by age, major and nationality, but we gathered and took the same class, enjoyed a trip and danced together. That was interesting and so nice. The only thing we had in common was that we spoke in English. That's why I kept studying English although I didn't like it. 9 days were too short to know well everyone and every country. Prof. Hatta said on the last day, "Today is not the last day of this summer school. It starts today." I heartily agree with him. We are young and have enough time. Thanks to the Internet, it's so easy to communicate with people all over the world. I feel it is quite different from having a conversation face to face and I prefer seeing friends, but SNS is convenient to keep in touch. I hope to see all of the members sometime somewhere in the world.