

Application Guidelines for the Multicultural Joint Learning Program with National Cheng Kung University (Tainan, Taiwan) -Exploring Local Issues in Taiwan through Manga

1. Overview

We are now recruiting participants for the Multicultural Joint Learning Program with National Cheng Kung University (Tainan, Taiwan), which will be held from February 1 to February 7, 2026. In this program, students from both universities will study local issues in Tainan City and discuss potential measures for problem-solving. Based on the discussion, we will consider the impact of the measures on local individuals by creating a manga story.

2. Program Schedule

February 1, 2026: Travel from Tokyo to Taipei; overnight stay in Taipei

February 2: Visit to the National Museum of Natural Science (Taichung); travel to Tainan

February 3–4: Site visits in Tainan City

February 5: Workshop at National Cheng Kung University

February 6: Workshop, final presentations (National Cheng Kung University), travel to Taipei; overnight stay in Taipei

February 7: Return to Japan

*Pre-departure and post-program learning sessions will be held.

3. Participation Fee

Currently being finalized, but estimated around 150,000 JPY (including airfare and accommodation).

*A subsidy of 60,000 JPY will be provided through the “Habata-ke! Tsukuba Students” Overseas Study Support Program.

4. Eligibility

- Undergraduate or graduate students (Master's / Doctoral first-stage programs) of the University of Tsukuba; no field of study restrictions.

(Students on leave of absence are not eligible.)

- No nationality restrictions, but participants must be able to travel to Taiwan.
- Must be able to communicate in everyday English and collaborate with other participants (English proficiency test scores such as TOEIC are not required).

5. Number of Participants

Up to 10 students. If there are many applicants, a selection process will be conducted.

6. Application Procedure

Access the URL below, fill in the required information in Microsoft Forms, and upload the necessary application documents.

<https://forms.office.com/r/qTwwkVJGm0>

7. Application Deadline

Friday, December 12, 2025, at noon.

*If the number of applicants exceeds capacity, applications may close before the deadline. Those interested are encouraged to apply early.

8. Selection Criteria

If there are many applicants, selections will be made comprehensively based on the content of the application documents, language ability, etc.

9. Notification of Results

Notification will be sent by email by Friday, December 19, 2025.

10. Credits and Completion Certification

In addition to earning course credits, students who participate in all program activities and complete the required coursework will receive a Digital Open Badge (Gold) through JV-Campus. For more information on how to make effective use of Digital Open Badges, please refer to the website below:

<https://social-impact.projects.tsukuba.ac.jp/global-start-uppers/en/>

11. Other Information

Photos and videos will be taken during the program for documentation and publicity purposes. Thank you for your understanding.

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