

Online Cultural Exchange Activities for Promotion of Student Mobility with Partner Institutions

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Current situation related with Student Exchange

Guideline for study abroad (Outbound)



Risk level in Overseas Travel Safety Information by Ministry of Foreign Affairs https://www.anzen.mofa.go.jp/ マカオ フィリピン フィリピン ベトナム ベトナム ブルネイ **Infectious disease risk General risk** Risk level 1 Risk level 2 Risk level 3 Risk level 4



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Guideline for study abroad (Outbound) by MEXT

Japanese boarder control under Pandemic and impact on inbound International Students

Imbalance between inbound and outbound due to differences in study abroad guidelines

Discouragement in students for study abroad

Support for student under difficulty in continuation of studies due to international conflict



Transformation of Student Exchange

Online courses using IT tools

Supervision for thesis research study through online

Online short-term/internship program

Virtual cultural exchange activities





TSUKU-CHAT: Virtual cultural exchange activities





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Continuously conducting for 4 semesters since April, 2020

1 hour/session

10-15 minutes for plenary

45-50 minutes in break-out

7-8 sessions/semester

More than 100 participants every session

30-40% U of Tsukuba

40-50% partner institutions in Asia

10-20% partner institutions in other regions



Online academic debates
Japanese culture class







Important points for online cultural activities (1)

Simple & Easy method for participation, but better to require registration

Appropriate time length for chat:

1 hours

Regularly in evening time



Clear and simple explanation of purpose and rules in every session



Important points for online cultural activities (2)

Employ full-time student as organizing staff

Suitable online tool to accommodate students accessing from various devices under different conditions of internet connection

*OSYOGATSU" JAPANESE NEW YEAR BOLID

Note In Japan, most companies are close in this season and spend the time with their family.

People go to "Hatsumode", going to shrine or temple eat Mochi and "Osechi", a traditional New Year's food!

Hatsumoude in Asakusa, Tokyo

"Osechi" and "Mochi"

Some interesting data/anecdotes in plenary session to stimulate chat in breakout rooms

Flexibility in topics or themes

Gaps in affinity with online activity in difference region





Other online cultural activities in UT

G-CHAT of Tsukuba



Online Group Chat for Improving
Conversation Skill in
English, Japanese



Online Group Chat for Japanese Language and Culture

GOT-CHAT



Online man-to-man chat for learning a specific foreign languages (Spanish, French, Korean, Malay etc.)

City-CHAT cafe



Online Chat between
UT students and people from local community



Thank you very much for your kind attention.

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