

Internatinal Studentas Career Development Center (CDC)

Activity Name	Hands-on Seminar Japanese Corporation and Culture "Let's Tray!" Improving Job Hunting Skills in Kanagawa			
Dates	From May 2009 to January 2010			
Location	Kanagawa Resident Support Center, J.F. Oberlin University PFC campus, Hayama Shiosai Park, etc.			
Participants	International Students	Residents, Corporation	Other	Total
	199	27	92, including Japanese students	303

<Activity Details>

We offered systematic seminars over an extended period of timeto support international students who are interested in working in Japan.

[Preparing for Job Hunting]

[Business Japanese Course]

Total of 32 sessions (16 sessions each for A/B classes)
Students learned business Japanese and prepared for employment exams.

[Job Hunting Preparation Course]

- Job Hunting Seminar "Job Hunting Kick-off"
- 11/13 (Fri) Job Hunting Seminar "How to Research Employers"
- How much do you know about the company?--
- 12/ 1 (Tue) "Job Application and Resume Writing"
- 12/12 (Sat) "Resume Writing and Interview Preparation"
- 1/12 (Tue) "Job Hunting Etiquette"

In addition to these seminars, we also offered the "Catch-Up Seminar" for those who haven't gotten a job offer.

[Experiencing Japanese Business Culture]

We organized a factory tour at a leading Japanese corporation.
9/25 (Fri) "Experiencing Japanese Business Culture"
--Seeing a Japanese corporation in person-- Corporate tour

["Learning about Japan" Cultural Experience in Japan]

Students experienced the tea ceremony, flower arrangement, and Japanese archery, as well as Japanese food culture and New Year's Day. They also got to interact with local people.

- 6/20 (Sat) Tea Ceremony
- 7/11 (Sat) Flower Arrangement
- 11/28 (Sat) Japanese Food Culture
- 1/4 (Mon) New Year's Day in Japan
- 11/11(Sat) Japanese Archery



Member's group photo



Homemade Japanese dish

<Comments from The Participants>

Xie Sen , Junior at J.F. Oberlin University, College of Business Management

I have a lot of memories as I've been in this program over a year. One of those memories is the dinner party at Professor Kono's house on June 30, 2009. I had an opportunity to interact with people from CDC, including instructors, Japanese students, and other students from South Korea and China who were on short-term exchange programs. We talked about the differences in the lives of students in Japan, South Korea, and China. It was very insightful.

Now that we are entering the second half of our third year at college, our job hunting efforts are becoming serious. At the seminars, I'm learning advanced vocabulary that you might not use in everyday life, by reading the Asahi Shinbun newspaper's editorial column "Tensei-Jingo" and practicing strategies for the SPI exam (long-text reading comprehension). I'm starting to grasp how SPI questions are asked. Professor Kono and the CDC director also provided me with valuable advice on what to include and how to prepare a job application and resume. Thanks to their support, I'm gaining confidence as I continue look I wish more people knew about the CDC. I would recommend that my fellow students who will go through

Yu Yue, Junior at Yokohama National University

The CDC class in Yokohama is held on the second and fourth Tuesday of each month. When there are only a few students, it's taught one-on-one. When there are more students, the class is conducted in a lecture format. CDC instructors use proper Japanese to ensure that their classes are easy for us to follow. I get the impression that these instructors are well experienced in working with international students. What's covered in a class is basically determined by the instructor; however, the CDC actively listens to the opinions of international students. The class syllabus may be adjusted or a special event may be held depending on what is important at any given time.

For example, there was an event which offered international students an opportunity to learn more about Japanese corporations by visiting one of them in September 2009, just prior to the beginning of the full-fledged job hunting season. So there are not only Japanese classes but also events related to job hunting. I've also done things like having dinner with Mr. Hayakawa, the CDC director, at his home and