

## Kumamoto International Student Exchange Promotion Council

Activity Name	Kumamoto Regional Symposium for International Students: "Discussions with International Students – Work and Life in Kumamoto"			
Date	December 20, 2009			
Location	Parea Hall on the 10th Floor of the Kumamoto Prefectural Exchange Center (Parea)			
Participants	International Students	Residents, Corporation	Other	Total
	60	60	40	160

### <Activity Details>

Part 1: "Job Hunting Challenges for International Students Studying in Kumamoto" (10:15AM – 12:30 PM)

- Helpful Hints for Finding a Job in Japan (Career Support Department, Kumamoto University)
- Internships Leading to Corporate Employment (Kumamoto Pref. Foreign Trade Association)
- Reports from Individuals Receiving Job Offers
- International Students Succeeding in Companies
- Environmental Changes and Trends in Corporate Hiring Practice Trends Pertaining to International Students (Career Development Council for Foreign Students in Asia)

Discussion between presenters and members of the audience

4. Lunch (12:30 PM – 1:00 PM)

5. International Tea Party (1:00 PM – 2:00 PM)

United States, China, South Korea, Indonesia, Laos, Vietnam, and Sri Lanka

6. Part 2: "Straight Talk from International Students" (2:00 PM – 3:50 PM)

- Looking Back: The 20th Anniversary of "The Conference of International Students" (YWCA)
- International Students Enjoying Life in Kumamoto (Kumamoto International Foundation)

Presentations by international students living in Kumamoto

7. Overall Discussion

8. Conclusion



Discussion between presenters and members of the audience during Part 1



Symposium during Part 2

### <Comments from The Participants>

It was great that we were able to exchange ideas with each other.

This was a wonderful opportunity to exchange information about work and life after graduating college.

I would love to see more of this type of symposium held for international students. (Ticoscar)

This was the first time for me to talk to people from other countries. I really enjoyed it. Talking to many people from different countries and listening to their stories made me realize that things aren't exactly how I imagined.

I learned a lot. I think many people will participate if they are given this type of opportunity more often. (Miho Ejima)



International Tea Party:  
Tables for Laos and Indonesia