

Pilipino Students Visit Yamaguchi University As Part of JENESYS Program

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On the 26th of April, approximately thirty university students from the Philippines visited the Yoshida Campus as part of the JENESYS Program. The JENESYS Program, which began in 2007, is organized by the Japanese Government and brings around six thousand youths from East Asia and Oceania into Japan for the promotion of mutual understanding and friendship.

On the day of the visit, a welcoming ceremony was held where Vice President of Yamaguchi University, Dr. Matsuda, gave a welcoming speech before the representative of the visiting group gave a speech. After the screening of a DVD of Yamaguchi University, Director, International Student Centre, Dr. Hattori, spoke about the University and the entrance examinations and the process by which one goes about gaining entrance into the University.

A tour of the campus followed and the group was split into two smaller groups to view the Archaeological Museum and the International House. The groups then converged at the Chabu Dai Room in the Faculty of Education where the Japanese concept of "Seat of Honor" was discussed and how the Chabu Dai Room was free from all concepts of hierarchy. The students of the Faculty of Education spoke about the merits of creating a place where students and teachers can sit around a Chabu Dai and discuss issues as equals.

At the meeting, the students from both countries introduced themselves and played games in a relaxed and comfortable atmosphere. "This is the first time I've ever been to Japan, but I've already been deeply moved by the beauty of this country. The Japanese people are not only extremely kind, but I have the impression that they are also extremely diligent," commented one of the visiting students.