

Let's stroll through Kawagoe with Japanese students!

【1】Event Overview and Purpose

Let's join with Japanese students for a stroll through the historic streets of Kawagoe wearing traditional kimono!

Kimono is a symbol of Japan's traditional culture, providing an opportunity to learn about Japanese aesthetics and etiquette through wearing and handling the attire. This event includes a preliminary introduction to kimono basics and dressing techniques, followed by a guided tour of Kawagoe's historic landmarks. Enjoy cultural exchange with Japanese students in traditional Japanese attire !

【2】Date and Location

(1) Preliminary Lecture Date

Date: January 8th (Wed) or January 10th (Fri), 2025. 12:20 PM - 12:50 PM

Location: University Hall Learning Commons

* Only one male student will be entered into the kimono dressing experience through a lottery.

(2) Kawagoe Excursion Date

Date: January 11th (Sat), 2025.1:00 PM - 5:00 PM

Location: Kawagoe Kimono Rental Koto(<https://kawagoe.kimono-koto.com/index.html>)

<Schedule>

12:40 Meet at Kawagoe Kimono Rental Koto and get dressed in a kimono (female students)

*You must decide which kimono to wear within 20 minutes.

13:40 Meet at Kawagoe Kimono Rental Koto and get dressed in a kimono (male students)

14:00 Split into groups for a guided walk

15:30 Free time

17:00 Kimono return deadline

【3】Number of applicants

First 30 applicants (15 men and 15 women)

5 undergraduate international students, 5 graduate international students,

10 STEPS students (exchange students from overseas partner universities)

10 students other than international students (regardless of whether they have Japanese nationality)

【4】Application and Due date:

(1) Please use this URL to sign up.

<https://forms.office.com/r/hEP2cLmj5q>

※The form will be closed after reach the full quota.

(2) December 20th (Fri), by 12:00 PM

【 5 】Requirements

- ① Saitama university regular students and international exchange students.
- ② Must attend the preliminary lecture.
- ③ Must not be a resident of I-House Building 4(Excluding STEPS students).

***Please be aware that the main purpose of this event is to interact with Japanese students who you may not have many opportunities to meet in your everyday student life. Therefore, your family members and friends cannot participate.**

【 6 】How to contact with the Office of International Affairs

Applicants will be invited to Microsoft Teams and required to install it on your smartphone (You need the Saitama University unified authentication account) . All communications from the Office of International Affairs will be made via Teams on the day.

【 7 】Fee

Rental Kimono, obi, undershirt (for wearing yukata), pouch, geta, hair clip and hair making Tabi socks are free. Haori coats are also available free of charge for men only. Some personal modifications and any expense during the stroll will not be paid.

【 8 】Notice

- **If you cannot participate after applying, please inform us by 5:00 PM on January 3rd (Fri), 2025. Failure to attend without prior notice may result in restricted participation in future international exchange events.**
- If you do not want to rent a kimono, please wear your own kimono.
- For female students, wearing kimono take at least one hour. (Male is ten minutes.)
- After finish wearing kimono, you can have free activities, dismiss at any time.
- Deadline for returning kimono is 17:00, it has to be return by the end of the day.