International exchange workshop through Tate (活陣)

[1] Event Overview and Purpose

This workshop is an international exchange event where international and Japanese students can learn and interact together on the theme of tate, a traditional Japanese stage performance. Tate is a technique seen in period dramas and on stage that beautifully portrays battles and fighting scenes. It is more than just action; it strongly reflects Japan's unique culture, which values courtesy, distance, and consideration for others.

For international students, it will be an opportunity to learn about Japanese culture through experience, and for Japanese students, it will be an opportunity to experience global diversity. This program will invite current Tate masters to teach, and through appreciation and practical experience, you will understand each other and work together to create a single performance.

It is hoped that this event will encourage students to enjoy Japanese culture, experience the joy of creating together, and broaden their international perspectives.

[2] Date and Location

Date: January 10th (Sat), 2026. Part 1: 10:00-12:00 Part 2: 13:30-15:30

*Part 1 and Part 2 have the same content.

Location: Saitama City Kamimine Community Hall (subject to change)

(https://www.city.saitama.lg.jp/001/013/005/p003791.html)

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- 1. Watch a tate performance by current masters
- 2. An explanation of the history and cultural background of Tate
- 3. Basic movements (etiquette, stance, sword handling)
- 4. Pair practice of simple sword fighting forms
- 5. Group sword fighting experience

*Please watch this video to see the activities.

Abedojo's Samurai Action Experience .mp4

[3] Number of applicants

First 40 applicants. However, the ratio of Japanese students, international students, and men and women will be taken into consideration.

[4] Application and Due date:

- (1) How to apply: Please use this URL to sign up. https://forms.cloud.microsoft/r/L8wyp39CW9
- (2) Deadline: December 23rd (Tue), by 12:00 PM

[5] Requirements

- ① Must be saitama university regular students and international exchange students.
- ② Must be enrolled in the Student Education and Research Accident Insurance (Gakkensai) or other accident or liability insurance.

*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 outside Saitama University cannot participate.

[6]Fee

Free. Transportation costs to the venue are at the individual's expense.

[7] Notice

·If you cannot participate after applying, please inform us by 5:00 PM on January 7th (Wed), 2026. Please note that if you are found to be absent without permission, or if inappropriate behavior, including not following the instructions of staff, etc., is found during the event, your participation in future international exchange events may be restricted.

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