STUDYING AT KYOTO UNIVERSITY

Kyoto University international students are divided into two categories: regular students and non-regular students. Degree-seeking undergraduate and graduate students are categorized as regular students, while non-degree seeking students such as research students [*kenkyusei*] and exchange students [*tokubetsu choukou gakusei* and *tokubetsu kenkyu gakusei*] are classified as non-regular students. Japanese Government (Monbukagakusho:MEXT) Scholarship students and privately financed international students may enroll both as regular students and non-regular students.

1. Admission Guide to Kyoto University

1) Japanese Government (Monbukagakusho: MEXT) Scholarship Students

The MEXT has been inviting international students to study in Japan with the financial benefit of a monthly stipend, exemption of tuition and fees, one round-trip ticket, etc. Applications should be made through the Japanese diplomatic missions abroad or through a university in Japan. For details, visit the website provided by the Japan Student Services Organization (JASSO):

www.jasso.go.jp/study_j/index_e.html

2) Privately Financed International Students

All selection processes are conducted by Kyoto University. Standards for selection are basically the same for international applicants as for Japanese applicants wishing to enter the university. However, some faculties and graduate schools have special selection processes for privately financed international students. For details, please refer to the "Admissions Guide for International Applicants 2009/2010" available at:

www.kyoto-u.ac.jp/en/issue/ryugaku_annai

3) Exchange Students

There are two types of exchange programs, the Kyoto University International Education Program (KUINEP) and Kyoto University General Exchange Program. Both programs accept international students whose institutions have a student exchange agreement with Kyoto University within a maximum of one year. Applications should be submitted to Kyoto University through the international office of the home institution. For details, visit our website:

www.kyoto-u.ac.jp/en/education/international/
admissions/program/tanki.htm

For details on particular programs, admission requirements, selection, the awarding of degrees etc., you may also direct your inquiries to the relevant administration offices. Details at:

www.kyoto-u.ac.jp/en/education/international/
org/office.htm/

COMMON INFORMATION FOR INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS AND RESEARCHERS (2)

Japanese Language Education

Kyoto University International Center offers Japanese language classes to international students and researchers at Kyoto University. The purpose of these classes is to help them acquire the Japanese skills they need for daily living in Japan and/or for their research activities in their respective fields. Further details are available at:

www.kyoto-u.ac.jp/en/education/international/overseas/japanese

For international students, please note that aside from classes of the English-taught degree programs, the main language of instruction at Kyoto University is Japanese unless specified otherwise. Those who wish to enroll in an undergraduate program or a master's program must have sufficient proficiency in Japanese upon enrollment. Kyoto University does not have an independent faculty for the study of the Japanese Language.

Left: The clear waters of Shirakawa River sparkle as it flows through the Shinbashi area in Gion.
Right: The beautiful foliage of autumn maples.

2. Visa

1) For Entrance Exams

In order for international applicants to enter Japan and take the Kyoto University entrance examinations, they must obtain a temporary visitor's visa [*tankitaizai* visa] through the Japanese diplomatic missions in their country.

2) To Study at Kyoto University

Successful candidates must obtain a college student visa [*ryugaku* visa] to study at Kyoto University. Visa applications may be made at the Japanese diplomatic missions by presenting a certification or notification of acceptance from Kyoto University, a valid passport and other relevant documents.

3. Tuition Exemption & Scholarships

Regular (degree-seeking) undergraduate and graduate students, who experience financial difficulty while maintaining excellent academic records, may be eligible for a full or half tuition waiver. In addition, about 50 scholarships are available through the university for privately financed international students. (Each organization normally offers a scholarship of between ￥30,000 and ￥180,000 per month to one or two students.) Applications are accepted following admission to the university.

**Newly-Established
English-Taught Degree Programs**

In addition to the current offering of doctoral courses given in English, Kyoto University will establish twelve new degree-seeking courses conducted entirely in English, under the Global 30 (G30) project* which was launched by the Japanese Ministry of Education, Culture, Sports, Science and Technology (MEXT) in 2009. One of them is our first all-English undergraduate Global Engineering Course, and the others are master's, doctoral, and professional courses in the fields of environmental studies, energy science, disaster prevention, life science, agriculture, informatics, primate research and business management. Several of these programs begin in spring 2010. For details on each program, visit our website:

www.opir.kyoto-u.ac.jp/kuprofile/e

*For further information on the G30 project, refer to "K.U. PROFILE" on page 52 of this booklet.

Tuition and Fees   (As of April 2009)

	Exam Fee / Matriculation Fee / Tuition
Undergraduate Students	￥17,000 / ￥282,000 / ￥535,800 per year
Graduate Students	￥30,000 / ￥282,000 / ￥535,800 per year
Law School Students	￥30,000 / ￥282,000 / ￥804,000 per year
Research Students	￥9,800 / ￥84,600 / ￥29,700 per month

Walking in the Gion Shinbashi area, you might catch a glimpse of a *maiko* (apprentice *geisha*) if you're lucky.

Left: Ohbaku International House
Lower Left: Couple's room
Lower Right: Single room

Left: Sightseeing tour of Kiyomizu Temple.
Right: Doctoral students conduct a poster session.