

Short-term Student Exchange Program for the Global Future of Life, Food and the Environment: Changing Southeast Asia: Environment, Industry, and Society (14 June -24 June 2016)

An 11-day summer school program, the “2016 Kyoto Study Program for Kasetsart University,” took place in Kyoto from June 14. This program was co-supported by the Wild & Wise Collaborative Learning Programs and the Human Security Development Educational Unit. For the duration of the summer school, the 12 participants from Kasetsart University were enrolled in Kyoto University’s Faculty of Agriculture as short-term international students.

The participants attended a lecture by Prof. Motoki Akitsu of the Graduate School of Agriculture (GSA) entitled “Agri-Food World in Japan: Present and Future.” Among others, they were guided to two experimental farms managed by the GSA. In addition to gaining insights into Japanese agriculture, forestry, and environmental issues through these experiences, the participants also visited Lake Biwa Museum and Kusatsu Municipal Aquatic Plants Park Mizu-no-mori to learn about the area’s ecosystems and eco-preservation efforts.

After attending a lecture by Associate Prof. Shikiko Yukawa of the Education Center for Japanese Language and Culture, Institute for Liberal Arts and Sciences, the participants experienced Yuzen dyeing and tried on kimono. Dressed up in yukata, they, then, toured local world heritage sites, such as Kiyomizu temple.

Japanese Kyoto University students, who have attended or are planning to attend Kyoto University’s international course held partly in Kasetsart University, were also took part in this summer school.



GSA’s Experimental Farm



Lecture at Lake Biwa Museum



GSA's Kizu Experimental Farm



Visit to Kiyomizu-dera Temple in kimono