

龍谷大学

Ryukoku University

# University Guide

For INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS



- ◇ Study at one of the oldest institutions of higher education in Japan.
- ◇ Learn about and experience different Asian cultures.
- ◇ Study in a multinational, multicultural learning environment.

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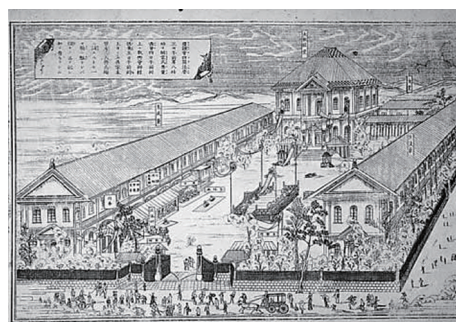
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## Overview of Ryukoku University

The history of Ryukoku University began with the opening of the "Gakuryo" educational facility at Nishi Hongwanji Temple in 1639.

Ryukoku University is one of the oldest higher education institutions in Japan. It was established by its 13th abbot, Ryonyo, as a Buddhist seminary called "Gakuryo" (Boarding School) in the precincts of Nishi Hongwanji Temple for the promotion of research and Shin Buddhist education. Over our long history, many valuable literary items and documents have been donated to the university from various fields of study. Most of them are contained within our university's library system (in particular within our Omiya Campus Library) and are utilized for advanced education and research. Today, approximately more than 380 years after the university's founding, we continue to actively pursue exchanges with overseas universities and institutions all over the world. Among our total undergraduate and graduate student body of close to 20,000 students, approximately 500 international students are enrolled.



Woodblock print depicting the ceremony celebrating the completion of Nishi Hongwanji Daikyoko <Today's Omiya Campus> in 1879 (Meiji 12)

### Important Historical Facts

- Emperor Meiji visited Omiya Campus in 1880. Since that time, other dignitaries have also been welcomed, including India's first President, Rajendra Prasad, in 1958.
- Ryukoku University published Japan's first general magazine [*Chūōkōron*, Central Review] in 1887.
- Ryukoku University oversees the Ryukoku Museum, a Kyoto-based institution boasting several important cultural and Buddhist artifacts.
- Ryukoku University has been named as the "Top Buddhist University" in the world for the second year in a row (2018, 2019).

[<https://www.4icu.org/top-religious-universities/buddhist/#top-Buddhist-universities>]

## Location: Where is Ryukoku University?

Nine Faculties and one Junior College are located on three campuses in Kyoto City and Shiga Prefecture, areas renowned for their traditional culture.

Ryukoku University has a total of three campuses, creating a rich and unique learning environment. Our beautiful Omiya campus has several Important Cultural Properties which continue to be utilized for lectures and religious services. Studying in such a setting, wherein lies the origin of Japanese history and culture, provides great intercultural experiences for students. The city of Kyoto and Shiga Prefecture are a major part of the Kobe-Kyoto metropolitan area and located in the central part of the Japanese island of Honshu (approximately 500km from Tokyo) and not far from Osaka, Hyogo, Nara, Fukui and Mie Prefectures.

<Kyoto City>

Kyoto is the former capital of Japan, where the Emperor resided for over one thousand years (from 794 until the Meiji Restoration in 1868, when the capital was moved to Tokyo). Also known as 'the cultural heart of Japan', with temples, shrines and traditional wooden houses, its cultural and historical heritage sites continue to attract travelers from around the world. Fushimi Inari Shrine, a top tourist destination, is located only minutes from Fukakusa Campus.

<Shiga Prefecture>

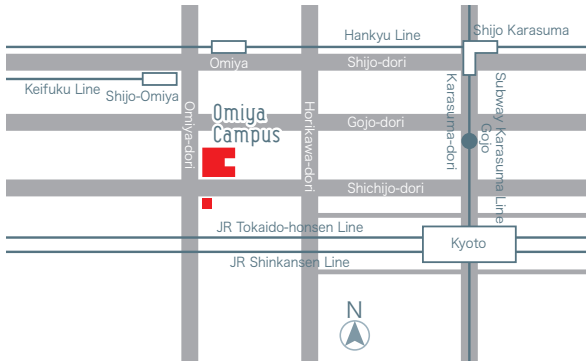
Shiga, Once known as "Omi", is located next to Kyoto. With a rich history, it has flourished as an important region linking the cultures of both Tokyo (Edo) and Kyoto. Having played a critical role in the history of Japan, many of the Shiga Prefecture's historical legacies remain today.





## Omiya Campus

Located next to Nishi Hongwanji Temple (the birthplace of Ryukoku University), Omiya Campus boasts over 370 years of history and traditions. The Main Hall, Main Gate, former Guard Station, North Hall, and South Hall have all been honorably designated as Important Cultural Properties by the Japanese government. The Omiya Library is also well-known for its valuable collection including National Treasures and Important Cultural Properties.



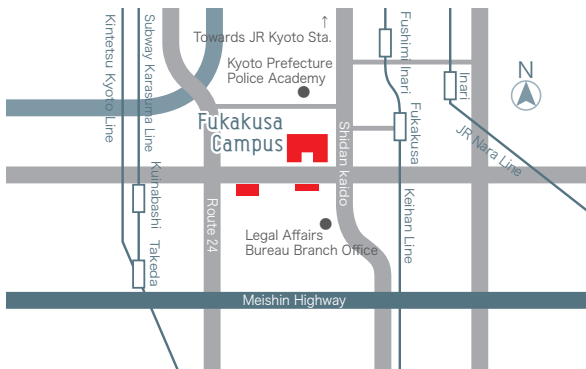
### Main Hall, Completed in 1879 (Meiji 12) [Important Cultural Property]

The Main Hall, renovated through the Heisei Restoration Project, is the main symbol of Omiya Campus, and has been designated as an Important Cultural Property by the Japanese government. The first floor is sometimes used for exhibitions organized by students enrolled in our Curator Training Course.

- ☐ Faculty of Letters (third- and fourth-year students)
- ☐ Graduate School of Letters
- ☐ Graduate School of Practical Shin Buddhist Studies
- 125-1 Daiku-cho, Shichijo-dori Omiya Higashi-iru, Shimogyo-ku, Kyoto 600-8268
- Tel: +81-75-343-3311
- On foot, about 12 minutes northwest of Kyoto Station (JR Tokaido Line), or about 3 minutes by Kyoto Municipal Bus
- On foot, about 20 minutes west of Shichijo Station (Keihan Line)
- On foot, about 20 minutes south of Omiya Station (Hankyu Kyoto Line), or about 5 minutes by Kyoto Municipal Bus

## Fukakusa Campus

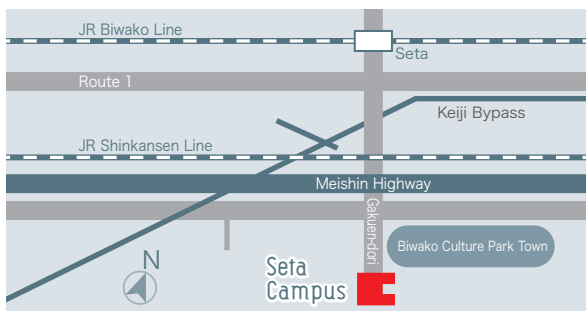
Situated in a centrally-located area with easy transportation access, Fukakusa Campus has the largest number of students among the university's three campuses. This gently sloped campus houses various sophisticated facilities, including a multimedia building with computer training rooms, as well as an event space, which together ensure an enjoyable, exciting student life.



- ☐ Faculty of Letters (first- and second-year students)
- ☐ Faculty of Economics
- ☐ Faculty of Business Administration
- ☐ Faculty of Law
- ☐ Faculty of Policy Science
- ☐ Faculty of International Studies
- ☐ Junior College
- ☐ Graduate School of Economics
- ☐ Graduate School of Business Administration
- ☐ Graduate School of Law
- ☐ Graduate School of Policy Science
- ☐ Graduate School of Intercultural Communication
- ☐ Japanese Culture and Language Program (JCLP)
- ☐ Japanese Experience Program in Kyoto (JEP Kyoto)
- 67 Tsukamoto-cho, Fukakusa, Fushimi-ku, Kyoto 612-8577
- Tel: +81-75-642-1111
- On foot, about 8 minutes southwest of Inari Station (JR Nara Line)
- On foot, about 3 minutes west of Fukakusa Station (Keihan Line)
- On foot, about 10 minutes east of Kuinabashi Station (Karasuma Subway Line)

## Seta Campus

Located in Biwako Cultural Park Town in Otsu, Shiga Prefecture, Seta Campus is equipped with state-of-the-art research facilities including laboratories for scientific and engineering research, as well as facilities for joint industry/academic activities and the training of students majoring in the fields of Sociology and Agriculture.



- ☐ Faculty of Sociology
- ☐ Faculty of Science and Technology
- ☐ Faculty of Agriculture
- ☐ Graduate School of Sociology
- ☐ Graduate School of Science and Technology
- ☐ Graduate School of Agriculture
- 1-5 Yokotani, Seta Oe-cho, Otsu, Shiga 520-2194
- Tel: +81-77-543-5111
- About 8 minutes by Teisan Bus, from Seta Station (JR Biwako Line)

# Entrance Programs

## 1. Exchange Students

Students of universities that have established Student Exchange Agreements with Ryukoku University are eligible to study at our university as “Exchange Students”.

\*For details, please contact the Center for the Promotion of Global Education (R-Globe) Office or check our website.

(QR code is on the last page of this brochure)

### ■ International Exchange Agreements

Memorandums of Understanding (General Agreements):

161 Institutions (45 Countries & Regions)

Student Exchange Agreements: 112 Institutions (33 Countries & Regions) \*As of December, 2019

### ■ Bilateral Exchange Partners (Sample)

[Australia]Deakin University, Murdoch University

[Belgium]Ghent University, University of Mons

[Canada]Kwantlen Polytechnic University, Lakehead University, University of Calgary

[China]Dalian University of Foreign Languages, Minzu University of China, Renmin University of China

[Czech Republic]Masaryk University

[Denmark]University of Aarhus

[Finland]University of Eastern Finland

[France]Université Catholique de Lille

[Germany]University of Duisburg-Essen

[Hungary]Eötvös Loránd University

[Ireland]University College Cork

[Italy]Sapienza University of Rome

[Korea]Dong-A University, Dongguk University

[Lithuania]Vilnius University

[Malaysia]University of Malaya

[Mexico]Benemérita Universidad Autónoma de Puebla

[Norway]Nord University

[The Netherlands]Radboud University Nijmegen

[Poland]Warsaw School of Economics, Jagiellonian University

[Slovakia]Comenius University

[Spain]Universitat Autònoma de Barcelona, Universitat de Valencia

[Sweden]Linnaeus University

[Taiwan]National Taiwan Normal University, Tunghai University

[Thailand]Chulalongkorn University, Thammasat University

[UK]Oxford Brookes University, University of Central Lancashire

[Ukraine]National Taras Shevchenko University of Kyiv

[USA]University of Hawai'i at Mānoa, California State University, Northridge, The University of Massachusetts Boston

[Vietnam]Hanoi University, Ho Chi Minh City University of Foreign Languages and Information Technology



## JEP Kyoto (Japanese Experience Program in Kyoto)

From April 2015, Ryukoku University launched the Japanese Experience Program in Kyoto (JEP Kyoto), a program specially designed for incoming exchange students from our Partner Universities located throughout the world. The JEP Kyoto Program consists of the 【JEP-J】 study course (Japanese language-focused) and 【JEP-E】 study course (English language-focused). For a truly unique cultural and educational experience, we welcome students to join us on our multicultural campus.

A sample curriculum chart for each study course can be found below.

For more detailed outlines of our JEP Kyoto study courses, please visit our webpage:

[http://intl.ryukoku.ac.jp/english/html/jep\\_program.html](http://intl.ryukoku.ac.jp/english/html/jep_program.html)



## Ryukoku University JEP Kyoto Credit System

Japanese Language Classes (1 Credit Each)

1.5 Hours×15 Weeks = 22.5 Hours/Credit

Elective Courses (2 Credits Each)

1.5 Hours×15 Weeks = 22.5 Hours (11.25 Hours/Credit)

\*All Exchange Students are required to register for at least 16 credits per semester.

\*The finalized syllabi for each study course will be provided to students at the beginning of each semester.





## JEP-J Study Course

In this study course, situation-based Japanese language classes, based on topic syllabi, are offered to accommodate students from the upper beginner to advanced levels. (It is recommended that students have had at least 300 hours of previous Japanese language study.) Participants may also choose from a variety of elective courses taught in either English or Japanese. Furthermore, students may also register for classes in Ryukoku University's Faculties and Graduate Schools if they meet the language requirement and are accepted by the instructor, and if the classes do not overlap with mandatory JEP-J subjects.



### [JEP-J] Study Course, Curriculum Outline

| SUBJECT TYPE                             | CREDITS OFFERED PER SEMESTER |
|--|------------------------------|
| Japanese Language Courses                | 11 Credits/ Semester         |
| Elective Courses Taught in Japanese      | Approximately 18 Credits     |
| Special Lectures Taught in Japanese      | Approximately 3 Credits      |
| Elective Courses Taught in English       | Approximately 10 Credits     |
| Regular Faculty/Graduate School Subjects | TBA                          |
| <b>TOTAL</b>                             | <b>42+ Credits</b>           |

## JEP-E Study Course

Our location in the beautiful city of Kyoto makes us the perfect location at which to welcome English-speaking students, without Japanese language ability, from throughout the world to satisfy their desire to learn more about Japanese society and culture, along with the unique opportunity to learn more about Kyoto's rich traditions first-hand, as well as our own traditions as a university based on the founding spirit of Jodo Shinshu Buddhism. In addition to classes offered through the JEP-E study course, students may also register for English-taught classes in Ryukoku University's Faculties and Graduate Schools if they are accepted by the instructor and the classes do not overlap with their mandatory JEP-E subjects.



### [JEP-E] Study Course, Curriculum Outline

| SUBJECT TYPE                               | CREDITS OFFERED PER SEMESTER |
|--|------------------------------|
| Seminars                                   | 2 Credits                    |
| Founding Philosophy Subjects               | 2 Credits                    |
| Introductory Japanese Language             | 3 Credits                    |
| Regional Cultural Studies                  | 2 Credits                    |
| Subjects in Japanese Society and Culture   | 10 Credits                   |
| Special Lectures                           | 3 Credits (Fall Semester)    |
| Faculty Subjects                           | Approximately 18 Credits     |
| Faculty Subjects in English                | TBA                          |
| Subjects Coordinated by the R-Globe Office | Approximately 4 Credits      |
| <b>TOTAL</b>                               | <b>45+ Credits</b>           |

## JEP-E Curriculum Contents

| Category                                   | Subject Title                                | Credits |
|--|--|---------|
| Seminars                                   | Introductory Seminar A                       | 2       |
|  | Introductory Seminar B                       | 2       |
| Founding Philosophy Subjects               | Buddhist Thought A                           | 2       |
|  | Buddhist Thought B                           | 2       |
| Introductory Japanese Language             | Introductory Japanese I                      | 3       |
|  | Introductory Japanese II                     | 3       |
| Subjects Coordinated by the R-Globe Office | Exploring Business in Kyoto                  | 2       |
|  | Understanding and Creating Financial Reports | 2       |
| Regional Cultural Studies                  | Fieldwork in Ryukoku Museum                  | 2       |
|  | Kyoto Studies A                              | 2       |
|  | Kyoto Studies B                              | 2       |
| Japanese Society & Culture Subjects        | Japanese Religions A                         | 2       |
|  | Japanese Religions B                         | 2       |
|  | Japanese History                             | 2       |
|  | Japanese Literature & Movies                 | 2       |
|  | Japanese Media & Arts                        | 2       |
|  | Japanese Pop Culture                         | 2       |
|  | Japanese Economy & Management                | 2       |
|  | Japanese Law & Politics                      | 2       |
|  | Japanese Society                             | 2       |
|  | Japanese Technology                          | 2       |
| Faculty Subjects                           | International Relations B                    | 2       |
|  | International Relations C                    | 2       |
|  | Peace and Development                        | 2       |
|  | Intercultural Studies                        | 2       |
|  | Comparative Culture                          | 2       |
|  | Introduction to International Politics       | 2       |
|  | Special Lecture (Strategic Decision Making)  | 2       |
|  | Intercultural Discussion                     | 2       |
|  | English for Glocal Communication             | 2       |
|  | English for Policy Science                   | 2       |

## JEP-E Sample Schedule

|            |             | Mon                         | Tue  | Wed                     | Thu  | Fri                         |
|------------|-------------|-----------------------------|--|-------------------------|--|-----------------------------|
| 1st Period | 9:00-10:30  |                             |  | Introductory Japanese I |  |                             |
| 2nd Period | 10:45-12:15 |                             | Introductory Japanese I                      | Kyoto Studies B         | Buddhist Thought B   | Fieldwork in Ryukoku Museum |
| 3rd Period | 13:15-14:45 | Introductory Japanese I     | Understanding and Creating Financial Reports |                         | Japanese Media & Arts  | Introductory Seminar B      |
| 4th Period | 15:00-16:30 | Exploring Business in Kyoto | Japanese Society                             |                         | Special Lecture 1B (Japan's diplomacy in the context of globalization) | Japanese Religions B        |
| 5th Period | 16:45-18:15 |                             | Japanese Pop Culture                         |                         |  | Japanese Technology         |

In addition to the subjects listed under "Curriculum Contents", the following will also be offered within the JEP-E curriculum:

-Subjects offered in English by each Ryukoku University Faculty

-Subjects developed and coordinated by the Center for the Promotion of Global Education (R-Globe) Office

\*Some courses may not be available for institutional reasons.



## 2. Privately-Funded International Students

Ryukoku University accepts privately-funded International Students in 9 Faculties, 1 Junior College and 10 Graduate Schools. For details, please feel free to contact the desired Faculty Administrative Division.

### ■ Entrance Examinations for Privately-Funded International Students

| Faculty / Graduate School       | Application                              | Exam Date                         |
|---------------------------------|--|-----------------------------------|
| Letters                         | Mid - September                          | End of November                   |
| Economy                         |  |                                   |
| Business Administration         |  |                                   |
| Law                             |  |                                   |
| Political Science               |  |                                   |
| International Studies           | Mid - September<br>Beginning of December | End of November<br>Mid - February |
| Advanced Science and Technology | Mid - November                           | Mid - February                    |
| Sociology                       | Mid - September                          | End of November                   |
| Agriculture                     |  |                                   |
| Junior College                  |  |                                   |

\*The schedule is subject to change. Application information will be made available at the beginning of August.

\*Examination results will be announced at the beginning of March.



More Information



## Examination for Japanese University Admission for International Students (EJU)

International Applicants are also required to take the EJU exam. The EJU evaluates Japanese language skills and basic academic abilities needed to study at the university level.

### ■ Exam Months:

June and November

### ■ Venues:

<In Japan> Kyoto, Osaka, Hyogo (Kansai area)

<Outside Japan> India, Indonesia, Korea, Singapore, Sri Lanka, Thailand, Taiwan, Philippines, Vietnam, Hong Kong, Malaysia, Myanmar, Mongolia, Russia

### ■ Subjects:

Japanese as a Foreign Language, Science, Japan and the World, Mathematics

### ■ Exam Languages:

The Written Exam of the Examination of Japanese as a Foreign Language is only in Japanese. Questions on the exam may be written in **Japanese** or **English**



More Information



\*Students with a high EJU score may be eligible to receive a Reservation Program for Honors Scholarships for Privately Financed International Students (Undergraduate Level: 48,000 JPY / Month)

## Japanese Government Scholarship (Embassy Recommendation)

This Embassy Recommendation scholarship, offered by the Japanese government, is intended for individuals residing overseas who wish to study in Japan. Applicants are recruited and screened by Japanese Embassies and Consulate Generals. Ryukoku University accepts students as undergraduate students, research students, students of Japanese studies, and students who will undergo teacher training.

<Scholarship>

Scholarship Benefits: 110,000 to 140,000JPY/month. Tuition fees are waived. Travel costs and round-trip airfare are provided.

<Recruitment>

### ■ Undergraduate Students/Research Students

[Recruitment] April-May; [First Screening] June-July (Review of Submitted Documents, Written Exam, Interview)

### ■ Japanese Studies Students / Teacher Training Students

[Recruitment] December-February; [First Screening] February-March

\*For details, please visit the website for Japanese Government Scholarship Students.



### 3. Transfer Students

Students who have graduated or are expected to graduate from junior colleges can matriculate as third-year students of Ryukoku University. For details, please contact the desired Faculty Administrative Division.

[Application] Around May-September; [Examination] Around May-October

### 4. Japanese Culture and Language Program (JCLP)

The Japanese Culture and Language Program (JCLP) is a one-year intensive course, centered on the Japanese Language and a variety of Japanese affairs. It is ideal for students with an interest in Japanese Language and Culture, or those preparing for entry into a Japanese university.

#### 1. Features of JCLP

- Each semester, students' Japanese language proficiency skills are evaluated and a suitable Japanese Language class is assigned.
- Various elective subjects such as Japanese culture, society, etc. are available in the afternoon.
- Students can learn about Kyoto's traditional culture and entertainment through activities outside the classroom.
- Students have access to all facilities available to regular Ryukoku students.
- Recommendation for admission into Ryukoku Faculties and the Junior College is available.

〈Admission into Ryukoku Faculties varies by semester, as follows〉

|   |  |
|---|--|
| Faculties Accepting Applications for Semester 1 (April) Entry     | Faculty of Letters, Faculty of Economics, Faculty of Business Administration, Faculty of Law, Faculty of Policy Science, Faculty of International Studies (excluding Department of Global Studies), Faculty of Advanced Science and Technology, Faculty of Sociology, Faculty of Agriculture (excluding Department of Food Sciences and Human Nutrition), Junior College |
| Faculties Accepting Applications for Semester 2 (September) Entry | Faculty of Economics, Faculty of Law, Faculty of International Studies (excluding Department of Global Studies)  |

#### 2. Curriculum Contents

The JCLP Program accepts students for entry in both Semester 1 (April) and Semester 2 (September). Students can start in either semester to complete the one-year program.

| SUBJECT TYPE                 | SUBJECT TITLE   |
|------------------------------|---|
| COMPULSORY SUBJECTS          | Japanese A・B  |
| ELECTIVE COMPULSORY SUBJECTS | Religion A・B  |
|                              | History & Literature A・B                                  |
|                              | Society & Culture A・B                                     |
|                              | Economics & Business Administration A・B                   |
|                              | Science & Technology A・B                                  |
|                              | Arts & Martial Arts A・B                                   |
|                              | Special Lectures 1A・1B <Buddhism>                         |
|                              | Special Lectures 1A・1B <IGO:A Traditional Japanese Game>  |
|                              | Special Lectures 1A・1B <Preparation for JLPT>             |
|                              | Special Lectures 1A・1B <Introduction to Japanese Culture> |

#### 3. Class Contents

[*Japanese Language*] Based on the results of the Placement Test (which students take during the Orientation period), students will be assigned to a class most suitable to their current Japanese level.

[*Japanese Culture and Technology*] These subjects enable students to acquire a better understanding of Japanese history, literature, society, economy, etc. These classes are taught by regular Faculty Instructors in Japanese.

[*Special Lectures*] There is a Japanese Language and Proficiency Test preparatory class, an Introduction to Japanese Culture class, and other classes conducted in English are also offered.





#### 4. Program Term and Completion

The program length is one year. A student's completion will be recognized when they have studied in the program for two semesters and have been awarded the required credits for completion: 24 compulsory subject credits (Japanese Language A & B) and 8 elective subject credits.

#### <Application Guidelines>

##### 1. STUDENT NUMBERS

Maximum Enrollment : 40 Students Per Year ; Approximately 20 Students Per Semester

##### 2. ELIGIBILITY

To qualify for admission into JCLP, the Applicant must fulfill one of the following conditions:

- 1) The Applicant has completed (or is expected to complete a month before entry into JCLP) a twelve-year curriculum of education in a foreign country, or one which is recognized by the Japanese Ministry of Education, Culture, Sports, Science and Technology as being of equivalent standard;
- 2) The Applicant has completed (or is expected to complete a month before entry into JCLP) a course of study, the curriculum of which is recognized by the Japanese Ministry of Education, Culture, Sports, Science and Technology as equivalent to that of a Japanese high school;
- 3) The Applicant is of an age equivalent to that of a Japanese high school graduate, and is judged by Ryukoku University to be of equivalent scholastic ability or higher.

As for Japanese study, the Applicant must have fulfilled one of the following conditions at the point of application:

- 1) The Applicant has studied Japanese for more than 300 hours.
- 2) The Applicant has passed Level N4 of the Japanese Language Proficiency Test.

\*Applicants who have previously been enrolled in another Japanese language institution inside Japan for a period of more than one year (up to the day of their inauguration into JCLP) are not eligible to apply.

##### 3. APPLICATION PERIODS

Documents must arrive at Ryukoku University during the application periods indicated below. This is an arrival deadline, not a postmark deadline. For specific dates, please check the application materials or send an inquiry to the Ryukoku University Center for the Promotion of Global Education (R-Globe) Office.

##### ENTRANCE IN SEPTEMBER

Application Period : Mid April ~ Beginning of May

##### ENTRANCE IN APRIL

Application Period : Mid September ~ Beginning of October

##### 4. SELECTION METHOD

Selection will be made through the evaluation of submitted documents.

##### 5. SCHOLARSHIPS

"The Foreign Student's Scholarship" (22,500 JPY per month) and "JASSO Honors Scholarship for Privately Financed International Students" (48,000 JPY per month) are granted to second-semester JCLP students who are selected for their superior character and demonstrated attitude towards their studies.



## Preparation for Studying in Japan

### Entry Visa

To apply for an entry visa to take the EJU and the university's entrance examination, please contact your nearest Embassy (or Consulate General) to apply for a Temporary Visitor Visa. It is advisable to show documents such as your examination admission card at that time.

Residence Status: Temporary Visitor

Period of Stay: 15, 30, or 90 days

\*Please contact the Embassy for details well in advance.

# School Fees and Living Expenses

## 1. School Fees (One Year)

(Unit: JPY)

|                     | Entrance Exam Fees | School Fees    |                        |
|---------------------|--------------------|----------------|------------------------|
|                     |                    | Admission Fees | Tuition Fees           |
| Undergraduate Level | 35,000             | 200,000        | 1,021,000 ~ 1,572,600* |
| Graduate Level      | 35,000             | 200,000        | 763,000 ~ 1,100,000*   |
| JCLP                | 15,000             | 50,000         | 487,000                |

\*Tuition is paid in two installments (1st and 2nd semesters)

\*Tuition is paid at the beginning of each semester

\*There is 40% tuition waiver assistance system (explained below).

※ Auditing students include non-degree students

## 2. Average Living Expenses

As a general rule, students should allocate approximately 80,000 JPY per month, or 960,000 JPY per year for expenses in Japan. (not including tuition fees)

Accommodations:

< Ryukoku International House > Single Rooms: 35,000 JPY (including electricity and water fees)

< Private Apartments > 25,000 - 60,000 JPY

Total Average Monthly Living Expenses: 80,000 JPY ~

| Estimated Monthly Budget            | Japanese Yen (JPY)                   |
|-------------------------------------|--------------------------------------|
| Accommodation                       | 10,000~35,000 (University Dormitory) |
| Food                                | 20,000                               |
| Health Costs                        | 5,000                                |
| Public Transportation               | 14,000                               |
| Books, Stationary                   | 5,000                                |
| Clothing, Toiletries, Entertainment | 10,000                               |
| Total(Recommended)                  | 80,000                               |

# Economic Assistance

## 1. Tuition Waiver (For Privately-Funded International Students)

Ryukoku University maintains a fee assistance system under which 40% of tuition fees incurred by international students enrolled in regular undergraduate or graduate courses of study may be subsidized.

## 2. Scholarships/Part-Time Work

Scholarships are also available to international students and students enrolled in special courses. Furthermore, such students may apply for scholarships offered by public institutions, as well as private organizations.

A monthly scholarship of 30,000 to 150,000 JPY is available through the Japanese government, Ryukoku University, the Rotary Club and other foundations.

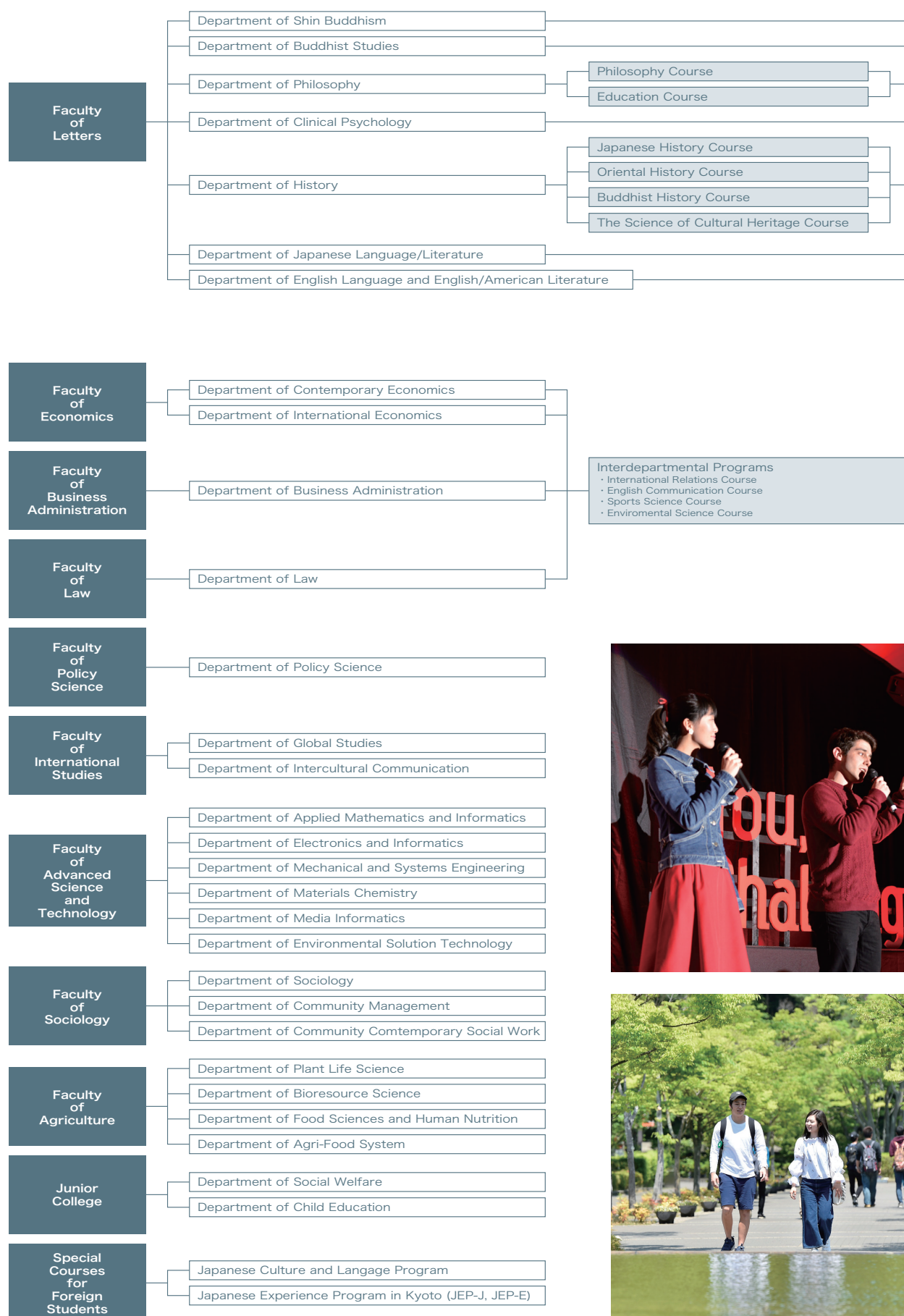
\*For details, please contact the Ryukoku University Center for the Promotion of Global Education (R-Globe) Office.

\*Ryukoku University also offers career advice and introduces part-time jobs (Work hour limits apply. Work permission from the Immigration Office is required.)





# Ryukoku University Academics (Undergraduate)



# Special Events for International Students

## Farming Village Experience

**Details** In conjunction with NPO Kita Kinki Mirai, this program is held in the beautiful natural surroundings of northern Kyoto Prefecture. Participants are invited to use their five senses to experience local lifestyles and traditional culture.

**Dates** Beginning of February [1 night, 2 days]

**Destination** Northern Kyoto Prefecture (Approximately 1.5 hours from Fukakusa Campus)

**Program Contents** Participants travel to Northern Kyoto by microbus. In previous years, the first day of the program has included visiting an elementary school to interact with local children, grilling rice crackers by hand, visiting a medicinal tea shop, taking part in a tea ceremony and receiving a lecture by the Head Priest of Ryoenji Temple (Ayabe City). On the second day, participants typically experience traditional Japanese papermaking and travel to Miyama Town to walk through a village of thatched roof huts before returning to Kyoto.



## Fishing Village Experience

**Details** In conjunction with NPO Kita Kinki Mirai, this program is held in the beautiful natural surroundings of northern Kyoto Prefecture. Participants are invited to use their five senses to experience life in harmony with the sea and nature.

**Dates** Beginning of August [1 night, 2 days]

**Destination** Northern Kyoto Prefecture (Approximately 1.5 hours from Fukakusa Campus)

**Program Contents** Participants travel to Northern Kyoto by microbus. In previous years, the program has included visiting the hillside-village of Sugiyama (well-known for its delicious water) to walk through the terraced rice paddies and experience making pizza and bread with a local NPO. The participants also visit Amanohashidate, learn how to make kamaboko, visit a hot spring, and spend one night in the fishing village of Nohara where they can fish, swim, taste the local seafood, and experience riding on a local commercial fishing boat in the early morning hours.



## Hiroshima Heiwa Program

**Details** The "Hiroshima Heiwa Program" is facilitated by the Hongwanji Hiroshima Betsuin. Through visits to the Hiroshima Peace Park and Hiroshima Peace Memorial Museum, participation in the "Buddhist Peace Gathering" and various experiences had through participating in a homestay with a Japanese family, this program hopes to venture beyond "nationality" to think deeply about the concept of "peace".

**Dates** Beginning of July [2 nights, 3 days]

**Destination** Hongwanji Hiroshima Betsuin, etc...

**Sample Schedule**  
**First Day:**  
 (Morning) Travel from Kyoto to Hiroshima by Shinkansen (Bullet Train)  
 (Afternoon) Peace Studies – Visit to Hongwanji Hiroshima Betsuin, the Hiroshima Peace Park and Hiroshima Peace Memorial Museum  
 (Evening) Welcome Party  
 (Night) Homestay with a Japanese Family (at a regular home or temple)

**Second Day:**  
 (Morning) Participation in "Peace Gathering" at Hongwanji Hiroshima Betsuin, Special lecture  
 (Afternoon) Buddhist Memorial Service for All War Victims, Buddhist Sermon, Special Entertainment  
 (Night) Homestay

**Third Day:**  
 (Morning) Free Morning with Homestay Family  
 (Afternoon) Travel from Hiroshima to Kyoto by Shinkansen (Bullet Train)





# Accommodation

Ryukoku University provides accommodations for approximately 200 students in 3 dormitories. These dormitories are conveniently located near all 3 campuses in Kyoto City and Shiga Prefecture. Our Japanese students also live in these dormitories as tutors to assist International students with their studies and daily lives. Details: [http://intl.ryukoku.ac.jp/dormitory/index\\_e.html](http://intl.ryukoku.ac.jp/dormitory/index_e.html)

## ■ How to Apply

After receiving acceptance into Ryukoku University, International Students should fill in the dormitory application form sent with their Welcome Package. The form must be returned to the Center for the Promotion of Global Education (R-Globe) Office by the specified deadline.

## ■ Eligibility

All International Students with student status can apply to stay in these dormitories. Priority is given to all new students, exchange students, and JCLP students.



## Omiya-So

**Address** 600-8833 16 Nishisuya-cho Shimogyo-ku Kyoto

### Style

- A. Single (shared apartment)
  - \* Two or three bedroom apartments with bathroom, toilet, kitchen (fridge, gas range), vacuum and cupboard.
  - \* Facilities: desk, chair, bed(s), bookshelves, reading light, air conditioner/heater, curtains
- B. Family Apartment (not available to unmarried couples)
  - \* The same facilities as a Single + dining table and chairs.

**Internet** Available in your own room

### Costs

- Single A (Small): Rent - 10,000 JPY / month + electricity and water charges (fixed rate of 8,000 JPY)
- Single B (Standard): Rent - 15,000 JPY / month + electricity and water charges (fixed rate of 8,000 JPY)
- Single C (Large): Rent - 20,000 JPY / month + electricity and water charges (fixed rate of 8,000 JPY)
- Family: Rent - 35,000 JPY / month + electricity and water charges (fixed rate of 10,000 JPY)
- \* Deposit -Single 50,000 JPY -Family 100,000 JPY (one-time fee upon entry)

### Bedding Rental

From Spring 2020, all Dormitory Residents will be required to rent bedding at 1,528 JPY / month. This includes a heavy blanket, thick mattress cover, pillow, wool blanket, light blanket, and two pairs of sheets.

**Access** 20 minutes by bicycle to Fukakusa campus, 5 minutes on foot to Omiya campus 20 minutes on foot to Kyoto station (JR, Kintetsu, Subway Karasuma Line)



## Ryukoku International House

**Address** 612-0029 4-38 Nishiura-cho, Fukakusa, Fushimi-ku, Kyoto

### Style

- Single Room/Twin Room:
  - \* Shared shower rooms/bathrooms, toilet, kitchens (fridges, IH cooker), coin-operated laundry equipment.
  - \* Facilities: desk, chair, bed, bookshelf, reading light, air conditioner/heater, curtains

**Internet** Available in your own room

### Costs

- Rent:
  - [Single] 25,000 JPY / month + electricity and water charges 10,000JPY/month (fixed rate)
  - \* Deposit : 80,000JPY (upon entry only)
  - [Twin] 13,000JPY / month + electricity and water charges 6,000JPY/month (fixed rate)
  - \* Deposit : 50,000JPY (one-time fee upon entry)

### Bedding Rental

From Spring 2020, all Dormitory Residents will be required to rent bedding at 1,528 JPY / month. This includes a heavy blanket, thick mattress cover, pillow, wool blanket, light blanket, and two pairs of sheets.

**Access** 5 minutes on foot to Fukakusa campus  
 5 minutes on foot to Ryukokudai-mae-fukakusa Station (Keihan Line)  
 15 minutes on foot to Kuinabashi Station (Subway Karasuma Line)  
 10 minutes on foot to Inari Station (JR Nara Line)



## Ryukoku Kaikan

**Address** 612-0029 2-95 Nishiura-cho, Fukakusa, Fushimi-ku, Kyoto

**Style** Single rooms  
\* Shared: showers/bathrooms, kitchens (fridges, gas ranges), vacuum and dormitory phone  
\* Facilities: desk, chair, bed, bookshelf, reading light, air conditioner/heater, curtains

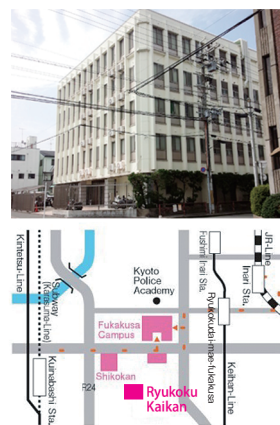
**Internet** Available in your own room

**Costs** 20,000 JPY/month  
Electricity and water charges 8,000JPY/month (fixed rate)  
Deposit: 50,000 JPY/month (one-time fee upon entry)

**Bedding Rental** From Spring 2020, all Dormitory Residents will be required to rent bedding at 1,528 JPY / month. This includes a heavy blanket, thick mattress cover, pillow, wool blanket, light blanket, and two pairs of sheets.

**Access** 5 minutes on foot to Fukakusa campus  
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10 minutes on foot to Subway Karasuma Line Kuinabashi Station

■ Notes: Students must provide their own daily items such as personal cups, dishes etc.. Futon rental service is available and includes a heavy blanket ('kakebuton'), mattress ('shikibuton'), pillow, wool blanket, light blanket ('towelkette'), and two pairs of sheets. An application is necessary for this service.



## Daily Life Support

### 1. Housing and Student Life

Qualified residents can stay in the dormitory for 6 months to 1 year (extendable up to 2 years) after entering the university. Student apartments, supermarkets, convenience stores, and shops are also located near the university. The downtown area is located only 10-15 minutes away by public transportation.

### 2. Buddy and Tutor System

Ryukoku University offers a tutor system to support international students who have just come to Japan with a limited knowledge of Japanese social customs and the Japanese language.

### 3. Campus Life

All students have access to excellent academic facilities and services, such as Japanese National Health Insurance (required of all International Students for a moderate monthly fee), on-campus health clinics, foreign student lounges, personal counseling, the "Seikyo" student cooperative (meal and travel discounts), and discounts for long distance transportation, to name a few.

#### ■ Campus Facilities

Cafeterias, restaurants, bookstores, travel agencies, and bank ATMs can be found on the Ryukoku University campuses. Meals and commodities are readily available at reasonable prices.

#### ■ Club Activities

There are 43 sports clubs, 35 culture clubs, 6 religion clubs and 74 common interest groups at Ryukoku University, many of which engage in activities on daily basis. International students can also participate in these extracurricular activities, which provide an invaluable opportunity to interact with Japanese students.





## 4. Exploring Around the University

### ■ Nishi Hongwanji Temple (Kyoto City)

The Shin Buddhist path was founded by Shinran Shonin (1173-1262) during the Kamakura period, and in several centuries grew into one of the largest and most influential schools of Buddhism in Japan, a position it maintains today. This temple is the headquarters of the Hongwanji denomination of Shin Buddhism (Jodo Shinshu Hongwanji-ha), and is known as Nishi (lit. "West") Hongwanji. Located next to Omiya Campus (about 1 minute on foot).

### ■ Fushimi Inari Shrine (Kyoto City)

One of the most well-known shrines among the people of Kyoto and the world, this shrine is nicknamed "O-inari-san." Fushimi Inari Taisha Shrine is the head shrine of all Inari Shrines in Japan, and one of the oldest Shinto shrines in Kyoto. The deity of this shrine is famous as the god of business prosperity. (about 8 minutes on foot from Fukakusa Campus)

### ■ Lake Biwa "Biwako" (Shiga Prefecture)

This is the largest freshwater lake in Japan, located in Shiga Prefecture. Because of its proximity to the ancient capital, references to Lake Biwa appear frequently in Japanese literature, particularly in poetry and in historical accounts of battles. Lake Biwa is of tectonic origin and is one of the world's twenty oldest lakes (approximately 4 million years old). This long uninterrupted age has allowed a notably diverse ecosystem to evolve in the lake.

### ■ Hikone Castle (Hikone, Shiga Prefecture)

This castle, an important cultural asset, took 20 years to build and was completed in 1622. The castle stands on a high hill, and is surrounded by a moat which was irrigated directly with water from Lake Biwa, Japan's largest freshwater lake. You can glimpse a great view across the lake from the turret.

### ■ Ishiyama Temple (Ishiyama, Shiga Prefecture)

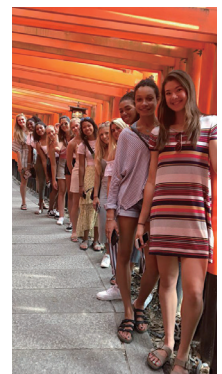
This temple was founded in 749 by a priest named Roben. The Genji Room in the temple is famed as the place where Lady Murasaki wrote "The Tale of Genji." There are numerous National Treasures and Important Cultural Properties, including a two storied pagoda and a variety of religious texts, Buddhist statues and scrolls.

### ■ Osaka City

Osaka is Japan's second largest metropolitan area after Tokyo, and has been the economic powerhouse of the Kansai region for many centuries. Before the Nara Period, during the time in which the location of the national capital shifted with the reign of each new emperor, "Naniwa" was Japan's first capital city. Osaka's nickname, the "nation's kitchen (tenka no daidokoro)", originally referred to its Edo Period status as Japan's rice-trade hub. Nowadays, the name refers to its reputation as a gourmand's paradise. 'Okonomiyaki', 'Takoyaki' and 'Kushikatsu', among other delicacies, are arguably Osaka's most famous dishes.

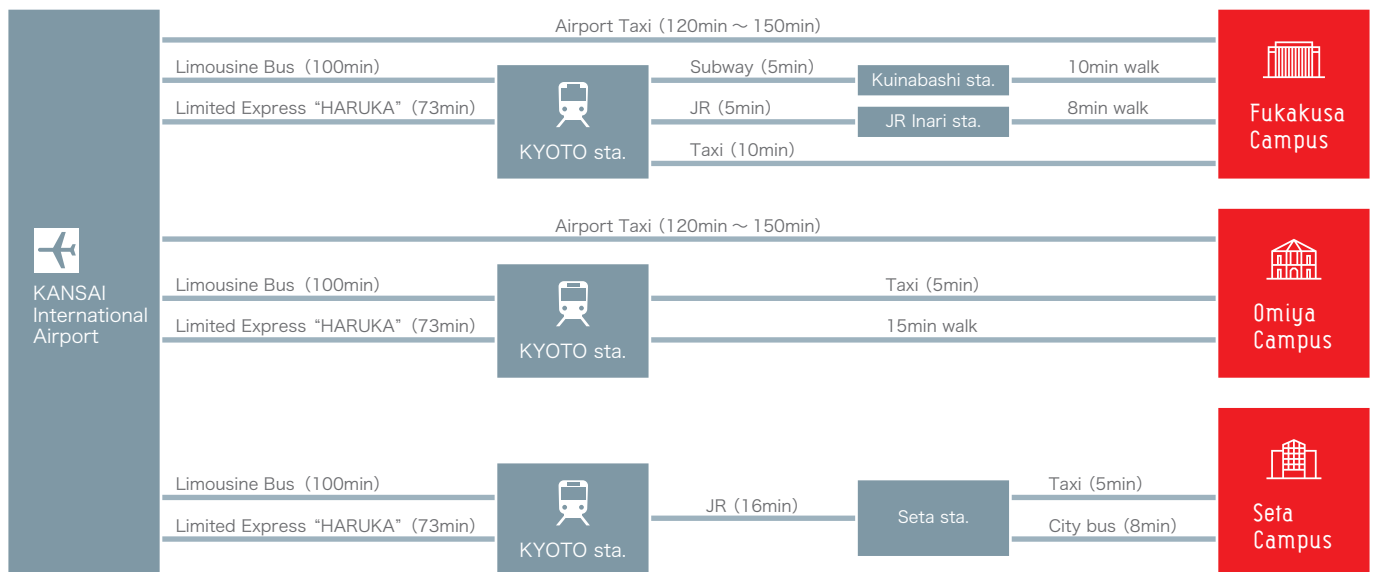
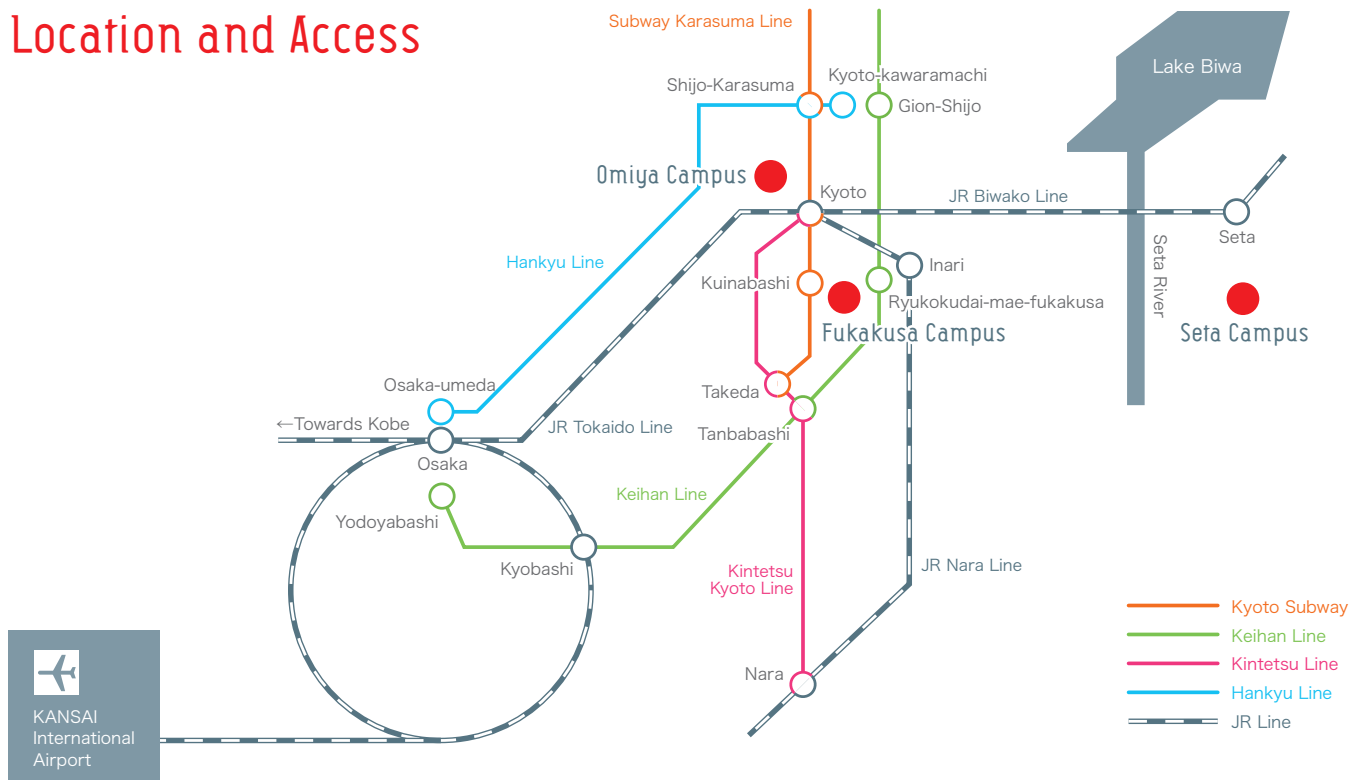
### ■ Nara City

Japan's first permanent capital was established in the year 710 at 'Heijo', the city now known as Nara. Nara is located in the Kinai plain, less than one hour from Kyoto. As the influence and political ambitions of the city's powerful Buddhist monasteries grew to become a serious threat to the government, the capital was moved to Nagaoka in 784.





# Location and Access



## Transportation Links:

### Airport Taxi:

-<http://www.yasaka.jp/taxi/shuttle-e/>  
 -<http://www.mk-group.co.jp/english/>

### Limousine Bus :

-<http://www.kate.co.jp/pc/english/english.html>

### Limited Express HARUKA :

-<http://www.kansai-airport.or.jp/english/access/jrwest.htm>

## Address:

### Fukakusa Campus

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 Tel +81-75-642-1111 Fax +81-75-642-8867

### Omiya Campus

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 Tel +81-75-343-3311 Fax +81-75-343-4302

### Seta Campus

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