

# Gender Equality Office Newsletter



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## “Summer School for Kids 2019” was held!

On August 2nd and 5th, “Summer School for Kids” was held. The two day “Summer School” had a total of 48 children who eagerly participated in a variety of lectures. Teachers were 11 professors from different faculties at Kobe University. This year’s Summer School ended successfully.

8/2 • 8/5 (Grade1-3)

**Prof. Mika Hayashi**  
Graduate School of International  
Cooperation Studies

With Uribo, Kobe University’s mascot, kids learned about “What is conflict resolution?” and “What is a trial?” by playing a board game and storytelling.

8/2 (Grade1-6)

**Prof. Ronni Alexander**  
Graduate School of International  
Cooperation Studies

Popoki, a cat, loves peace! Everyone thought about what peace is and created their own story of Popoki. Later, they drew “peace” together on a huge white paper.

8/2 (Grade1-6)

**Prof. Kenichi Baba**  
Graduate School of Law

What are rules? Why do we have them? The children listened to Kamishibai-storytelling with pictures and learned that the interpretation of rules depends on the person.

8/2 (Grade4-6)

**Prof. Shoko Hirai**  
Graduate School of Humanities

What is a family? The kids compared modern families with families in the old days. The life of Hatsu who lived 200 years ago showed differences from our families now.

8/2 (Grade4-6)

**Prof. Haruka Shoda**  
Graduate School of Intercultural Studies

Our hearts beat fast when we run or exercise. The children monitored their own heart rates and learned why our hearts pound.

8/5 (Grade1-3)

**Prof. Takashi Miwa**  
Graduate School of Maritime Sciences

Marine engineers use their five senses: touch, taste, hearing, eyesight, and smell to ensure safe operation. All enjoyed the exercise using their five senses.

8/5 (Grade1-3)

**Prof. Hideyuki Iriko**  
Graduate School of Health Sciences

All explored the wonders of parasites by observing specimens of parasites and a quiz. They had a chance to touch actual parasites.

8/5 (Grade4-6)

**Prof. Tetsuya Takiguchi**  
Graduate School of System Informatics

Do you want to change your voice tone? What kind of voice? The children grasped how voice recognition is useful in our society.

8/5 (Grade4-6)

**Prof. Eriko Matsumoto**  
Graduate School of Intercultural Studies

The kids all experienced optical illusions by watching a movie and making crafts. They learned how illusions affect our perceptions and mislead our brains.

8/5 (Grade4-6)

**Prof. Akiko Nakamura**  
Graduate School of Science

The asteroid explorer Hayabusa 2 successfully created a crater on an asteroid. Everyone conducted experiments to make actual craters using the same method as the Hayabusa 2.

8/5 (Grade4-6)

**Prof. Matthew Rooks**  
Graduate School of Maritime Sciences

Let’s explore the world of the marine environment in English! Everyone enjoyed board games and learned how to make nautical knots with rope.



# Open Campus for high school girls 2019

Every summer Kobe University Gender Equality Office holds an open event for encouraging girls who have aspirations for studying in STEM areas. This year, the event was held from 7th -9th August. The Faculty of Science and Faculty of Engineering held events at the Rokkodai Campus and the Faculty of Maritime Sciences did at the Fukae Campus. In the first half of the event, women faculty from each department gave an overview of the Faculty and the percentage of students who go on to master's degree, and so on. Additionally, college students introduced study and life on campus. After that, a Q and A session held where currently enrolled students sat at tables for each department, and the high school students chose the table according to their interest. Some participants commented that this was a very good opportunity to directly hear about campus life from college students.

7th August

64 participants  
at Faculty of Maritime Sciences



## Comments from high school students

"This is a good opportunity to know about school culture. I would like to join this event next year, too. I felt free to talk about any topic because there were only girls at the discussion table."

"I could gain a better understanding of the Faculty of Maritime Sciences."

"The Q and A session using small groups gave me information that I could not obtain any other open campus events."

8th August

72 participants  
at Faculty of Engineering



## Comments from high school students

"The Q and A session in small groups offered me firsthand information from college students."

"I enjoyed very much talking with college students and it made me think seriously to enroll at Kobe University in the future."

"The information provided such as an overview of the Faculty and the study was very useful."

"It helped to clarify my aspirations."

9th August

70 participants  
at Faculty of Science



## Comments from high school students

"The information of campus life explained by college students was very beneficial and I was happy to be able to get answer to my concerns: few women in the Faculty and how to manage it."

"I could obtain detailed career path information such as the rate of master's degree enrollments and names of companies that hired graduates."

"I really enjoyed talking with kind college students."

More reports are at the Gender Equality Office website

<http://www.office.kobe-u.ac.jp/opge-kyodo-sankaku/>

# Report: 2019 Kobe University UNESCO Chair Summer Program

The second Kobe University UNESCO Chair Summer Program took place at Gadjah Mada University, Yogyakarta, Indonesia from 19th to 30th August 2019. Forty students from Indonesia, Taiwan, and Japan participated in the program this year. The program offered various lectures and group activities focused on gender and vulnerability in disaster. Diverse lecturers were from Kobe University UNESCO Chair partner institutions; National Kaohsiung University of Science and Technology (Taiwan), Universiti Tunku Abdul Rahman (UTAR) (Malaysia), and Mercy Malaysia (Malaysia). Other lecturers were from University of Gothenburg (Sweden), UNESCO Jakarta office, Center for Natural Disaster Studies, and Regional Board for Disaster Management Yogyakarta. Additionally, fieldwork was carried out at Merapi volcano's evacuation areas and at Kemasan where the tsunami hit. Students had opportunities to observe disaster risk measurements firsthand. With a great contribution of the host school Gadjah Mada University, the second Summer Program became a fruitful one and ended successfully.



On 16th October, five UNESCO Chair Summer Program participants gave presentations about their experience to the class on "Gender Equality Participation and Gender."



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