

Hello this is ISD. May is the season to harvest fresh new tea leaves “Shincha” which has a sweet flavor. It is also the time for “Koromogae”, which is to switch our wardrobes from winter to summer. Many students feel tired after starting a new semester. Don’t let “Gogatsubyou” (May Blues) get to you! Make sure to get plenty of rest.

Appointed Chi-ba-kun Global Partners for 4 consecutive years!



Fitria Noriza, from the Graduate School of Humanities and Social Sciences, has been appointed as "Chi-ba-kun Global Partners" by Chiba Prefecture for the fourth consecutive year. As Global Partners, members play a vital role as community leaders. Their responsibilities range from sharing everyday updates and emergency disaster information on social media to providing feedback and suggestions to the Prefectural Government. We asked her what she finds most rewarding about this activity. “I would say the best part is definitely the connections you build. You get to meet new people, expand your network,

and access valuable information that really opens up your perspective, not just in terms of knowledge, but also in how you see Japan and the world. Even though this is a government program and there’s no financial compensation, the experience and connections you gain are quite unique and hard to find elsewhere. It’s a very meaningful opportunity, especially for international students who want to engage more deeply with the local community. And of course... getting the chance to take photos with Chi-ba-kun is definitely one of the best parts too!”

Event Report

Hanging Doll (Tsurushibina) Workshop

On April 22, a Tsurushibina Workshop was held with the support of the Chiba CCI Women's Association. This session focused on making cute owls (fukuro) which are symbols of good luck as they are pronounced the same as fuku (good fortune) and fukuro (no hardships). Everyone enjoyed both the craft and fun conversation as they made their own unique owls.



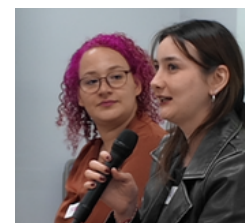
International Student Exchange Party at Nishi chiba campus

An international undergraduate mixer for regular students took place on April 7 at CIE. With few shared classes, this was a rare and welcome chance for students to bond. The event turned out to be very heart-warming and meaningful, with students making new friends engaging in dialogue over light refreshments.



Inohana Global Student Mixer

The Inohana Campus hosted an international student mixer on April 17. The event featured inspirational and heartfelt advice from senior students and an engaging university trivia quiz. It was a great opportunity for newcomers to relax and connect across different year levels. By the end of the day, many students were already making plans with their new friends, marking a great start to their campus life.



How to Find English-Speaking Hospitals

Many people feel tired or unwell during the change of seasons. Here is a website introduced by the Japan Tourism Agency where you can search for hospitals that offer services in foreign languages:

https://www.jnto.go.jp/emergency/jpn/mi_guide.html

There is also a guide on how to visit medical institutions.

<https://www.jnto.go.jp/emergency/jpn/support.html>

There is also a clinic that offers support in English, Japanese, and Chinese, located at JR Chiba Station (just one stop from Chiba University). They are open on weekdays, weekends and public holidays.

Clinic Name: Tokyo Business Clinic Familia Perie Chiba [Click here for the website](#)

* * Important: Please remember to bring your Health Insurance Certificate when visiting a hospital. * *

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Online Preparatory Japanese Language Course for International Students by Tokyo University of Foreign Studies

Tokyo University of Foreign Studies (TUFS) is offering an online Japanese language course.

If you would like to join, please check the "Eligibility" (target participants) on their website carefully before applying.

Click here for the [Course Guide](#).