2024 International Co-Learning Student Exchange Program at National Cheng Kung University (NCKU) DOJO in TAIWAN (NCKU) Sponsored by Mitsui Fudosan Application Guidelines

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1. Program Overview:

This program aims to provide students at the University of Tsukuba with opportunities to become internationally active professionals. It offers a platform for international co-learning, allowing students to experience multicultural collaboration abroad. By participating in this program, students will go through a series of processes to solve problems alongside local students at overseas universities, experiencing international communication beyond culture and language, which cannot be experienced through online platforms.

This time, with the sponsorship and cooperation of Mitsui Fudosan Co., Ltd., the program will focus on solving challenges related to a suburban mixed-use commercial facility (LaLaport Taichung) in Taiwan. The program will involve group work with students from National Cheng Kung University (NCKU), with which the University of Tsukuba has a Campus-in-Campus agreement. The program will address local challenges faced by municipalities and businesses in Taiwan, involving field research and analysis to develop solutions. This will be carried out in the context of an international co-learning experience.

We hope that participation in this program will be beneficial for students in their study abroad, employment, and further academic pursuits.

* This program is part of the initiative supported by the Ministry of Education, Culture, Sports, Science and Technology (MEXT) in the 2024 fiscal year, under the university internationalization program aimed at creating social impact. It is a part of the "GASSHUKU (Training Camp) and DOJO (Dojo) for the "Global Startup Talent Development" project.

2. Eligibility:

Students currently enrolled in regular degree programs at the University of Tsukuba, including undergraduate and graduate students (only those in the first half of doctoral programs), who are interested in international learning and are eager to engage in communication with diverse people. Those who aim to become global human resources and are interested in studying abroad. Please note that participation in the entire program schedule is a requirement for application.

3. Number of Participants:

Approximately 20 participants

4. Implementation Method:

Each university, the University of Tsukuba and National Cheng Kung University (NCKU) will send approximately 20 students (a total of 40 students). The students will be divided into groups of around 4 members, with 2 students from each university per group. The program will include pre-program

online and in-person discussions, field research, and a final presentation of the solutions to the challenges.

5. Schedule and Details:

[Participant Orientation Meeting Online]

Date and Time: January 16, 2025 (Thursday), 11:40 AM - 12:00 PM and 6:10 PM - 6:30 PM *Participants are required to attend one of the sessions.*

[Guidance Session Online]

Date and Time: January 22, 2025 (Wednesday), 10:00 AM - 12:00 PM (Japan Time) Content: Program overview, online group work, and other activities.

[DOJO in Taiwan]

Duration: February 9, 2025 (Sunday) - February 16, 2025 (Sunday) Content: Group work with students from National Cheng Kung University in Taiwan.

[Program Schedule (Tentative)]

February 9 (Sun):	Departure from Japan to Taiwan (Taipei) Visit to Taipei city for field research
February 10 (Mon):	Travel from Taipei to Taichung Orientation, introductions, and explanation of the project themes
February 11 (Tue):	Visit to LaLaport Taichung, field research, group work
February 12 (Wed):	Field research, group work
February 13 (Thu):	Travel from Taichung to Tainan Visit to Tainan city for field research
February 14 (Fri):	Preparation for the final presentation
February 15 (Sat):	Final presentation
February 16 (Sun):	Return from Taiwan (Tainan) to Japan

6. Application Method: [Application Site Opens on December 12 (Thursday)]

Access manaba and search for "University of Tsukuba Exchange Study Abroad (CiC, etc.) Application Site (xx17168)." After the application period begins, you can apply via the "Survey" page.

7. Information to be Submitted on Manaba:

- 1. Applicant's information (to be entered online)
- 2. Consent form for the use of images and agreement on the handling of personal information (Appendix 1)
- 3. A copy of the passport (the page with the photo)
- X The appendices can be downloaded from manaba. [Application Site Opens on December 12 (Thursday)]
- % Please make sure to combine documents (2) to (3) into a single PDF file before uploading. Submissions in the form of photos (image files) will not be accepted.
- ※ For students who have not yet obtained a passport, please ensure you can obtain one by the guidance session on January 22 (Wednesday), and take responsibility for confirming the necessary procedures. Submit a copy of the passport as soon as possible.

8. Application Deadline:

December 27, 2024 (Friday) at noon

%Please submit your application documents via manaba.

XIf there are many applicants, the application may close before the deadline. If you are interested, please apply as early as possible.

9. Selection Criteria:

In the case of a large number of applicants, the selection will be based on a comprehensive review of the information provided in the application forms.

10. Notification of Selection Results:

The results will be announced via email on January 10, 2025 (Friday).

11. Participation Fee:

Approximately **20,000 to 40,000 yen** (including round-trip airfare, accommodation, participation fees for exchange events, and transportation between Taipei, Taichung, and Tainan). *The participation fee will be adjusted to minimize the financial burden.*

Additional costs, such as domestic travel, meals, and transportation within Taiwan for research purposes, will be the responsibility of the participants.

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