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# T.I.M.E. Gateway to Japan

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# 1. Welcome to Japan!

## What is your Impression about Japan ???

### Report by Japanese Prime Minister's Office

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Foreigners have following impressions;

- Rich Tradition and Culture
  - Advanced Technology
  - Nice Foods
  - Beautiful Nature
  - Safe and Peaceful
  - Pop Culture and Animation
- etc.



Itsukushima Shrine



Mt. Fuji and Cherry Blossom



Animation\*



Japanese-style set menu meal

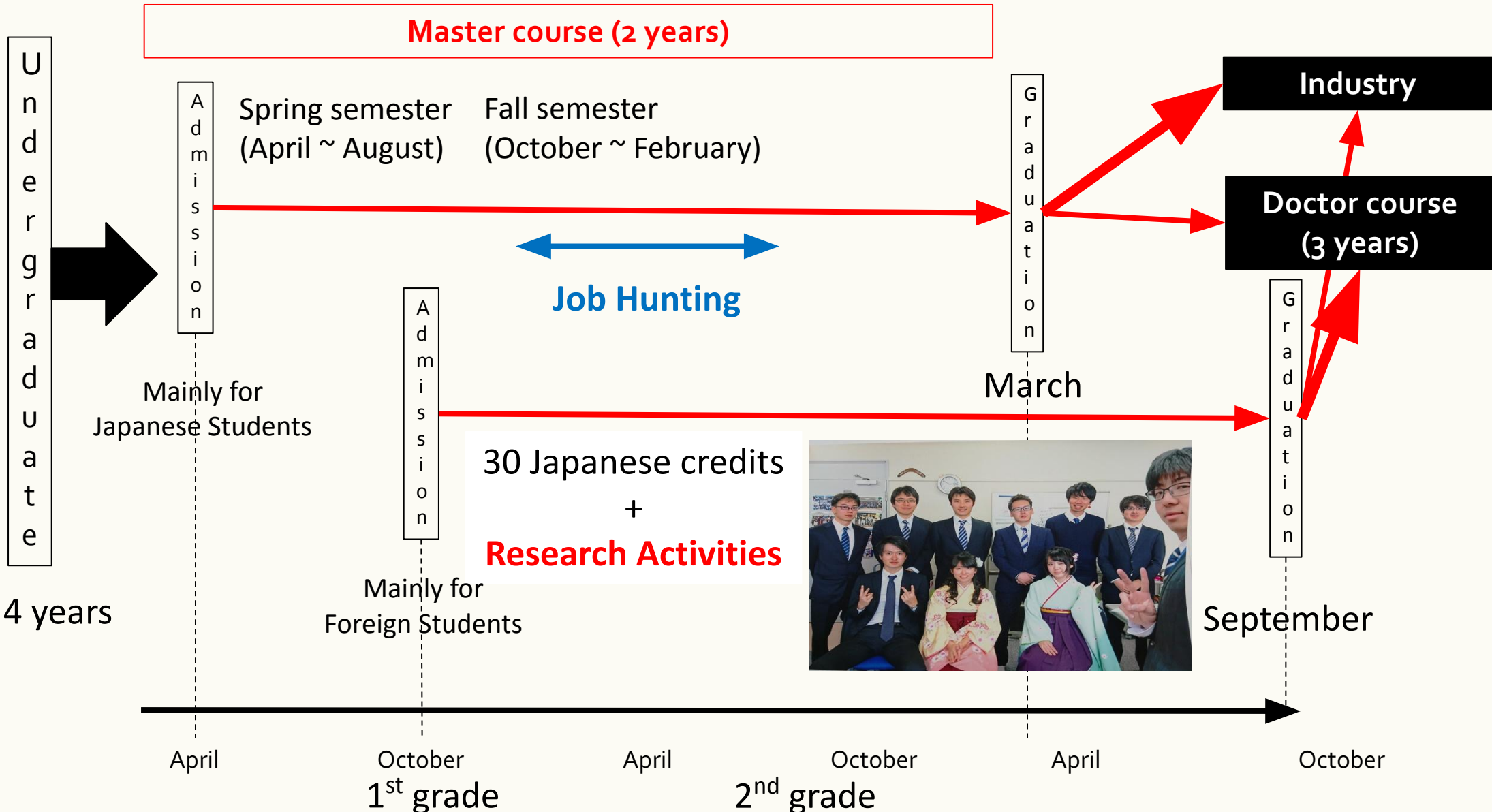
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# 2. Master Course in Japan



## 2. Master Course in Japan

Every master course students belong to “Specific Laboratory”

- A Faculty (Full Prof. / Assoc. Prof.) will be his/her supervisor for 2 years
- Each laboratory has its own students (15 ~ 30 members)  
(Ph.D. Students, Master Students, Bachelor Students, (sometimes Post-Doc))
- All Students engage in “Research”
- **Even Master Students have opportunities to attend domestic/international conferences** to make a presentation and to joint research with companies.
- Some students sometimes publish **a paper in the Journal**

**Master course in Japanese universities is fully Research-Oriented.  
(Research activity is more acknowledged than course work)**

Professor will be a supervisor and an advisor even for daily life  
Lab-mates can support other colleagues/friends.

Prof. Miki with his DD student from PoliMi @ Singapore





# 3. Laboratory Life in Japanese University



同志社大学  
Doshisha University

Experimental Study (Matsukawa Lab.)



YNU  
YOKOHAMA National University

Pizza Party



YNU  
YOKOHAMA National University

BBQ (Shimono Lab.)

Laboratory is a sort of "Family" !!



同志社大学  
Doshisha University

After Commencement (Matsukawa Lab.)



Keio University

Laboratory Trip (Miki Lab.)



Keio University

Sports Event (Miki Lab.)



## 4. Internship / Job Hunting in Japan

*Big Differences* between Japan and Europe/America

Internship

WEST

Students have opportunity to improve their skill and knowledge during internship

JP

Internship in Japan mainly is a pre-job-hunting.  
(Summer and Winter in the 1st year)

Job Hunting

WEST

After receiving master degree, he/she will start  
He/she apply to small number of companies

JP

During master course, he/she will start  
(February 1<sup>st</sup> year to June 2<sup>nd</sup> year (almost half year))  
He/she apply to many companies (more-less 5~10)

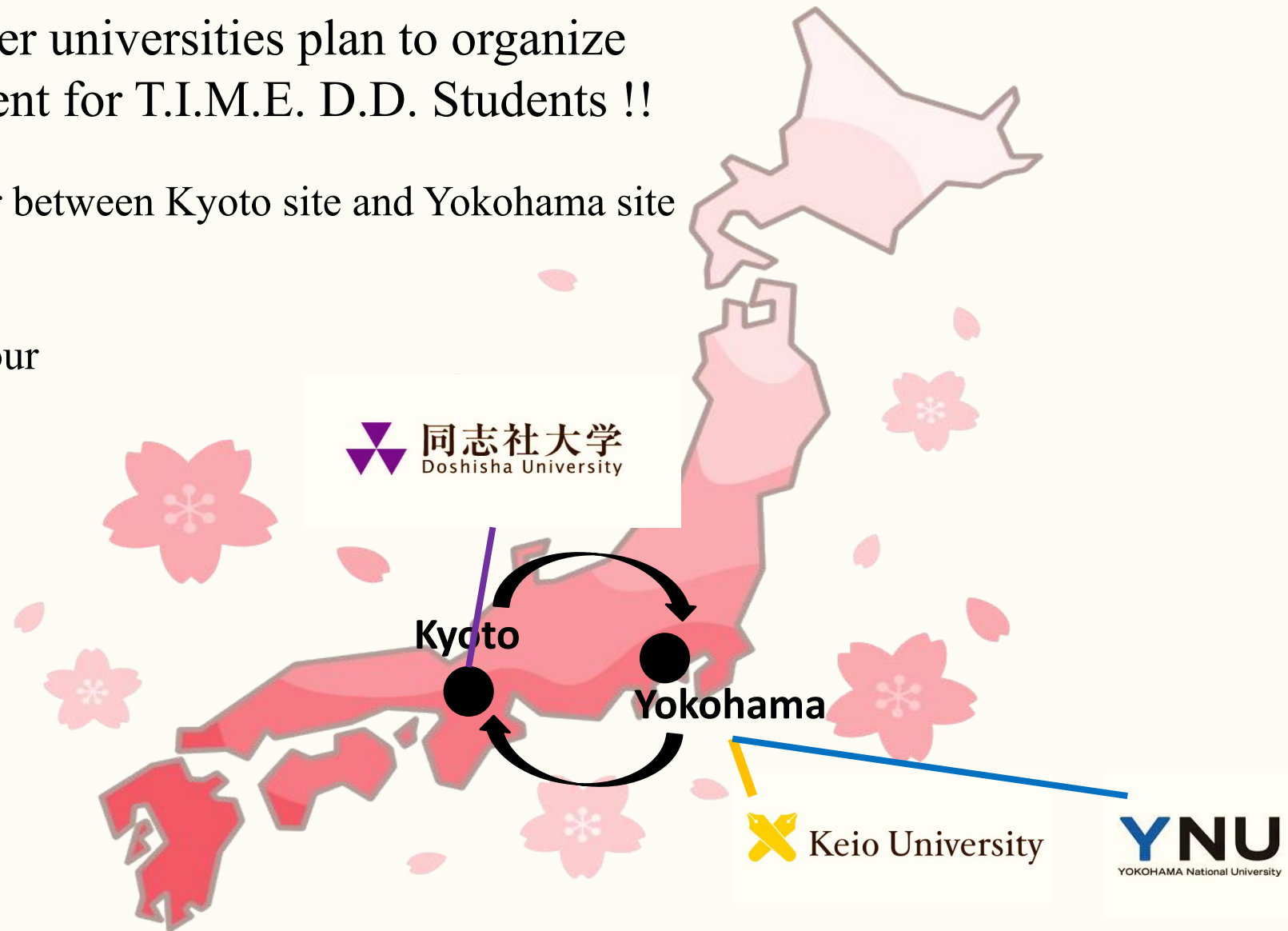


## 5. Japan Event for T.I.M.E. DD Students!

Your Japanese partner universities plan to organize the collaborative event for T.I.M.E. D.D. Students !!

Students visit each other between Kyoto site and Yokohama site

- Workshop
  - Industry tour
  - Sightseeing/Cultural tour
  - Networking party
- etc.





## 6. How Can We Motivate Japanese Students to Go Abroad ?

**After COVID-19, Japanese students has become to have much interests in study abroad again**

Are Japanese students “Shy” ?      Umm... Mostly Yes, like me 😄

It depends.

As Japan is isolated country, more information about your country and university would be helpful.

T.I.M.E. Webinar for possible D.D. students will be a good opportunity for them  
Meet-up with D.D. students from abroad in Japan will encourage them to go

**Please join our collaborative event (previous page) organized by T.I.M.E. Japanese 3 universities to introduce your university !!**





## 7. International Strategy by Japanese Government

Special thanks to Prof. Obi (KEIO Univ.) for his kind support to collect information

According to the Estimate Budget Request by “Ministry of Education” to “Ministry of Finance”

**After G7 Summit@Hiroshima 2023, Government has promoted Master exchange program**

Next year (2024 fiscal year), collaboration with EU countries will be focused on

Ex.) MEXT INTER-UNIVERSITY EXCHANGE PROJECT

(100 million JPY = 620k€ = 667k\$)

<https://www.jsps.go.jp/english/e-tenkairyoku/>

Call for Project (2024 – 2029 (5years)) will be open

< Evaluation Points !! >

- Master course exchange program in engineering fields for double/joint degrees (Semiconductor, AI, Quantum technology, Bio-technology, etc.)
- Collaborative study and follow-up program implementing on-line education as well
- Career-up program including industrial internship with global companies



## 8. FAQ

Q1. Is Japanese language knowledge mandatory ?

A1. Absolutely “NO”

Of course, basic knowledge about Japanese language is helpful for daily life.

Many younger people can speak English (but they are not experts).

Our three universities have “Buddy student system” and Lab-mates can support.

We offer classes for basics of Japanese language also.

Q2. How can we convert the credits ?

A2. Umm. It depends on the agreement/addendum.

case 1) Convert them simply based on the class hours (ex. 1 JP = 1.5~1.8 ECTS)

case 2) Based on the syllabuses, we discuss and approve the learning agreement.

Q3. ??? Any other questions ???



**Students Can Fly to the Bright Future Thanks to T.I.M.E. !!**



Happy students @ Doshisha



## 9. Introduction to Japanese Universities in T.I.M.E.

9-1) Doshisha University by Prof. Dr. Mami Matsukawa



9-2) Keio University by Prof. Dr. Norihisa Miki



9-3) Yokohama National University by Prof. Dr. Tomoyuki Shimono

