

KUMAMOTO UNIVERSITY SUMMER PROGRAM 2010

Call for Applications

1. Objectives

This program has been planned in order to provide an opportunity to the students from abroad to experience the rich culture of Japan and Kumamoto. The students will be invited for a short stay in Kumamoto, and the invitation is open to all students studying in universities having agreement with Kumamoto University for student exchange.

2. About Kumamoto University

The history of Kumamoto University dates back to 1887 when the Fifth High School was established at Kumamoto during the Meiji Era. The present Kumamoto University was established in 1949 as a National University. Currently it has 7 Faculties, 8 graduate Schools, 13 Research Centers, 2000 teaching and support staff, and more than 10000 students studying in undergraduate and graduate programs. For details, please refer to our website at: <http://www.kumamoto-u.ac.jp>.

3. About Kumamoto City

Kumamoto University is located in Kumamoto City which is in the central part of Kyushu island in western Japan. Kumamoto City is also known as the "City of Forests" since it is blessed with an abundance of nature. The City is surrounded by natural and unpolluted water resources and beautiful mountains including Mount Aso, which has one of the largest caldera in the world. Kumamoto City is among the top metropolis in Kyushu, with rich cultural heritage and long history. For more details, please refer to the website at: <http://www.manyou-kumamoto-u.ac.jp>.

4. About Kumamoto University Summer Program 2010

- Period: July 25, 2010 – August 7, 2010 (14 days)
 - Those who successfully complete the program will be awarded the Certificates.
- Contents (tentative):
 - Japanese Class (18hrs)
 - Hands-on Experience of Japanese Culture (wearing Japanese dress, preparing Japanese traditional sweets etc)
 - Study Visits (Kumamoto Castle, Suisenji Jojuen Park etc)
 - Local Tours (Mount Aso etc.)
- Accommodation:
 - The accommodation is likely to be arranged in nearby Hotels. (including breakfast and supper)

5. Who can Participate

- Those students who are undergraduate students studying in universities with which Kumamoto University has agreement for academic collaboration and student exchange, and have been recommended by their respective universities.
- Those who have passed level 3 or higher of Japanese language Proficiency test. (Almost all the programs are delivered in Japanese).
- All the participants have to return to their home countries soon after the completion of the program on August 7.

6. Participation Fee

- Participation fee is 80,000yen. The airfare and travel expenses up to Kumamoto and the food expenses (lunch) to be borne by the participants.
- The expenses related to accommodation at Kumamoto and the travel insurance will be taken care by Kumamoto University.

7. Method of Payment of Participation Fee

The participation fee will be collected on July 26 (Monday), after the opening ceremony. Please make the payment in cash and in Japanese yen. Credit card, traveler`s check etc are not accepted.

8. Application Procedure

The person-in-charge of the concerned University is requested to send the following documents (pdf format) or by fax on or before June 18, 2010 (Friday). Also, please send the original documents by airmail.

- The completed Application form for Kumamoto University Summer Program 2010 (Form 1).
* The form has to be filled-in and signed by the applicant.
- Recommendation (Form 2)
* This form contains the details of the applicant(s) and have to be signed by an administrator of senior rank such as Dean and above.
* If there are more applicants, it may be necessary to make a selection. Therefore, please write the serial number in the column 1 (Form 2) in the order of recommendation.

9. Visa Formalities

- For students from certain countries such as China, an entry Visa to Japan is needed. After the documents are received and the student is shortlisted for admission, the related documents will be sent to the person-in-charge at your University. Please apply for the Visa at the nearest Japanese Embassy or Consulate.
- For participants from Korea and Taiwan, Visa is not needed.

10. Withdrawal from the Program

If you decide to withdraw from the program, please inform us, through the person-in-charge at your University immediately, and at the latest by June 25, 2010. (E-mail: gji-ryugaku@jimu.kumamoto-u.ac.jp).

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