

International Symposium

Admission Free

12.5 FRI

14:40-17:50

Saitama University
General Lecture Building 1-301

In-Person & Online (Zoom)

Capacity
In-Person : Maximum 150
Online: No limit

Topic

Career Paths and Community Roots: Strategic Integration of International Students

Language: Japanese
English subtitles available online only

Having been selected for the “Multicultural Campus Project Toward Social Impact,” funded by the Ministry of Education, Culture, Sports, Science and Technology (MEXT), Saitama University is committed to addressing the diverse challenges associated with Internationalization at Home in local communities. While preserving traditional culture and heritage, the university endeavors to contribute to the creation of a society grounded in diversity and inclusion.

This symposium marks the first in a three-part series focusing on the integration of international students into local communities after graduation. In this inaugural session, discussions will center on the reasons why individuals choose to live in “Saitama” and the challenges faced by stakeholders in various sectors. Representatives from local businesses and community organizations will join the dialogue to foster deeper understanding and promote inclusive regional development.

Part 1

MC : **Tokunori Ishizaka** (Professor, Education and Student Services Bureau / Director, Career Center)

14:40 Opening Remarks

Takafumi Sakai (President, Saitama University)

Rika Abe (Director, International Affairs Division, Department of Citizens' Affairs, Saitama Prefectural Government)

14:50 Project Overview

Susumu Nonaka (Vice- President, Saitama University)
Executive Director (Education and Student Affairs)

Keynote Address

15:00-15:30

The Significance and Role of SMEs in Japan's Manufacturing Industry



Ushio Kamei

(Kyowa Interface Science CO., Ltd. Corporate Planning Division, Executive Managing Director)

15:30-16:00

A Life Beyond Borders

From International Student to Local Community Member



Yoshinori Tanigaki

(Graduate, Saitama University Graduate School)

Q & A Session 16:00-16:10

Intermission (15 minutes) - Part 2▶

Part 2

16:25 Panel Discussion

Moderator: **Shinichi Nakamoto**

Senior Professor, International Office



Nelisha Bhandari



Takako Arafune



Yoshihiro Taguchi

Panelists

Ushio Kamei

(Executive Managing Director, Corporate Planning Division, Kyowa Interface Science Co., Ltd.)

Yoshinori Tanigaki

(Graduate, Saitama University Graduate School)

Nelisha Bhandari

(Graduate, Shibaura Institute of Technology)

Takako Arafune

(Director, Saitama Center for Go Global Students (GGS))

Yoshihiro Taguchi

(President, NAP Association)

17:45 Closing Address

Hideo Ichihashi

Vice-President, Saitama University /
Director- General, International Office

Vice-President (International Affairs and Global Education)

【Main Organizer】 Saitama University

【Co-Organizer】 Saitama Association for International Students

【Supported by】 Saitama Prefecture, Saitama International Association

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Registration &
Contact Information

Registration Form
Required for all participants
<https://forms.office.com/r/vUaZqPzcX>

Registration Deadline : 12. 3 (Wed)
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