

Mitsui Volunteer Network (Mitsui V-Net)
Komazawa University Division (KUD) Programs

1. Komazawa University Division belongs to Mitsui V-Net International Department. We started our volunteer programs at Komazawa University in April 2000. We have about twenty active registered volunteer members as of today.

2. Based on our close cooperation with the International Center of Komazawa University, we wish to extend our support to “foreign exchange students” (hereinafter referred to as “students”) at Komazawa University in the two ways of:

(a) One-on-one Interaction

and

(b) Group Events

3. One-on-one Interaction

We intend to support the students to improve their Japanese language skill and also their daily life essentials. We put the priority on the needs and preference of each individual student.

(a) We support to improve students’ Japanese language skill for the following purposes;

Japanese-Language Proficiency Test (JLPT)

Business Japanese Proficiency Test (BJT)

To improve students’ Japanese conversation skill

To better understand the university lectures and textbooks

(b) We support the students to know, see and experience the “Japan” more including:

Today's Japan (society, lifestyle, culture and arts, etc.)

History of Japan (historical figures, historical age, shrines and temples, arts, etc.)

Japanese Culture (tea ceremony, flower arrangements, festivals, kimono, Japanese cuisine, old houses, etc.)

Japanese Traditional Performing Arts (Kabuki, Noh, Kyogen, Bunraku, etc.)

4. Group Events

In addition to the one-on-one interaction, we are offering various kinds of programs that the foreign exchange students at Komazawa University will be able to enjoy and expand their experiences in Japan. Please find below some of the programs we prepared in the past.

(a) Tea Ceremony, Yukata and other Japanese cultures.



(b) Setagayaku walking and Jindai-ji Temple walking for understanding the local area's history and lifestyle.



(c) Kamakura Trip and Walking for learning Kamakura Age history

(d) Lunch Meeting among the students and volunteers



(e) Japanese traditional performing arts including Kabuki, Noh, Kyogen, Bunraku etc.

(f) Visit Tokyo National Museum

(g) Visit Hokusai Art Museum (Ukiyo-e) for understanding history and arts of Tokyo

(h) Momijigari (Color turned autumn leaves trees hunting) for enjoying Japanese nature

5. Programs held in the School Year ended in March 2024

One-on-one interaction : 8 students participated

Group Events: 11 group events were held and 57 students participated (Setagayaku walking and Jindaiji Walking were more popular among the students.)