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iCLA celebrates its community through Diversity Day and the Jutoku Festival.

On October 19 and October 20, 2024, Diversity Day was held at iCLA! The event was held as part of Yamanashi Gakuin University's annual school festival, the Jutoku Festival.

This year is the <u>54th Jutoku</u>
<u>Festival</u>. The general public was welcome to visit and enjoy a lively atmosphere filled with delicious food, performances, and a variety of engaging activities organized by students.



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What is Diversity Day?

iCLA has a student community of more than 55 nationalities in total; Diversity Day is a celebration of the many cultures around the world and on campus, encouraging everyone to connect with people from different backgrounds and discover fascinating traditions from every corner of the globe—all under one roof. We are happy that visitors enjoyed touring the world with iCLA students!



Countries represented at the 2024 Diversity Day

iCLA students from nine different countries organized vibrant booths to share their cultures with the local community. This year, the countries represented at the event were Australia, Bangladesh, France, Germany, Honduras, Indonesia, Kazakhstan, Morocco, and The Philippines.





Diverse food, games, and more!

Students prepared captivating visuals and interactive activities for visitors to learn about their home countries. Many booths also offered authentic tastes of international cuisines – featuring unique treats such as Australian fairy bread, Honduran Coca Cola served in a bag, Kazakh baursak paired with maple syrup and chocolate sauce, Indonesian Indomie, German Brezel, among many other delightful foods and drinks. Visitors could also partake in an educational trivia quiz with questions about each of the countries, with a prize for experiencing all the booths.

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Hear from the students running the booths



"We bought Brezel from the German Bakery in Kofu. Visitors could drive a German Mercedes, and learn more about other German car companies like Audi and Volkswagen. In addition, they could rank different German food and learn about beautiful sightseeing spots in Germany."

Germany



"At the Diversity Day event, I held a writing activity where participants wrote their names in the Tifinagh alphabet. We conducted the Moroccan tea ceremony, serving tea, dates, nuts, bread, and olive oil. I wanted others to gain insight into the rich customs and heritage of my country. The experience was incredibly rewarding."

Morocco









"Diversity Day was a blast for us! We showed our culture to the participants through our food and an immersive booth. We created things you'd only find in Indonesia and explained them thoroughly to quests."

Indonesia





A special thanks to all the students who participated in Diversity Day, and to all the visitors who took the time to learn more about iCLA's wonderful community.



SOCIAL MEDIA FEATURES



Beautiful nature is just right by the university!

See this post from an iCLA Student Ambassador.



iCLA students participated in the iEXperience
Program to Tokoji and Zenkoji.



Some cuties in costume at iCLA today to celebrate Halloween!



Check out photos from the fantastic musical performances by iCLA members at the Jutoku Festival!

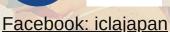
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