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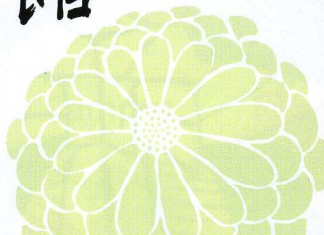
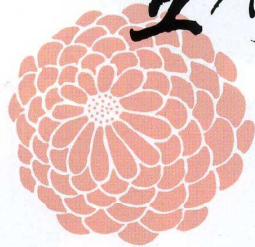
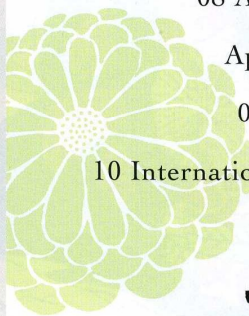


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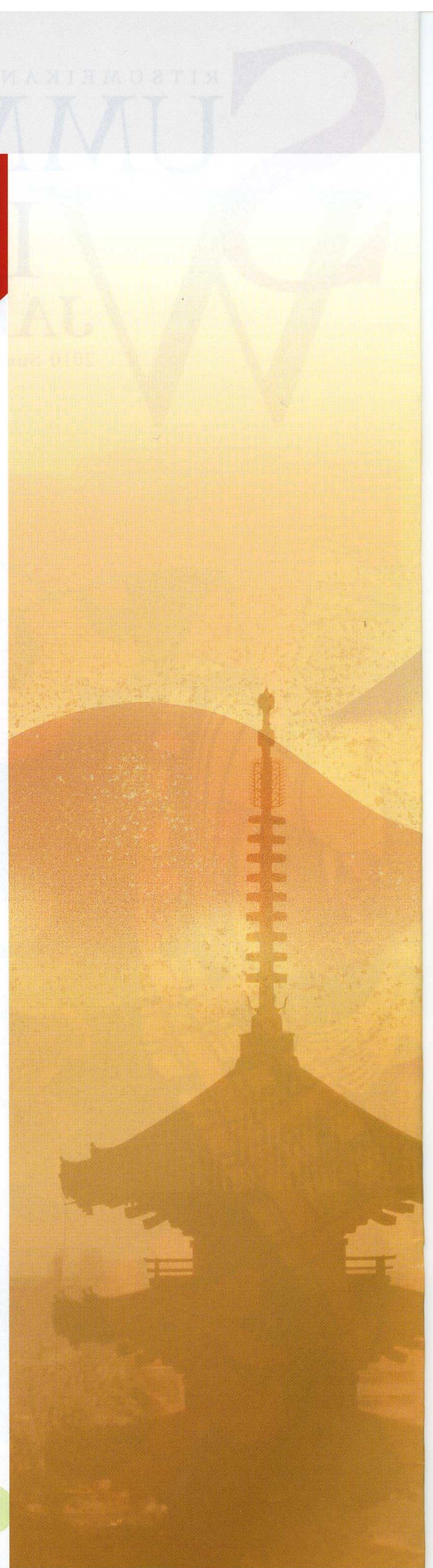


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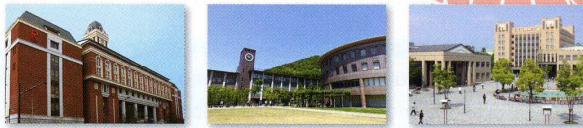
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## About Ritsumeikan



Ritsumeikan was founded in 1900 as the Kyoto School of Law and Politics, an evening law school open to working people. The school was founded by Nakagawa Kojuro, former secretary to Prince Saionji Kinmochi, liberal statesman of late 19th and early 20th Century Japan. With Saionji's blessing, the name was changed to Ritsumeikan Private University in 1913. Following the end of World War II, then university president Suekawa Hiroshi proposed Ritsumeikan's educational philosophy of *Peace* and *Democracy*, based on the Japanese Constitution and the Fundamental Law of Education.

Ritsumeikan has now become an integrated academy with a rich culture of individuality and international awareness accommodating a total of 49,000 students. The current Ritsumeikan Academy has campuses in Hokkaido, Shiga, Kyoto, and Oita and encompasses two universities, four high schools, four junior high schools, and one primary school. Since Ritsumeikan's establishment, approximately 310,000 people have graduated from Ritsumeikan University, 5,000 from Ritsumeikan Asia Pacific University (APU), and 87,000 from the affiliate schools. Ritsumeikan fosters learning and the development of individual talents in order to nurture just and ethical global citizens.



# Program Outline

The Ritsumeikan Summer Japanese Program (RSJP) and Ritsumeikan Winter Japanese Program (RWJP) are designed for undergraduate or graduate students with minimal knowledge of the Japanese language, providing a comprehensive introduction to Japanese language and culture. Program participants are immersed in an optimal environment for short-term intensive language study with the added benefits of cultural exchange and exploration.

These programs provide a unique learning environment based in the ancient capital city of Kyoto. A harmonious blend of the ancient and modern makes Kyoto the cultural and historical center of Japan. It is home to many famous festivals as well as shrines and temples such as Ryoanji Temple and its Rock Garden and the Golden and Silver Pavilions. Kyoto is also a progressive city where high-tech companies work alongside many traditional industries, creating a learning environment that is unique in both its composition and ambiance.

Since being launched in 2002, the reputation of these programs has been growing steadily. Ritsumeikan University students who participate as “student buddies” are also an attractive part of these programs. The buddies provide assistance in the Japanese language classes as well as accompany participants on most of the fieldwork excursions. This buddy system receives a high amount of positive feedback from program participants every year.


Upon successful completion of the program, participants receive a Certificate of Completion and an academic transcript listing hours of participation and grades for all courses taken. Past program participants may also order additional academic transcripts by sending a self-addressed stamped envelope for each request to the address indicated on the back cover of this booklet. Participants should consult with their home institutions about obtaining credits for coursework conducted during these programs.





# Curriculum

 **Three Japanese language classes every weekday morning**  
 (each class lasts 50 minutes)

 **Lectures on Japanese culture, fieldwork, and task work with buddies are held two to three times a week**  
 (each lasting 90-120 minutes)

	Time	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri
Period 1	9:30~10:20	Vocabulary and sentence patterns				
Period 2	10:30~11:20	Practice or conversation				
Period 3	11:30~12:20	Applied conversation				
Lunch Break						
Afternoon	13:30~15:00	Lectures on Japanese culture and fieldwork				

\*All schedules are subject to change.

\*RSJP/RWJP consists of intensive Japanese language classes as well as cultural and extra-curricular academic activities.

## Levels of Language Proficiency

These programs are designed for students who are proficient in reading and writing *hiragana* and *katakana*. Students who do not have any previous experience studying Japanese may not apply to either program.

\*Participants will be grouped in one class if the total number of participants is less than 15.

\*There may be occasional changes to the curriculum and teaching schedule.

## Program Objectives (Speaking, Listening, Reading, Writing)

After completing the program, participants should be able to:

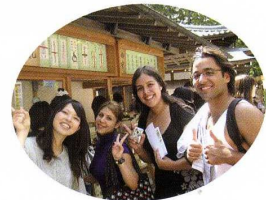
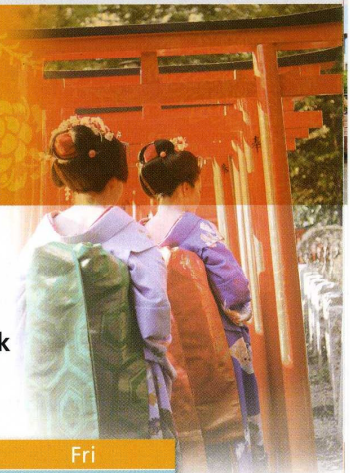
**Speaking**—hold simple conversations discussing common topics.

**Listening**—understand Japanese used in everyday situations (e.g. shopping) when spoken relatively slowly.

**Reading**—read simple sentences on bulletin-boards, posters, etc., when composed of familiar vocabulary.

**Writing**—compose simple Japanese sentences about common topics.

<b>Japanese Language Classes</b>	All classes will be conducted at the Kinugasa Campus in Kyoto. Language classes are conducted for three hours every weekday morning, providing a thorough introduction to the Japanese language. Although particular emphasis is placed on oral communication skills, the program maintains an overall balance between conversation, reading, and writing, thus providing a solid foundation for future studies of the Japanese language.
<b>Japan Studies</b>	Lectures focus on topics such as business, history, sociology, and traditional culture. In addition to having the chance to become more familiar with the finer aspects of Japanese culture in class, students also have the opportunity to take part in various fieldwork activities to reinforce what they have learned in class.
<b>Textbooks</b>	Textbooks will be chosen according to the Japanese proficiency level of participants.





# Program Fee

**Program Fee : ¥190,000**

\*Bank charges for money transfers are the responsibility of the participant.

## Note

1. The program fee above includes tuition, textbook(s), fieldwork, and a bus commuter pass.
2. Items not included in the program fee include the cost of travel to and from Japan, accommodation fees, daily living expenses, and expenses for extracurricular activities outside of the program.
3. Upon transferring the program fee, please inform us by e-mail the date of the transfer and fax the receipt to the International Center at Kinugasa Campus for our records.
4. In the event that the total number of applicants is less than twelve, the program may be cancelled for that particular year.
5. If the participant withdraws their application after paying the program fee, a refund will be provided according to the terms written in the application form.  
For more information, please refer to the RSJP/RWJP application form.





# Accommodation

Participants are required to book their own accommodation for the duration of their stay in Japan. Ritsumeikan will request confirmation about the participant's accommodation during the application process. However, since it can be difficult to locate a satisfactory apartment at reasonable rates and because the Japanese renting system is also very complicated for short term stays, Ritsumeikan provides support in booking a room at the following accommodations at the participant's request.

## ★ Seed in Kyoto Nijo / Seed in Kyoto Horikawa

Seed in Kyoto Nijo and Seed in Kyoto Horikawa are furnished apartments located in the center of Kyoto city. They are conveniently located for sightseeing, easy to reach by public transportation, and there are several grocery stores and convenience stores nearby. Rooms that can accommodate two or three people are available to RSJP/RWJP participants and must be shared. Rooms include an air-conditioner, TV, desk, bed(s), closet, bath/shower, toilet, washstand, and kitchen.

Seed in Kyoto Nijo:

<http://www.kyoto-seed.jp/index.html>

Seed in Kyoto Horikawa:

<http://www.kyoto-seed.com/index.html>

	Seed in Kyoto Nijo	Seed in Kyoto Horikawa
Monthly Fees	70,000 - 100,000 yen	
Toilet / Washstand	Private	
Refrigerator	Private	
Bath / Shower	Private	
Kitchen	Private	
Laundry / Dryer	Communal	Private
Bedding Provided	Yes (additional fee for extra bed linens)	
Internet Access	Free internet access by wireless LAN	
Telephone	None	

The following accommodations are also available. However, arrangements must be made by the participant for the places listed below.

## ★ Hotel Chrysanthemum Kyoto

Hotel Chrysanthemum is located in the northwest of Kyoto city, about a 10 minute walk from Kinugasa Campus. Single rooms are available and each room is furnished with an air-conditioner, TV, desk, bed, bookshelf, and closet. The bath/shower, toilet, and washstand are shared by two rooms, and a communal kitchen and refrigerator are located on each floor. This location also features communal laundry facilities and high speed internet access in each room.

<http://www.chrysanthemum.co.jp/english/index.html>

## ★ The Kyoto International Students House

This is a shared residence hall located in the eastern part of Kyoto city, which was established by a non-profit organization for both Japanese and international students. Rooms for two are available to RSJP/RWJP participants and must be shared. Rooms include an air-conditioner, sink, desk, bed(s), bookshelf, and closet. Shared facilities also include a grand piano, ping-pong table, volleyball court, pool table, Japanese garden, computer, copy machine, TV, lobby, and small bar.

## ★ The Palace Side Hotel

This is a special hotel for extended stays located opposite of the Imperial Palace. Single, twin, and triple rooms are available. For more information, please check the website below.

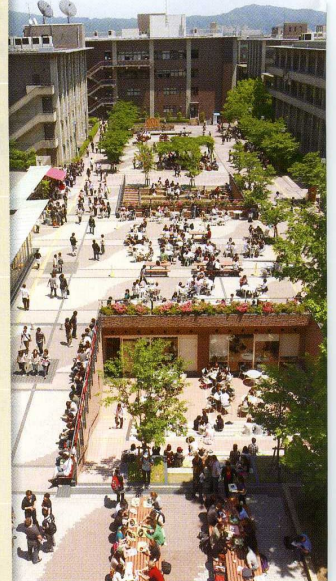
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# Campus Facilities

While on the program, participants are able to make use of the many facilities available at Kinugasa Campus.

<b>Libraries</b>	Over 2.3 million books in Japanese, Chinese, English, and other languages are housed in the Ritsumeikan libraries. Each participant will be given a library card and will be able to borrow books during the program period.
<b>Medical Service Center</b>	The Medical Service Center offers medical assistance to students with health concerns. Consultations are available in English during certain times of the day.
<b>Cafeteria</b>	A wide variety of food is available at the cafeteria at reasonable prices.
<b>Gymnasium</b>	The university gymnasium houses a training room with a variety of exercise equipment and can be used free of charge by all participants.
<b>Computers and Information Equipment</b>	Participants will be given a login ID and password, giving them access to the internet. The university also provides a campus-wide wireless network.
<b>Co-op</b>	The University Cooperative (Co-op) offers everything from food, books, CDs, and even a travel service.



# Buddies

Ritsumeikan students play a great part in this program through their roles as volunteer buddies. Buddies will introduce participants to life on campus as well as provide assistance outside of class with the participant's daily life in Japan. They also accompany participants on most fieldwork excursions and participate in the Japanese language classes as teaching assistants. The buddy system has proved very popular with previous program participants.





# Admission Requirements

To be eligible to enroll in the RSJP or RWJP, applicants must meet the following requirements:

1. Applicant must be enrolled as a full-time undergraduate or graduate student at the commencement of the program.
  2. Be able to read and write *hiragana* and *katakana*.
  3. Have the ability to communicate in English OR be able to communicate in basic Japanese.
- \* All of the above conditions must be met by those applying to the program.

# Application Procedures

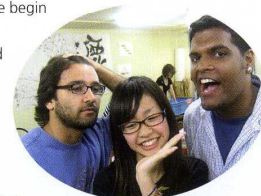
A. Please send the application form to Ritsumeikan University, International Center at Kinugasa Campus, by the deadline indicated in the Program Schedule on page nine along with the following supporting documents:

- 1. Original certificate of enrollment from the institution you are presently attending**
- 2. Most recent original academic transcript from the institution you are presently attending**
- 3. Photocopy of the information pages of your passport indicating the passport number and period of validity**
- 4. Two photographs (3cm X 4cm) with your name written on the back**

- \* Please download the application form from the RSJP/RWJP website to apply.
- \* Your passport must be valid for the duration of RSJP/RWJP. If you do not already have your passport, please begin the application process immediately.
- \* The application period will be closed early in the case that the maximum number of participants is reached before the application deadline.

- B. Upon receiving your application form, we will provide you with the bank account information for transferring the program fee.
- C. The program fee must be transferred to the specified bank account by the deadline indicated in the Program Schedule on page nine. Please bear in mind that it will take about three days for banks to process international money transfers, and you are advised to factor the processing time into the payment schedule accordingly.
- D. After we confirm that the payment has been received, we will inform you by e-mail that the application process has been completed.
- E. Once you are accepted into the program, please book a flight to Japan arriving at Kansai International Airport before the instructed arrival date indicated in the Program Schedule on page nine.

\* We strongly recommend that all participants enroll in international travelers insurance before their departure to Japan.



**Mail Applications To:** International Center at Kinugasa Campus, Ritsumeikan University  
 56-1 Toji-in Kitamachi, Kita-ku, Kyoto 603-8577, JAPAN

**RSJP/RWJP Website:** [http://www.ritsumei.ac.jp/eng/international\\_programs/rsjp/index.shtml](http://www.ritsumei.ac.jp/eng/international_programs/rsjp/index.shtml)

**Email Address:** [kokusai@st.ritsumei.ac.jp](mailto:kokusai@st.ritsumei.ac.jp)



# Program Schedule

## 2010 RSJP (May 25 – June 25) Admission

2010	February 23rd	Application Period Begins
	March 26th	Application Deadline <sup>1</sup>
	April 13th	Program Fee Due
	May 24th	Arrival Date
	May 25th	Orientation Campus Tour
	May 26th	First Day of Class Welcome Party
	June 25th	Last Day of Class Closing Ceremony Farewell Party

Note: all dates are subject to change.

1 : All applications for RSJP must arrive at Ritsumeikan by the deadline shown.

## 2010 RWJP (Feb 15 - Mar 18) Admission

2010	November 1st	Application Period Begins
	December 1st	Application Deadline <sup>2</sup>
	December 17th	Program Fee Due
2011	February 14th	Arrival Date
	February 15th	Orientation Campus Tour
	February 16th	First Day of Class Welcome Party
	March 18th	Last Day of Class Closing Ceremony Farewell Party

Note: all dates are subject to change.

2 : All applications for RWJP must arrive at Ritsumeikan by the deadline shown.





# International Center at Kinugasa Campus



The International Center handles all incoming and outgoing student exchanges at Ritsumeikan. It offers international students assistance with all aspects of academic and student life, as well as advice and information about various cultural events inside and outside the Ritsumeikan community.

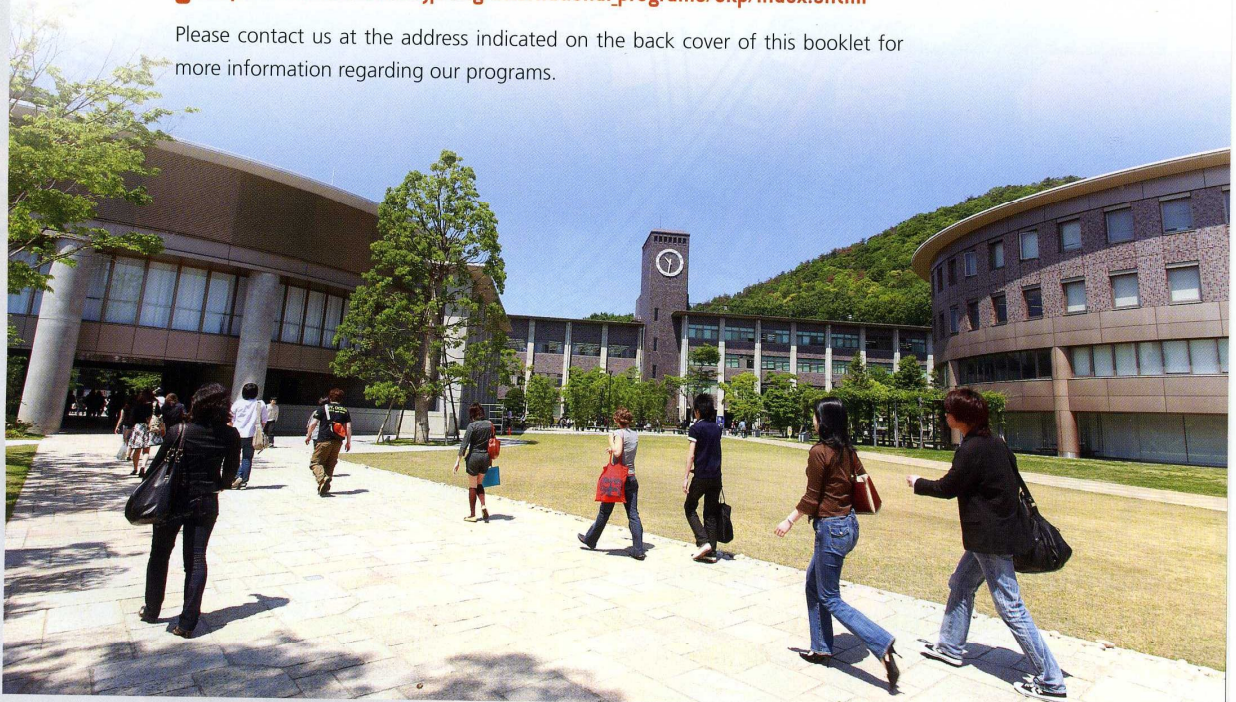
The International Center also conducts the RSJP/RWJP for students from overseas universities, providing them with a greater understanding of Japan through language classes, cultural lectures, and fieldwork. The programs are held in May and February for a duration of one month. Upon request, the International Center is also willing to create catered two-week Japanese Language Programs for groups of students from overseas universities. The details of these catered programs are determined through mutual agreement between Ritsumeikan and the overseas university.

If you are interested in a one semester or one year program at Ritsumeikan to learn Japanese and explore Japanese culture, the International Center also offers the Study in Kyoto Program (SKP). For more information regarding this program, please visit the program homepage.

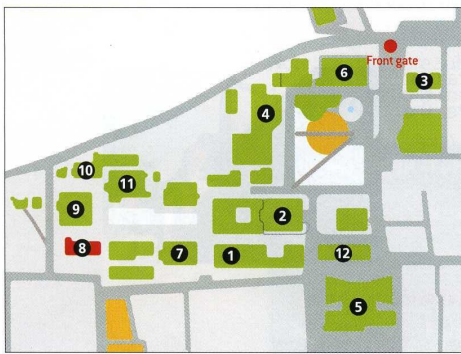
SKP Website:

[http://www.ritsumei.ac.jp/eng/international\\_programs/skp/index.shtml](http://www.ritsumei.ac.jp/eng/international_programs/skp/index.shtml)

Please contact us at the address indicated on the back cover of this booklet for more information regarding our programs.







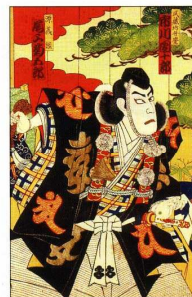
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- ③ Suekawa Memorial Hall
- ④ Zonshinkan
- ⑤ Igakukan
- ⑥ Gymnasium 1
- ⑦ Seishinkan
- ⑧ **Meigakukan**
- ⑨ Koshinkan
- ⑩ Yoyokan
- ⑪ Ryoyukan
- ⑫ Shigakukan

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