

Institute For Liberal Arts and Sciences
Education Center For Japanese Language and Culture

Global Collaborative Workshop: Unveiling the Charm and Challenges of Kyoto's Traditional Industries

This workshop aims to bring together students from Kyoto University, international students at Kyoto University, and pupils from Hiyoshi Elementary School in Miyazu City to collaboratively learn about and propose solutions for the challenges faced by the Kurotani Washi industry, a Kyoto Prefecture-designated intangible cultural heritage with a proud history and tradition spanning approximately 800 years.

With the cooperation of the practitioners of the Kurotani Washi industry, the workshop seeks to address societal challenges by transcending barriers of language, nationality, and age. Through these activities, participants will cultivate a global mindset.

We are seeking young next-generation global leaders eager to actively develop their global competencies.

2025.3.11(tue.)~2025.3.12(wed.)

Schedule:

Tuesday, March 11

- Around 9:30: Depart from the main gate of Kyoto University (tentative)
- Learn about the history, current state, and challenges of the Kurotani Washi industry from the practitioners.
- Experience traditional papermaking (kamisuki)
- **Challenge 1 of the Kurotani Washi Industry:**
Learn about the aging workforce of craftsmen responsible for preprocessing raw materials through the treatment of mitsumata bark.
- Stay overnight in Miyazu.

Wednesday, March 12

- Workshop with students from Hiyoshi Elementary School in Miyazu City.
- **Challenge 2 of the Kurotani Washi Industry:**
Explore the decline in the use of washi in daily life.
- Cultural exchange experience at Amanohashidate; sharing and learning about one's own and other's cultures.

Free of charge
(Lunch: self-paid)

Deadline: 2025.2.21 (Friday)

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Recruiting Participants

(15 international students & 15 Japanese students)

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