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**OU Global Campus** (The University of Osaka Minoh Campus)

The University of Osaka

# Live Locally, Grow Globally

- A glocal campus connecting local communities with the world
- A smart campus that is future-oriented and eco-friendly

Series

"Viewing the World from Various Perspectives"

Offering eye-opening experiences by setting

themes related to global issues of the time.

• A sustainable campus supported by cultural and linguistic diversity

At work, we tend to focus on

practical benefits, but this program

reminded me of the importance of seeing the world through language.

#### The University of **Osaka Summer Festival**

Bringing a long-standing local festival from the Osaka University of Foreign Studies era to Minoh-Semba



#### The University of Osaka School of Foreign Studies Symposium

Connecting the community with the world by learning about languages

It was a meaningful

experience that will

enrich my future.

It was a valuable opportunity to get a real feel for the culture. I enjoyed the local cuisine served at the event as well

l appreciate the opportunity

to easily attend

lectures by professors at

the University of Osaka.

#### **Cultural Lectures for the Public**

Offering a variety of programs, including the Monthly Multicultural Salon, where all language majors take turns leading sessions in a relay format.

unfamiliar ethnic groups with great curiosity. The lecture aroused my interest in foreign cultures.

I listened to stories about

I found the symposium wonderful as the event was based on the close connection between the University of Osaka and the local community

The symposium was open

and enjoyable, even for

the general public.



I was surprised by the wide scope of research subjects at the School of Foreign Studies to see the diverse themes covered in each session.



The Minoh Campus has obtained Gold certification in both [LEED-ND (Neighborhood Development)] and [LEED-NC (New Construction)], which are globally recognized environmental performance certifications.

#### Collaboration with the Minoh Association For Global Awareness (MAFGA)

In collaboration with the local community, our faculty members and students are building a multicultural community by implementing initiatives such as establishing Hitokoma, a community space that connects students, young people, and local residents, as well as providing learning support programs for children with foreign backgrounds.



#### Gogekisai (Theater Festival of Language and Culture)

Creating theatrical performances in the languages students are learning The fruit of the unity of each language major



my native language in faraway Japan.

From a student

It was a fulfilling experience to

perform in the language we have

learned and to create the one and

only performance with my classmates.

### Concept of OU Global Campus

At the University of Osaka Global Campus (Minoh Campus), by 1) fostering highly skilled global professionals, 2) sharing Japanese language and culture with the world, and 3) connecting local citizens with the world through the research on foreign language and culture, we aim to realize co-creation with the local community and enhance the value of both the university and the local society.

The University of Osaka Global Campus (OUGC)	1 2 3 4 5	Education: Development of p Research: Study and teachin International: Outreach act Community: Co-creation act Management: Sustainable
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#### **Collaboration between the Center for Japanese** Language and Culture and the Local Community

Through community-collaborative Project-Based Learning (PBL), we identify problems related to Minoh, and then come up with and present solutions to those problems. Through No Border Fest in Minoh, an event co-hosted with the local community, we provide diverse cultural experiences.

> It was rewarding to introduce the cultures of various countries and regions to a large number of local residents.

Throuah the proie I was able to meet and connec with local people



#### **Events at the International** Studies Library Organized by Faculty and Students in Minoh Campus

Introducing cultures of various countries to a wide audience, from children to adults.

From a student: I think friendship ong my classmates strengthened rough the project.

professionals through 25 language majors and diverse educational programs

ing of global languages and the cultures underlain by these languages.

ctivities promoting international exchange in society

ctivities fostering harmony with the local community

and efficient campus operations

#### School of Foreign Studies

The School of Foreign Studies offers 25 language majors. The School of Foreign Studies helps characterize the University of Osaka, making it the only national university with a School of Foreign Studies.

#### Learning at the School of Foreign Studies

• An integration of linguistic research and area studies, which we call "Linguistic Area Studies"

• Our motto: Culture Through Language, Language Through Culture

#### **Majors**

• Chinese • Korean • Mongolian • Indonesian • Filipino • Thai • Vietnamese • Burmese • Hindi • Urdu • Arabic • Persian • Turkish • Swahili • Russian • Hungarian • German • Swedish • Danish • English • French • Italian • Spanish • Portuguese • Japanese

#### Hultilingual Expert Program

This interdisciplinary program enables students in the School of Foreign Studies to systematically take specialized courses offered by the School of Letters, School of Human Sciences, School of Law, School of Economics, School of Science, School of Engineering, School of Engineering Science, and the Center for Mathematical and Data Science Education and Research. The program aims to develop professionals who can thrive on the international stage with advanced proficiency in multiple foreign languages and high expertise.

#### Division of Foreign Studies and Department of Applied Japanese Studies, Division of Japanese Studies, Graduate School of Humanities

#### Division of Foreign Studies

This division provides a thorough study of 24 languages and the regions where they are spoken from various perspectives. It comprehensively explores both the languages themselves and the cultures underlain by these languages, combining theoretical and practical approaches based on advanced language proficiency. With a strong focus on foreign studies, the program cultivates professionals who are well-versed in global languages, cultures, and societies.

#### Department of Applied Japanese Studies, Division of Japanese Studies

This course explores Japanese language, culture, society, history, and literature by following academic methodologies rigorously. It fosters individuals capable of addressing contemporary issues in Japan with specialized knowledge while also positioning Japan within a global framework through comparative and intercultural perspectives. The program nurtures practical and applied skills, enabling students to engage globally with a

deep and broad understanding of the Japanese language and culture.

### Information Room for International Students (IRIS), Minoh Branch (5th Floor)

This space is open for international and Japanese students to interact, seek consultations, access various information and guidance, and participate in events



French Café



Turkish Café

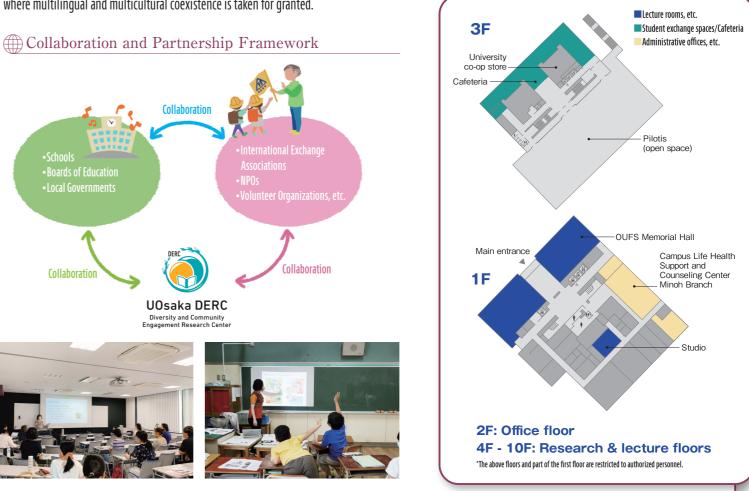


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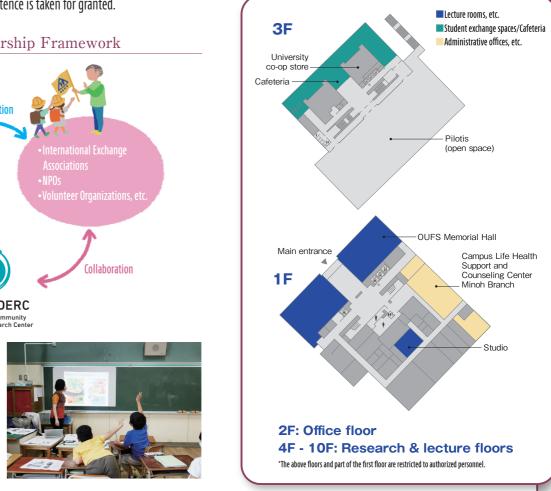
Cooking Party

## Diversity and Community Engagement Research Center

under the Graduate School of Humanities (2nd Floor) (Handai Fuku Fuku Center) As multiculturalism is advancing in Japan, the number of children with diverse linguistic and cultural backgrounds is increasing. These children face various challenges, including institutional barriers, the loss of their native language and culture, and identity uncertainty. By leveraging the expertise and experience of faculty and students specializing in language, culture, and area studies, we engage in support activities and educational research initiatives for children with international backgrounds, aiming to build a society where multilingual and multicultural coexistence is taken for granted.







#### Center for Japanese Language and Culture (7th Floor)

This center offers programs such as the Undergraduate Students Program and the Japanese Studies Program, both for government scholarship international students, as well as a short-term student exchange program of the University of Osaka (Maple Program). It also contributes to the advancement and development of education of Japanese language and culture worldwide by establishing an international education network with 20 overseas Japanese studies institutions.





Community-collaborative PBL & presentations





Closing Ceremony

## Connecting the University with the World and Connecting the Community with the World

A Hub for Regional Collaboration and Social Co-Creation



### Global Village Minoh-Semba

Located on the Minoh Campus, this mixed residents-type student dormitory accommodates both international and Japanese students in the ratio 2:1. Various programs and activities are organized to facilitate daily interaction among students, making it a key venue for international exchange at the University of Osaka.



The exterior of Global Village Minoh-Semba



Scene from a farewell and exchange party



New and clean dormitory rooms



This library combines the collections and functions of both the University of Osaka International Studies Library and a Minoh City Library. As the designated administrator, the University of Osaka takes charge of the operations of both libraries, becoming the first national university to do so.





## Lifelong Learning Center

This facility has conference rooms, multipurpose rooms, music studios, and an outdoor sports field, making it suitable for diverse uses. Operated by the University of Osaka as the designated administrator, the center organizes specialized courses utilizing the university's expertise and events for children.



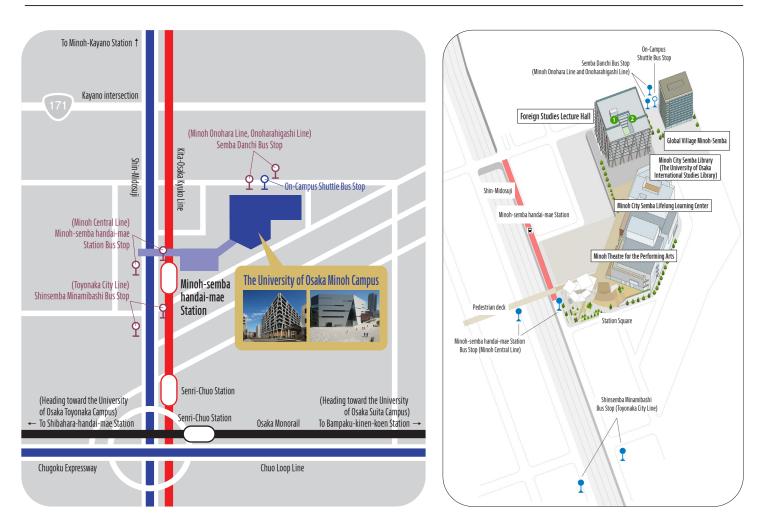








#### Minoh Campus Area Map



#### **Transportation Access**

Train Kita-Osaka Kyuko Line: Get off at Minoh-semba handai-mae Station, approximately a 3-minute walk.

- Bus Hankyu Bus
  - From Onoharahigashi: Bound for KurehanoSato or Senri-Chuo → Get off at Semba Danchi, approximately a 1-minute walk.
  - From Hankyu Ishibashi-kitaguchi: Bound for Minoh-semba handai-mae Station or Senri-Chuo
    → Get off at Minoh-Semba Handai-mae Station, approximately a 3-minute walk.
  - From Hankyu Toyonaka Station: Bound for Senri-Chuo → Get off at Shinsemba Minamibashi, approximately a 7-minute walk.



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