

Study Abroad in Japan

at

Momoyama Gakuin University, Osaka

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Important Dates to Remember

- **May 14, 2010:** Deadline for payment of the final installment of \$1650 to the Cashier's Office
- **June 30, 2010:** Second orientation meeting (subject to change)
- **July 8, 2010:** Departure from George Bush Intercontinental Airport (IAH) in Houston at 7:45 a.m.
- **August 6, 2010:** Departure from Kansai International Airport (KIX) in Osaka at 12:50 p.m.
- **August 27, 2010:** Feedback meeting (subject to change)



Information about Classes

- Two classes will be offered
 - **ECO 335:** Comparative Economics Systems
 - **ECO 374:** Contemporary International Issues in Economics
- Class Components
 - **Regular Lectures** by Dr. Nath
 - **Invited Lectures** by Guest Speakers
 - **Field Trips:** Two business trips, two historic site trips
 - **No textbook.** The study materials will be handed to you in the next orientation meeting.
 - **Two exams, one paper, and a few quizzes** (Subject to changes!)

About Japan



- Japan is located in northeastern Asia between the North Pacific Ocean and the Sea of Japan.
- Area of Japan is 145,914 sq. miles, slightly smaller than California.

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- **Japan** consists of four major islands:

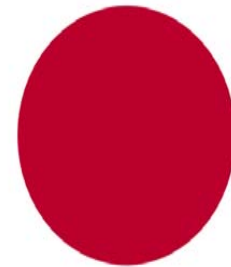
- **Hokkaido** (northern island)
- **Honshu** (main island)
- **Shikoku** (smallest island)
- **Kyushu** (southern island).

It is surrounded by more than 4,000 smaller islands.

- Known among natives as 日本 (**Nihon** or **Nippon**) and officially as 日本国 (**Nihon-koku** or **Nippon-koku**)
- **Language:** Japanese
- **Population:** 127, 078, 679 (July 2009 est.)
- **Religions:** Shintoism – 83.9%, Buddhism – 71.4%, Christianity – 2%, Other – 7.8%

About Japan

- **Government Type:** A parliamentary government with a constitutional monarchy
- **Capital:** Tokyo
- **Administrative divisions:** 47 prefectures
- **Chief of state:** Emperor AKIHITO
- **Head of government:** Prime Minister Yukio HATOYAMA
- Japanese parliament is called **Diet** or ***Kokkai***. It consists of a 242-member House of Councilors or *Sangi-in* and a 480-member House of Representatives or *Shugi-in*





About Japan

- Japan is the second largest economy in the world in terms of GDP in US Dollars. It ranks third after the U.S. and China if GDP is measured in International PPP Dollars
- Gross Domestic Product (GDP)
 - \$5.108 trillion in US Dollars (estimate for 2009)
 - \$4.137 trillion in International PPP Dollars (estimate for 2009)
[CIA World Factbook]
- GDP per capita
 - \$32,600 in International PPP Dollars (estimate for 2009)
- Composition of the Economy: Agriculture (1.6%), Industry 23.1%), and Services (75.4%)
- Unemployment Rate: 5.4%

About Osaka

- Osaka is located on the main island of Honshu, roughly in the center of Japan.
- Old name: *Naniwa*
- Known as the “Water City” because of its location at the intersection of the *Okawa* river and *Seto* Inland Sea
- Population: 2.6 million, third largest city in Japan
- Area: 85.3 square miles.
- Osaka Prefecture, which includes Osaka City (its capital) and 42 other municipalities, has a population of 8.8 million and a total area of about 729.7 square miles.
- 15.6% of all non-Japanese residents live in Osaka.
- Osaka has been the economic powerhouse of the Kansai region for many centuries. Its economy accounts for 18.9% of Japan's GDP, the second largest in Japan. The scale of Osaka City's economy alone exceeds that of Hong Kong and Thailand.

About *Momoyama Gakuin* University

- *Momoyama Gakuin* University, also known as St. Andrews University, is located in *Izumi Chuo*, a small city located in Osaka Prefecture. It takes 30 minutes by train to the city of Osaka.
- Founded as Trinity Boys' School in Holy Trinity Church in 1884, it was chartered as a university in 1959
- The university moved to its current location in *Izumi Chuo* in 1995
- Currently the university consists of five faculties
 - Faculty of International Studies and Liberal Arts
 - Faculty of Sociology
 - Faculty of Economics
 - Faculty of Business Administration
 - Faculty of Law
- There are about 7,500 students enrolled in various programs

Travel Tips

- You must carry your passport and a copy of your ticket
- Make several copies of your passport and leave one copy with your family
- While in Japan, keep your passport in a safe place and carry a copy all the time
- If you are not an American citizen, you may need to apply for a visa at the Consulate General of Japan in Houston

(http://www.houston.us.emb-japan.go.jp/index_e.htm)

- Consulate General of the United States, Osaka Japan

Address 2-11-5, Nishitenma,
Kita-ku, Osaka 530-8543

Telephone 06-6315-5900

Website: <http://osaka.usconsulate.gov/wwwhmain.html>



Travel Tips

- Carry your health/travel insurance card or/and a copy of any document that describes your insurance coverage
- Please learn how your insurance will pay if you need to see a doctor in Japan
- Please let me and your host family know if you have any special medical condition
- Carry some basic over-the-counter drugs such as Tylenol
- Subscribe to an international plan on your cell phone.
- International roaming is expensive! You may subscribe to Skype or Vonage and learn how it would work from Japan.



Travel Tips

- The airlines allows only two pieces of checked luggage. Each bag should not weigh more than 50 lbs (23 kg). Each bag should not exceed 62 inches (158 cm). The two bags together should not exceed 104 inches (273 cm) in dimension.
- The airlines also allows one carry-on bag that should not exceed 45 inches (115 cm) in dimension and 22 lbs (10 kg) in weight.
- Travel light and please see the Checked Baggage Information for items that are prohibited in your luggage.
- The temperature in Osaka will vary between 75⁰ F and 90⁰ F during July-August. It will be humid and occasionally it will rain. Take light cotton clothes and rain-coat and umbrella.
- Take one debit/credit card and some cash with you.

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Useful Japanese Phrases

- *Ohayou gozaimasu* ↔ Good morning
- *Kon'nichiwa* ↔ Good afternoon
- *Kon'banwa* ↔ Good evening
- *Oyasumi nasai* ↔ Good night
- *Sayounara* ↔ Good-bye
- *Sumimasen* ↔ Excuse me
- *Gomen nasai* ↔ I am sorry
- *Wakarimasen* ↔ I don't understand
- *Arigatou gozaimasu* ↔ Thank you
- *Hai* ↔ Yes
- *Iie* ↔ No



Finally

- This is a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity to see another country, meet another people, and experience another culture. Please be OPEN, TOLERANT, and RESPECTFUL!
- When you travel outside the U.S., you represent your family, your school (and yes, BEARKATS!), your state, and your country. Your best behavior and your achievements are the best that we (the facilitators) have to offer. Please be mindful of that and make us PROUD!

Miscellaneous

Cherry blossom at
Momoyama



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Prof. Mark Frank
at Momoyama



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Yummy...





Welcome Aboard!