

I Want to Convey the Fun of English Communication to Children in My Country

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Ms. Kulinaeva Anna Vladimirovna from Uzbekistan came to Kumamoto in 2011 to learn about English Education.

Her dream for the future is to become a high school teacher to share the fun of English communication with the students in her home country.



This photo was taken in front of the Faculty of Education building. As her time in Kumamoto draws to a close, Ms. Vladimirovna is more enthusiastic than ever about learning as many things as possible at Kumamoto University.

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Feeling the Heart of Japan through Hanami and Appreciation for the Seasons

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Doctoral Course in Medical Sciences, Graduate School of Medical Sciences

Dr. Rezano Andri from Indonesia has been studying immunology in Kumamoto University since April 2010. A lecturer at Padjadjaran University and also a medical doctor back in his country, Dr. Rezano is currently studying cancer biology, particularly the mechanisms where cancerous cells undergo apoptosis (cell death), hoping to share his research with students back home.



Dr. Rezano (on the far right) enjoying *hanami* with his supervisor and other exchange students from Bangladesh and Thailand.

English education in Japan helps brush up communication skills

"After graduating from university, I taught English at a secondary school in Uzbekistan. As I wanted to study more in order to improve their communication skills, I received a scholarship from the Ministry of Education, and entered Kumamoto University, whose Faculty of Education has a strong reputation. At Kumamoto University, I study how pair work and group work can help improve English communication skills."
"Japan's English education is not only about teaching grammar and reading but has a sufficient curriculum to develop general communication skills, many elements of which I can introduce into the English education in Uzbekistan. Besides attending classes, I constantly search for effective approaches for English lessons by observing elementary, middle and high school classes, and also by participating in PIGATE, an English education research group organized for the purpose of exchanging information among English teachers by a professor of the Faculty of Education."



Observing a 5th grade class at Jonan Elementary School, Kumamoto City. "In Uzbekistan, there is no such thing as team-teaching. I hope to introduce this fantastic Japanese system into the education of my home country."

One of the great things about Kumamoto is I can enjoy cuisines from countries around the world

"The campus of Kumamoto University is

surrounded by greenery, and has a cafeteria, medical center, library, and various other facilities. I like it very much because it is like a small academic town. Another thing I like is that, once I leave campus, I can enjoy many types of cuisine, including Italian and Korean, at reasonable prices. In Uzbekistan, foreign cuisine is too expensive to eat. Currently, I am busy every day preparing for a debrief session on the training program. I analyze the questionnaires returned by teachers in Uzbekistan and Japan for the purpose of utilizing the results for more effective communication education. I look forward to teaching English to students in Uzbekistan by utilizing what I learned about communication education at Kumamoto University."

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A Walk In Kumamoto
information of Kumamoto

Comics and Cartoons

Japan's comics and cartoons, known widely as manga and anime, have become a representative part of Japan's culture. Kumamoto has produced a great number of persons involved in comics and cartoons that are popular even overseas, making the city a "comics and cartoons kingdom." With touches such as popular cartoon characters decorating trains, Kumamoto is a place where you'll feel close to these popular art forms.

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Studying at Kumamoto University, a leader in immunologic research

"While in Indonesia, I was told by my former supervisor, who had previously visited, that the Kumamoto University School of Medicine is advanced in the study of immunology. It was then that I decided to study abroad with a government-sponsored scholarship, and came to Kumamoto University in 2010. Currently, my research is based on a high affinity antibody molecule called "GANP", which is an antigen-antibody reaction of immunology. "GANP" is reported to play a role in DNA repair when a cell is damaged, and by revealing its mechanism, I would like to make use of this research for potential cancer prevention and treatment."
"I spend most of my time in the laboratory speaking English, but once I step out of the lab, I have a hard time communicating in Japanese. Because I am a Muslim, I don't eat pork. So the first Japanese sentence I learned was "Butaniku, haitteimasuka?" (Does this include pork?)" At the supermarket, this sentence comes in very handy."

Impressed to see cherry blossoms and how Japanese people appreciate them

"What I was most surprised about in Japan is the custom of *hanami* (cherry blossom viewing). I was moved by the beauty of sakura cherry blossoms, which colored the bare brown trees with pale pink flowers in a matter of weeks. The Japanese wait for a year for this flower which only blooms for one week. Once it blooms, they enjoy it just like a festival. From this experience, I felt the perseverance of the Japanese and their

affection for the seasons."

"Next March, I will return back to Indonesia. I want to build up the basis of molecular mechanism research in my country based on what I learned in Kumamoto University, and contribute to the expansion of the medical field."

*GANP: Cancer resistant molecule. Discovered at Kumamoto University.



"Cell culturing can be tough work," says Dr. Rezano. Cells are living objects. He constantly checks the temperature, growth of the cells, morphology and the presence of contamination.

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