

# Miyazaki International College

School of International Liberal Arts



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### ◆Greetings

#### • From the President

The School of International Liberal Arts has started to publish this newsletter (English version) in order to introduce our education system and research to students, parents, high schools and universities, and members of the business community. We hope that the newsletter will help you get an understanding of our activities and our contributions to society. One of our goals is to print articles at a level of English expression that is easy for high school students to read. Please put it to practical use. Thank you very much.



#### • On the Kumamoto Earthquakes

The recent earthquakes in Kumamoto caused unimaginable damage. So it is with a great sense of sympathy that we consider the people suffering there. Some members of the MIC student body are from Kumamoto and Oita, where the earthquakes struck. Student Affairs has confirmed their safety and that of their families. We can report that our students and their family members are all safe. We urge all students to consider their safety while continuing to study hard. MIC will continue to support you so that there are no disruptions to your education.

President Masateru Nagata  
June 1, 2016

#### • From the Dean of Faculty

MIC is a very special and unique place. At MIC you can learn the skills that you will need to become a global citizen and you will do it in an environment that is both caring and very supportive. MIC is a small place, which means that we all get to know each other very well as people. Classes are small, and teachers and students really interact with each other every day. We are a Liberal Arts College and a learning community. Students study and take courses in a range of subjects such as Anthropology, History, Linguistics, Psychology, and so on. The purpose of this is to give you a range of knowledge. All of these classes are in English and usually with a native English speaker as the teacher. English is the major language of global communication. With it you can talk to and listen to the world. MIC is an exciting place to be.



Dean Micheal Thompson  
June 1, 2016

## ◆Topics

### MIC Student's Essay Published in e-International Relations

In April, e-International Relations, the world's leading open access website for students and scholars of international politics, published an essay by Yuki Horiuchi. Mr. Horiuchi graduated from MIC's School of International Liberal Arts in March 2016. Mr. Horiuchi's article is titled "The Significance of the US War on Terror Policy for the Japan-US Relationship". It is based on his senior thesis (highest honors) of the same title. His senior thesis committee included Dr. Benjamin A. Peters (USA), Dr. Jeong-Pyo Hong (Korea), and Dr. Jittima Tongurai (Thailand).



You can read Mr. Horiuchi's essay here:

<http://www.e-ir.info/2016/04/09/the-significance-of-the-u-s-war-on-terror-policy-for-the-japan-us-relationship/>

Congratulations to Mr. Horiuchi on this fine accomplishment, and good luck as he begins graduate school in Thailand this month.

## ◆General Information

- **New Curriculum** -- Study Abroad is now more affordable!

**NEW**

学内研修と組み合わせた  
**ハイブリッドプログラム**

Study 2 months at MIC to develop your English skills before going abroad to experience international cultures first-hand. You can study at Sonoma State University (USA) or Victoria University (Canada) for about half the cost of the main study abroad program.

**NEW**

研修費無料の  
**アジアプログラム**

Tuition at your host school is free of charge for exchange students who meet the criteria for the Asia Program. You will study in English at Yeungnam University (Korea), Sookmyung University (Korea) or Centennial College (Hong Kong).

**NEW**

月額6～10万円給付  
**国の支援制度**

Students with strong academic performance who require financial assistance can take advantage of JASSO's study abroad support program. These scholarships do not have to be repaid.

Example:  
100,000JPY/Mo.: San Francisco, Singapore, New York  
80,000JPY/Mo.: North America, Europe (Seattle, Chicago, Boston, Rome, etc.)  
70,000JPY/Mo.: Sydney, Jakarta, Seoul, Melbourne  
60,000JPY/Mo.: Shanghai, Taipei, Peking

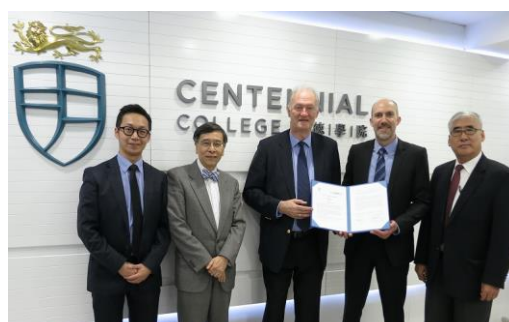
The Study Abroad Program is a requirement for all students in the School of International Liberal Arts in the second semester of the second year. In the Main Program students study for 16 weeks at one of 15 universities in 5 English-speaking countries (America, Canada, England, Australia, New Zealand). The Hybrid and Asia Programs are designed to make study abroad more affordable and to provide a broader international experience.

## • Centennial College

### MIC and Centennial College Enter Exchange Agreement



On March 30th, Miyazaki International College and Centennial College (Hong Kong) finalized plans for an exchange agreement between the two schools. Starting in 2016, five MIC students can study at Centennial in the fall semester, and starting in 2017, five Centennial students can study at MIC during the spring semester. MIC is pleased to add Centennial College as a new exchange partner and as a new site in our Study Abroad Asia Program.



(Pictured: Centennial College President John Malpas and MIC Vice President Benjamin Peters along with Centennial College officials).

Centennial College was founded in 2012 and is the first liberal arts college in Hong Kong. It is affiliated with Hong Kong University (HKU) and shares HKU's library, student study center, and other facilities. Hong Kong has a population of 7.4 million people, and it is an international center of business and culture.

### ◆Meet the Faculty



My name is Anderson Passos.

I teach Information and Communication Technology and Mathematics at MIC. I was born in Sao Paulo, Brazil and after graduating from University I worked as a software developer for Dell Computers. I came to Japan to pursue a PhD from Kagoshima University and I also had the chance to work as a system Engineer in Tokyo. My main research areas are: signal processing, privacy, data mining and computers in education. Just like you, I am not a native English speaker, but through English we are able to communicate and learn together. I am looking forward to seeing you in MIC.

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## ◆Career Counseling

MIC graduates find jobs in a variety of areas. These are some of the jobs our students got last year:

- H.I.S
- ANA
- Hotel Nikko Huis Tenbos
- SAP Japan (Germany)
- Fukuoka Hilton Seahawk
- Japan Post
- Miyazaki Taiyo Bank
- Miyazaki Bank
- Miyazaki Prefecture Police
- IBS Software Service (India)

Many of our students go on to become English teachers in Miyazaki and other prefectures all over Japan.

About 5-10% of our students go on to study in graduate school as well. Last year's graduates went to study at Miyazaki University and Thailand.

Other students take time off to travel the world before they finish studying and find a job. In our next issue we will introduce some of these students to you.

At MIC the possibilities for your future are endless.

## ◆Upcoming Events

Come Visit us at any one of our three OPEN CAMPUS events!!

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| <b>1st</b> | <b>July 17, 2016<br/>(Sunday)</b>    | <p>10:00~15:00</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>●Welcome Concert ●College Introduction ●Alumni and Student Presentations</li> <li>●Model Classes ●Admissions Guidance ●AO Admissions Explanation ●Lunch</li> </ul> <p>※ Essay Writing and English Interview Skills Seminar</p> |
| <b>2nd</b> | <b>August 21, 2016<br/>(Sunday)</b>  | <p>10:00~15:00</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>●Welcome Concert ●College Introduction ●Alumni and Student Presentations</li> <li>●Model Classes ●Admissions Guidance ●AO Admissions Explanation ●Lunch</li> </ul> <p>※ Recommended/AO English Interview Skills Seminar</p>    |
| <b>3rd</b> | <b>March 18, 2017<br/>(Saturday)</b> | <p>10:00~12:30</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>●Welcome Concert ●College Introduction ●Alumni and Student Presentations</li> <li>●Model Classes ●Individual Guidance ●Exchange Cafe</li> </ul>  |