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Excursions

International students visit Kyoto and surrounding region to experience Japanese culture on a study trip organized by Toyohashi Tech

On 8th March 2011, international students studying at Toyohashi Tech went on a two day trip to Kyoto and the surrounding region as part of their second Study Trip for FY 2010. This trip was arranged by the Center for International Relations (CIR), based on requests from international students.

Fifty six international students, three members of staff and five Japanese tutors took the *shinkansen* to Kyoto and visited Kyoto International Manga Museum, *Nijo* castle, and several temples in Kyoto, as well as a ceramic museum and *Ninja* House both located in nearby Koga city.

Japanese Manga (cartoons) is now popular in many countries, and the Toyohashi Tech international students learnt about the history of Japanese Manga and enjoyed looking at many different translations at the Kyoto International Manga Museum.

During the trip the students also visited *Nijo* castle, *Kinkaku-ji* temple, *Ryoan-ji*, and other world heritage sites in Kyoto. For some students the visit to the Ninja house in Koga city was the highlight of the two days.

The CIR planned carefully to satisfy the wide range of needs of the students, who are from all over the world, with different cultural backgrounds, and some with specific food restrictions.

Toyohashi Tech is located in Aichi prefecture, in central Japan. Heading west, Kyoto is less than one hour by Shinkansen from Toyohashi, and towards the east, Tokyo is only 90 minutes away.



Students pose for a photograph in front of Kinkaku-ji; the famous Buddhist temple in Kyoto.



At the gates of Nijo castle in Kyoto built by Tokugawa shogunate in 1626.



A snap shot at the ceramics museum