



Opening a new world at 2017 Annual Open Campus

Tohoku University Kawauchi North and South Campus saw a different atmosphere from usual on July 25th and 26th. Buses painted in vivid colors arrived at Hagi-Hall and International Center Station Parking Area. High school students from Tochigi Prefecture, Fukushima Prefecture, Akita Prefecture, and other prefectures donning their summer uniforms got off the bus one by one and, their usual cheerful and exciting voices sounded louder and louder.



Figure 1: High school students entering Faculty of Arts and Literature building in Kawauchi Campus

The Annual Open Campus, conducted by Tohoku University is one of the most anticipated events of the year. Every year, High School Students from Tohoku and Kanto regions come to Tohoku University with their schoolmates or with their parents or friends to see great minds at work.

"We came to Sendai by night bus from Kanazawa Station. It takes 9 hours to reach Sendai," said a second-year high school student from Kanazawa Nissui High School from Kanazawa City in Ishikawa Prefecture.

"Tohoku University students look so diligent! I am so inspired after listening to the short introduction at Economics Department. I really want to study here", she added.

The Open Campus event is also a good opportunity for Tohoku University itself to showcase and promote their education facilities, departments, and various programs to high school students with crisp presentations about laboratory programs and activities.

At the same time, it was not just the departments in Tohoku University who were busy welcoming high school students during the event. The main library of Tohoku University located at its Kawauchi campus, also organized various programs, in order to introduce the rich educational facilities it offers.

During these two days, Kawauchi Main Library conducted three interactive activities: Student Discussion Booth, Stamp Rally Corner, and International Culture Presentation by the international students of Tohoku University. The Student Activate Library (SaL) corner helped high school students in answering their questions related to their interest in Tohoku University Entrance Exam, library, education, etc.



Figure 2 : Sato and Ishimaru, member of Student Activate Library (SaL)

"There were some questions that I could not answer. For example, there was a student from an International School and he asked me whether he will have to through the admission procedures of an international student or that of a Japanese student, when he applies for the school." explained Sato, an undergraduate student from education department who became a member of SaL in 2015.



Figure 3 : Visitor who already collected six stamps able to write their hope and dreams on *Ema*

High School Students who visited the main library also enjoyed the stamp rally activity. "Through collecting stamps, the high school students can explore the main library even more effectively," explained Ms. Nishimura, a Tohoku University Main Library staff. "We put six stamps in different locations in the library and high school students will have to find them. After they have collected all of the six stamps, they will get a Tohoku University Main Library clear file and also will write their hopes and dreams on an *Ema*"

The International Students Concierge Interactive Corner facilitated interaction between high school students and foreigners through an event called "International Festival in Library". The number of international students in Tohoku University has been increasing every year. As of May 2017, there are almost 2027 foreign students in Tohoku University. This has encouraged the establishment of International Student's Concierge facility in Tohoku University Main Library in order to assist the foreign Students in using various library facilities.



Figure 4 : High school students listening to the presentation of Ms. Jenna Wu, an International student from America, who is a member of the Concierge.

At this event, members of the library concierge, who are students from Brazil, China, In-

donesia, Italy, Korea and USA gave presentations about their home countries and their culture. Ms. Jenna Wu from US, gave an interesting presentation about American university student life through a Disney movie called "Monster University". "You can see student life in an American university in this movie. Everything is the same as reality!"



Figure 5 : Ms. Lee Sunhee, international student from Korea teaching "Hangul" and Korean vocabulary to high school students

Students also enjoyed the presentation given by Andi Holik Ramdani, an Indonesian international student. He wore an Indonesian traditional costume and also played an Indonesian music instrument called *angklung*, which is made from bamboo. Mr. Davide Bitti, an Italian international student gave a presentation titled "A Short Travel to Italy". The presentation named "*Anyeonghaseyo! Korea*" was given by Ms. Lee Sun Hee, an international student from Korea. At the International Students Concierge Interactive Corner, high school student also enjoyed learning some foreign languages, alongside reading translated books, photo-booth and posters.



Figure 6 : Students look very fascinated holding the Indonesian traditional music instrument called Angklung

Mr. Kijima who came with his daughter and attended the concierge members' presentation said, "It was fun communicating with international students. Many of them were good at Japanese and their presentation skills were good. It makes me want to study abroad but, it is too

late for me. So I hope my daughter can study abroad one day to fulfill my dream!"

Reader's Choice: What to Read Next?

This section introduces a-book-a-month to feed your grey matter with intellect and emotion from the selection available at Tohoku University Main Library. Sit back and let's read!

"We who with disgusting, cold indifference prostitute that which is the source of inspiration, energy and enlighten, are in this way lower than animals. Here the judicial legality of our own relationships cannot save us. "

Despite having become one of the most read soviet authors of the 1920s and 1930s, Panteleimon Sergeyevich Romanov is one of the least known Russian authors. The reason was the nature of his work, considered to be graphic and conspicuously explicit by contemporary standards. Romanov was born on July 24 1884 in what is now Tula Oblast. He studied Law at Moscow State University, after graduating; he dedicated himself to his develop his manuscripts.

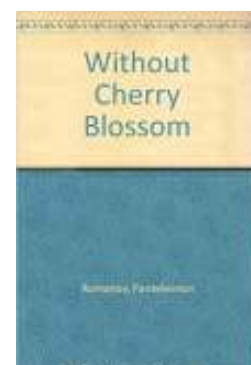
He published his first book in 1911, but it had feeble impact and scarce recognition. The staple feature of his first works was the tendency to humorously describe "the ignorance, inefficiency and cowardice of the new Soviet bureaucrats and their aides" along with satirical stories of "how the peasants greeted the political changes in the region". With the passage of time, his work became obsidian, and consequently more sustained.

Even though his epics cemented his place among the Soviet writers of the time, they are virtually unknown in other countries. On the contrary, his short stories awarded him international recognition, especially in the western countries.

"Without cherry blossom" written in 1929, is one of the most controversial works of Romanov. In it, he portrays the social revolution, which lead to monumental modifications in the cotemporary couples. The role of the single mother, the consequences of the "abolition of

the sacrament of marriage", the new relationships between college youth, the shame of being an "unblemished flower" in the mid 20s, "free love" as the norm and love as a disease. As controversial as some may consider it, this short book depicts the monumental social change that took place in the Russian empire due to the 1917 revolution. In addition, it's written in a pleasantly descriptive, yet well balanced style. It is definitely a must read.

Book: Without cherry blossom
Author : Panteleimon Romanof
Publisher : Hyperion Press
Pages : 287
ISBN : 0-88355-020-2
Barcode No. : 00870378202
Call No. : KP239-4/1
Location : Stack Room
(Main Lib)



Yang's corner

"An evening in the library"

傍晚图书馆的故事

This is the story of what happens on a regular day in the life of the exchange students that work in the International corner of the Tohoku University Main Library.

As one may expect, there are sad and happy moments. Can you relate to this story?

About the author: Yang Yan is a third year PhD student at the international culture department. She has been drawing since a young age and wished to become a cartoonist in the future. As her first work, this marks the beginning of her career. Let's support her publication!



Self-introduction of our new staff!!

Chen Zurui (陳祖叡)



I'm Chen Zurui, from Yunnan Province, China. My major is Japanese-language education, and the main content of my research is the teaching method of Japanese-language vocabulary learning.

My hobby is traditional Chinese medicine (including Traditional Chinese medicine, acupuncture, massage, etc.) and cooking, best at making stews. Recently, the temperature has suddenly dropped, so I use a pressure cooker to make kakuni (a Japanese braised pork dish) every day.

Kiya Okhlopova

(Евдокия Охлопкова)



Hey, guys ! I'm Edokiia Okhlopova (you can just call me Kiya) and I come from the biggest region of Russia which no one really knows about. It's called Republic of Sakha (Yakutia) and it gets below -55 degrees Celsius in winter. I came to Sendai in April



2015 as a MEXT Research Student, from April 2017 I've joined Master program of the Faculty of Arts and Letters, my major is Japanese Literature. I'm also a member of Sendai Tourism, Convention and International Association, a vice-president of TUFSA, Translation Team Leader of TEDx Tohoku University and a founder of Sendai Horror Club (join us if you are interested in creepy pasta and stuff like that). From this month (October 2017), I'm a member of Consulting Service for International Students in Tohoku Uni. Library. I love dancing, taking photos and sharing them via social nets. I also enjoy translating poetries and organizing international events. If you see me somewhere in campus please say "Hi!"

Lin Ichia (林宜佳)



Hello everyone, my name is Lin Ichia. I come from Taiwan, for now I'm a graduate student of International Cultural Studies. All about my studies are about com-

parative literature, but I also like to read children's literature which have lots of illustration. When I have free time, I like to glance over magazines about interior design and gardening.

Mathurin Limhassanaikul



Nice to meet you ! My name is Mathurin, but you can call me "Popo" which came from Hippopotamus (actually I got this nickname from my mother).

My hometown is Bangkok, Thailand. Now I'm a first year graduate student in GSICS (Graduated School of International Cultural Studies), majoring in Pragmatics. I love to take photos, and I always post them on Instagram. Please tell me if you have an interest about it :)



Yu Jing (于晶)



Hello everyone.

My name is Jing, and I'm come from China. I am a student of International Culture Study in Tohoku University. I can speak Japanese, English, and Korean. If you have any questions

about how to use library, please ask me. I am very glad to help you. Hope you could enjoy your study in Tohoku University.



Editors



Lee Sunhee (李璿熙)

A graduate student of educational informatics from South Korea, she loves listening to music and can speak English, Japanese and Korean! "It will soon be alright," is her motto of leading life.

Manuel Campos

A graduate student of medicine from Venezuela, he loves to travel, write and cook. "Hard times forge steel smiles," is what he believes. Did we tell you that he speaks English, Japanese and Spanish?



Yang Yan (楊妍)

Yang, from China, loves to write comic strips! A graduate student of international cultural studies, she believes that none of us should ever forget our first resolution. Interested in her work? Check out the next issue for her manga!

Trishit Banerjee
[Editor-in-Chief]

From the land of Buddha - India, Trishit loves to read, write and travel. A student of chemistry, he can speak 5 languages! "Pick up a good book and open up your world," is what he believes in.



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