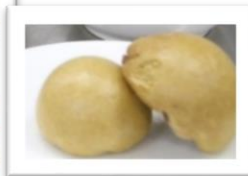
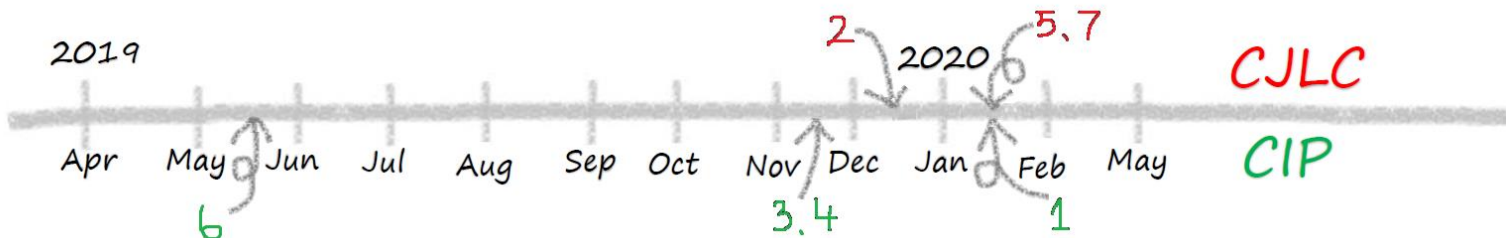


Our second newsletter features the extra-curricular events that our exchange students joined. At AGU, the Center for Japanese Language and Culture (CJLC) is in charge of Japanese language classes for exchange students, and the Center for International Programs (CIP) helps them with paperwork and their daily lives. Both centers occasionally hold events, sometimes jointly. We'd like to introduce some of these fun events!



① International Cooking

Exchange students enjoyed cooking food from around the world with AGU students and their professors. They made “Manju”, a classic Japanese sweet, as well as their own local cuisine. It was so much fun to cook and eat various international dishes!



② Calligraphy

In a quiet classroom with beautiful works of calligraphy hanging on the walls, exchange students practiced calligraphy with their Japanese peers. Although some of them struggled with unfamiliar *kanji*, everyone spent a valuable time creating and sharing their works with each other.

③ Sadou Tea Ceremony

Surrounded by beautiful autumn leaves, the students experienced the *sadou* tea ceremony at a magnificent tea room in the city of Nagakute near the AGU Nisshin Campus. Masters of *sadou*, dressed in beautiful *kimono*, prepared tea and Japanese confections for them. After the ceremony, they learnt how to make tea, and peacefully enjoy it.



The entrance of the tea room is made very small because people wish to have the guests reset their ideas of social position, and enter the room as ordinary people by lowering their heads by through.



④ Speech Contest

All our exchange students introduced their home countries and home universities in Japanese or in English at the AGU Speech Contest. Their confident manner of speaking and the detailed explanations using elaborate PowerPoint materials impressed the Japanese students.



⑤ Presentation in Japanese

Exchange students gave a presentation in Japanese as the culmination of their studies at AGU. Those who could only communicate in English at first had come to be able to talk with each other in Japanese by the end of their stay here.

⑥ Excursion to the Kite Festival in Shizuoka Prefecture

Exchange students, international students, Japanese students, faculty members and staff went to the Hamamatsu Kite Festival in Shizuoka, the neighboring prefecture of Aichi. In this exciting and colorful festival held annually by the seaside, large kites are flown all at once and battle to cut the string of their rivals' kites.



⑦ Zen Meditation

AGU has been passing down the Buddhist spirit that emphasizes humanity for over 130 years. In the Zen Meditation Hall, the first official Zen hall at any university in Japan, exchange students practiced meditation along with the monks.



In Spring, the blooming cherry blossoms will welcome you!

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If you have any questions or would like to know more about AGU exchange programs, please contact us at aguiec@dpc.agu.ac.jp

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