

UC Tokyo Study Center Newsletter



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Greetings from UC Tokyo Study Center!

Have you been enjoying Sakura/Cherry Blossoms or other spring flowers of Japan? Or been to “Ohanami (お花見)” with your friends? We actually have been enjoying sakura at ICU, where the Study Center is located. They are now in full bloom! If you happen to be in the area or just want to stop by to say “hi”, you are all welcome to visit us at the Study Center during your spring break (and always!) now especially to see beautiful sakura on ICU campus. Or send us your pictures of Sakura from different parts of Japan!



Sakura at ICU



Academics

UC Academic Deadlines-Spring 2009

University	Proposed Course List
Hitotsubashi	May 15(F)
Kyoto	May 15(F)
Osaka	May 11 (M)
Tohoku/Regular	May 15(F)
Tohoku/JYPE	May 11(M)
Tokyo	May 15(F)
Tsukuba	May 1 (F)
Doshisha	April 8 (W)
ICU	April 9 (Th)
Keio	April 17 (F)
Sophia	April 16 (Th)
Tsuru	April 30 (Th)

Now, regarding Academic Calendar for Spring 2009, please refer to the chart on the left for your initial form (Proposed Course List) for the term to be submitted to the Tokyo Study Center.

Forms can be found at EAP Tokyo Study Center Website below either under “Forms” or “Academic Information”.

<http://eap.ucop.edu/sc/japan/tokyo/>

For other deadlines of the forms, it will be notified by Study Center staff or when the EAP Japan Website is updated, so please check your email regularly.



Have you moved?

If you have moved from your dorms or apartments during spring break or else and haven't notified the Tokyo Study Center of your new address, please do so ASAP by emailing the Tokyo Study Center staff.

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Kodomo-no Hi and Origami

As many of you might be already aware, from the end of April to the beginning of May is called “Golden Week” in Japan. Depending on the calendar each year, there will be consecutive days of national holidays which at times can be almost a week long break from school/work for most people around this time of the year. For this year, April 29th (Showa Day), May 3rd (Constitution Memorial Day), 4th (Greenery Day), and 5th (Children's Day) are official national holidays, and in addition, May 6th is also a substitute holiday.

Although “Kodomo” directly translates as “Children”, Kodomo-no Hi (Children’s Day) on May 5th in Japan had been celebrated since around Nara period, but nowadays it is a day to celebrate the healthy growth of children especially boys, and some “families with boys display a helmet replica or samurai dolls inside the house, and fly koinobori (carp streamers) outside. The carp is thought to be a lucky fish symbolizing successes in life.” (International Internships Programs 1998, 26)

On the other hand, also used to be a day to celebrate healthy growth and success of children, both boys and girls, now widely celebrated as “Girl’s Day (Hina Matsuri 雛祭り)” is on March 3rd.

If you wish to taste an atmosphere of “Kodomo-no-Hi (子供の日)”, sometimes also called “Tango-no-Sekku (端午の節句)”, making origami Samurai Hat(兜／かぶと) from newspapers for the size of your head or eating “Kashiwa mochi (柏餅)” for this special occasion might be some of the ideas.

Origami-“Samurai Hat”

<http://www.origami-club.com/en/newspaper/samuraihat/index.htm>

Origami-“Koi-Nobori”

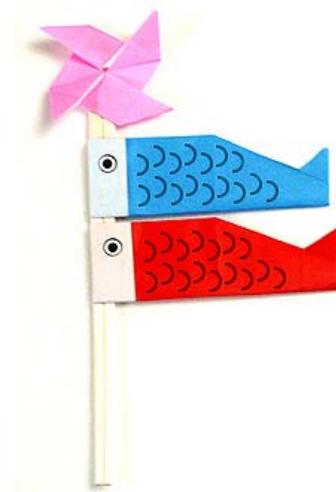
<http://www.origami-club.com/season/5/carp/index.htm>

Origami-“Cherry Blossoms”

<http://www.origami-club.com/en/fruit/sakura2/index.htm>

Origami Club-for other origami recipes

<http://www.origami-club.com/en/>



(<http://www.flickr.com/photos/yoshinokichi/126914320/>)

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