



Dear friends,

We sincerely hope this message finds you safe and healthy.

Even the global pandemic cannot extinguish our passion for learning and connecting. We are pleased and excited to invite you to our online student exchange program, **Global Vantage Law & Society Exchange Workshop 2022** (hereinafter, “GV Exchange Workshop”). We, the students of *Global Vantage Program* in the School of Law, Kyushu University, are going to organize an international workshop to better understand and tackle a number of human right issues, especially those Japanese society has been facing, while sharing diverse perspectives and insights through lively discussions with the participants from our partner universities. We eagerly hope this workshop offers you the opportunity to become more actively interested and engaged in the universal subject of human rights for the future we will be leading together. Although it is very unfortunate that we cannot invite you in person to experience the climate and culture of Japan due to border restrictions, we hope that cultural activities and other exchange-oriented settings of the workshop program can meet your aspiration for overseas experience. Furthermore, we sincerely hope your learning experience with the two-week workshop can enrich your campus life with fruitful outcomes.

For details, please refer to the following page for *Appendix 1*. We are looking forward to hearing from you soon – and meeting at the GV Exchange Workshop in February, 2022!

Yours sincerely,

Students of *GV Program*, School of Law, Kyushu University

Global Vantage Law & Society

Exchange Workshop 2022

ORGANISER	The Students of Global Vantage Program, School of Law, Kyushu University
DATES	February 5th, 12th, and 19th, 2022
TIME	PM 2:00 ~ PM 6:00 (JST)* *The time is subject to change depending on the discussion with participating universities.
PLATFORM	Zoom* *The link will be provided when the workshop program is distributed.

1. OBJECTIVE & SCHEDULE

Global Vantage Law & Society Exchange Workshop 2022 (“GV Exchange Workshop”) aims to enhance our awareness of multifaceted contemporary issues in law and society by exchanging diverse perspectives between the students across borders and cultures. Since the most serious disruption of global education caused by COVID-19, it has been more important than ever to stay connected and learn from each other. With the expected mutual benefits of sharing and collaboration in learning, we openly encourage the members of our partner universities to make the best use of this international forum to get together for a dialogue where we, as responsible and sensible global citizens, think about and tackle the problems we are currently facing. In this workshop, we discuss a number of key human right issues through the case of Japan.

The GV Exchange Workshop consists of 3 official events (1 ~ 3) over 2 weeks.

1. **Day 1 (February 5th, 2022)** offers (i) special lectures on *human rights in Japan* and 5 main topics to be discussed for academic activities, which will be followed by (ii) group discussion for each pre-assigned group.
2. **Day 2 (February 12th, 2022)** invites (i) 2 groups of the same topic to make group presentations and discussion about their respective themes under the same topic category; and (ii) all the participating universities to introduce cultural activities or performances followed by a conversation session in group.
3. **Day 3 (February 19th, 2022)** calls on (i) 5 groups of different topics to make their presentations and discuss each group’s theme; and (ii) every participant to engage in a feedback session.

2. PARTNER UNIVERSITIES TO BE INVITED

- 4-5 partner universities in the Asian region (due to time difference), including:
 - Ateneo de Manila University, Philippines
 - National Taiwan University, Taiwan
 - Pusan National University, Republic of Korea
 - University of Malaya, Malaysia

3. GROUP FORMATION & WORK

- **10 participants from each participating university** are invited to join the workshop.
- Each participant will be assigned to each group – from *Group 1* to *Group 10*.
- 2 groups will be assigned to 1 of the 5 Main Topics. (See 4(1))
- Each participating university is responsible for the task of group assignment.

4. ACADEMIC ACTIVITIES

(1) 5 Main Topics (the numbers of assigned groups)

- **Freedom of Expression and the Press** (*Group 1 – Group 2*)
- **Hate Speech** (*Group 3 – Group 4*)
- **Gender Equality** (*Group 5 – Group 6*)
- **Poverty** (*Group 7 – Group 8*)
- **Refugees & Migrants** (*Group 9 – Group 10*)

(2) Special Lectures (Lecturers)

- Professor Sanae Fujita, University of Essex
- Professor Mariko Igimi, Kyushu University

(3) Discussion

- Preparation for a group presentation and discussion: weekdays on the 1st week and 2nd week
- Day 1: one-group discussion, Day 2: two-group (topic-based) discussion, Day 3: five-group (large group) discussion

5. CULTURAL ACTIVITIES

Each university is expected to introduce and share its culture – video or/and oral presentation about **traditional foods & trendy foods** – which will be followed by breakout sessions for further exchange & conversation for better understanding about each other's culture.

6. SCHEDULE UP TO THE WORKSHOP

- December 5, 2021: Partner universities' acceptance of invitation
- December 30, 2021: Group assignment by each and every participating university
- January 25, 2022: Distribution of the workshop program and assigned groups' information

7. CONTACT

- If you have any question, please contact us anytime.
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