

Sunday, 18 December 2016, 14:00-15:30

CHRISTMAS IN THE EU

"Christmas in the EU", co-organized by the Fukuoka EU Association and EU Centre, was held on Sunday, 18 December 2016 at Kokusaihiroba, ACROS Fukuoka. At the event, international students from EU member countries introduced how the Christmas season is celebrated in their home countries. Approximately 50 participants gathered. The participants listened with great interest to the presentations about festivities and customs peculiar to each country.

Ms Kelly Knapen from Belgium (CSPA Programme, Graduate School of Law, Kyushu University) explained that the Christmas season in Belgium starts from 6 December, Saint Nicholas Day, which is the same as in many other European countries, and children in Belgium can get presents from Saint Nicholas on that day. There is a Christmas market taking place in various regions in Belgium, which is said to have originated in Germany.

Mr Friedrich Baumgaertel from Germany (LL.M. Programme, Graduate School of Law, Kyushu University) introduced the special term to prepare for the Christmas season, between 1 to 24 December, called "Advent". During Advent, you can enjoy Christmas markets lined up side by side in peaceful harmony in the centre of the city, and visitors can enjoy spiced mulled wine ("Glühwein" in German). Christmas season is also a special season, of course, for children. "Advent calendars" which have many windows and doors, each with a number between 1 and 24, are very popular. Behind each one, often a piece of chocolate can be found. Children excitedly await the approach of Christmas by opening the small doors or windows day by day leading up to Christmas Day

After the presentations, everyone enjoyed time for conversation with delicious tea and cake in a festive atmosphere. All the participants enjoyed special Christmas cookies handmade by Friedrich's mother and sent from Germany.



Ms Kelly Knapen from Belgium



Mr Friedrich Baumgaertel from Germany



Two presenters and an interpreter from Fukuoka EU Association



Christmas cookies from Germany



Gathering after the event

Extra Report

Thanks to an unexpected offer by Mr Ikki Toyama (Lee Kuan Yew School of Public Policy, National University of Singapore), who participated in the event, a student exchange between Kyushu University and National University of Singapore became a reality during the Japan Tour of National University of Singapore in February. The student exchange happened successfully with flexible understanding and support from teachers in the Faculty of Law and Economics, Kyushu University. As an industrial tour course in Fukuoka, approximately 20 students from the CSPA and LL.M. courses, including EU-DPs students and two teachers (Prof. Jiro Hasumi, Faculty of Law, Kyushu University, and Assoc. Prof. Ms Chu Meifen, Faculty of Economics, Kyushu University) took part in the two-day tour to visit Yawata Steel Works and Toyota Kyushu Factory, as well as a Fukuoka City Hall meeting with the mayor of Fukuoka. In the exchange gathering held at night on the first day of the tour, Kyushu University international students from various countries (China, Korea, Peru, Mexico, Thailand, Belgium, Sri Lanka, Guatemala, Mongolia, and Afghanistan) had an exchange of views and expanded the wave of exchange. It became a precious opportunity for networking for all students participating from both universities.



Visit to Toyota Kyushu Factory



Visit to Yawata Steel Works



Visit to Fukuoka City Hall
Gathering photo with Mayor Takashima (seated centre)



Exchange gathering in Fukuoka City

Event Details

1. Date and Time: Sunday, 18 December 2016, 14:00-15:30
2. Venue: Kokusaihiroba, ACROS Fukuoka (1-1-1, Tenjin, Chuo-ku, Fukuoka)

3. Admission: free (Participants 60)

4. Registration:

Please fill in the required information on the back and apply through either TEL, FAX, or Email.

5. Speakers

<Belgium> Ms Kelly Knapen, CSPA Programme, Graduate School of Law, Kyushu University

<Germany> Mr Friedrich Baumgaertel, LL.M. Programme, Graduate School of Law, Kyushu University



The poster is titled "EUのクリスマス" (EU Christmas) and features a decorative border of Christmas stockings. It provides details for an event on December 18, 2016, at 14:00. The event is held at the Kokusai Hiroba in Fukuoka. It is free of charge and limited to 60 participants. Two speakers are listed: Ms. Kelly Knapen from Belgium and Mr. Friedrich Baumgaertel from Germany. The poster also includes logos for the organizing institutions and the European Union.

EUのクリスマス

九州大学に在籍するEU出身の留学生が母国のクリスマスの様子をお話しします。今回は、ベルギーとドイツのクリスマスについて紹介します。本連のクリスマス気分を感じられるひとときです。

International students enrolled at Kyushu University will introduce Christmas from their home countries. Enjoy the moment as you are in Belgium and Germany!

2016年12月18日(日) 14:00~
Sun, 18 Dec., 2016 14:00~

場 所: 「こくさいひろば」
(福岡市中央区天神1-1-17クロス福岡3F)
Venue: 「Kokusai Hiroba」
(3F ACROS Fukuoka, 1-1-1 Tenjin, Chu-ku, Fukuoka)

参加費: **無料** (定員60名)
Admission: **Free** (Participants 60)

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Registrations:
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スピーカー / Speakers

<p><ベルギー/ Belgium></p> <p>ケリー・クナーベンさん [九州大学法学院CSPAプログラム] Ms. Kelly Knapen [CSPA Programme, Graduate School of Law, Kyushu University]</p>	<p><ドイツ/ Germany></p> <p>バウムゲートル・フリドリッヒさん [九州大学法学院LLMプログラム] Mr. Baumgaertel Friedrich [LL.M. Programme, Graduate School of Law, Kyushu University]</p>
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共催: 九州大学EUセンター (ジャンモネCoE九州)
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