

Kagawa University Service Learning at the islands in the Seto Inland Sea

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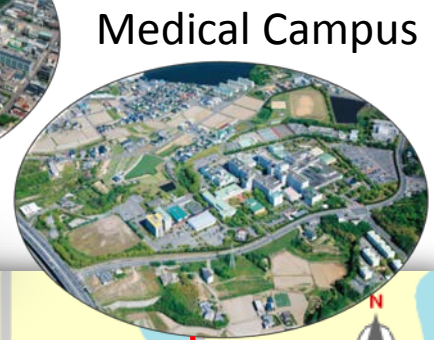
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Brief introduction of Kagawa University



Location of Kagawa University



Engineering Campus

Agriculture Campus



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Main Campus (Edu, Eco, Law) ⁵

Medical Campus at Miki-cho



Engineering Campus at Hayashi-cho



Agriculture Campus at Miki-cho



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Some fast facts

Students (2013 figures)

Undergraduate	5, 679
Graduate	860
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Total	6, 495

(International students 188)

Affiliated schools enrolment 2, 016

Staff members (2011 figures)

Full time	1, 904
Part time	851
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Total	2, 755

Grand total 11, 266



'Wa' Café in Naoshima

- About 10 years ago, the Kagawa University Economics Department launched the 'Wa' Café in the world famous 'art-island' of Naoshima.
- The aim is to provide students with a service learning environment outside of the university classroom.
- A vacated residential house was rented and turned into a café.

- Under the supervision of faculty members, students work together during weekends and public holidays to provide meals, drinks, and desserts at reasonable prices.
- When I visited the café, I found it to be very clean and the service courteous and friendly.

Three notable points on this project

Point 1: Long running and firmly anchored onto the local community

The café offers a platform and an opportunity to establish friendship with tourists and members of the local community.

Through these activities, the students have earned the trust and support of the Mayor of Naoshima Town.

Point 2: The café is student-centered and student-administered

Students work in groups, each creating their own menu and their own style of service.

Each group obtains their own materials/ingredients, keeping the environment in mind to minimize wastage of resources.

Point 3: 'Peer Teaching' where everybody is a teacher (屋根瓦方式)

Upper-class students pass on the knowhow and skills of running the café to their juniors.



View of Wa Café from the outside



Wa Café student staff in the kitchen



Wa Café student staff serving customers



Wa Café student staff with President Nagao



Wa Café student staff with members of the Naoshima community



Wa Café student staff with school children of Naoshima

The Triennial International Seto Inland Sea Art Festival

- Next, I'd like to bring your attention to another ongoing service learning project: the Triennial International Seto Inland Sea Art Festival.
- This is a series of 12 concurrent projects.
- Out of which, 7 projects form the core/essence of a two-credit class
- The class runs throughout the 2013 academic year.



View of Seto Inland Sea

- All projects are based in 12 islands and 2 cities.
- Supervised by faculty members from several departments in the university.
- Currently, about 120 students are participating in this project.



Students embarking a ferry for the islands



International students listening to a Honjima elder telling a story



International students having a joint study session with primary school children at Takuma town



Kagawa University 'Enoki' Café (Sakaide City, Shami Island Project)



'Mini' Pilgrimage Experience at Shodo Island



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Flute and Guitar Duo Concert at Ibuki Island

Concluding remarks

Through the service learning fieldwork, students

1. cultivate a sense of positive engagement and commitment to the good of the local community
2. discover their 'hidden' potentials that might be overlooked in the traditional classroom
3. refine their communication skills in the context of the 'real' world

Thank you very much
for your kind attention...