



The power of Gakugeikan!
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Achieve your dreams!

International Exchange Programs



OKAYAMA GAKUGEIKAN HIGH SCHOOL

Welcome to Okayama Gakugeikan High School

Established in 1960

Current student population: 1100 (approx.)

Welcome to Okayama Gakugeikan High School: A great place for a truly Japanese experience! Here we offer the international student a chance to learn Japanese language and culture in an authentic Japanese high school environment that is especially suited to students from overseas. Many of our students and staff know exactly how it feels to live in a foreign country and appreciate different points of view. Here you can dive right into high school life: Brazilians practicing Judo, Taiwanese playing tennis, and Australians participating in tea ceremony, are just a few examples. Ultimately you can use Okayama Gakugeikan as a gateway to further studies in many of the best universities in Japan. No matter how long your stay, you're sure to have a uniquely Japanese experience.



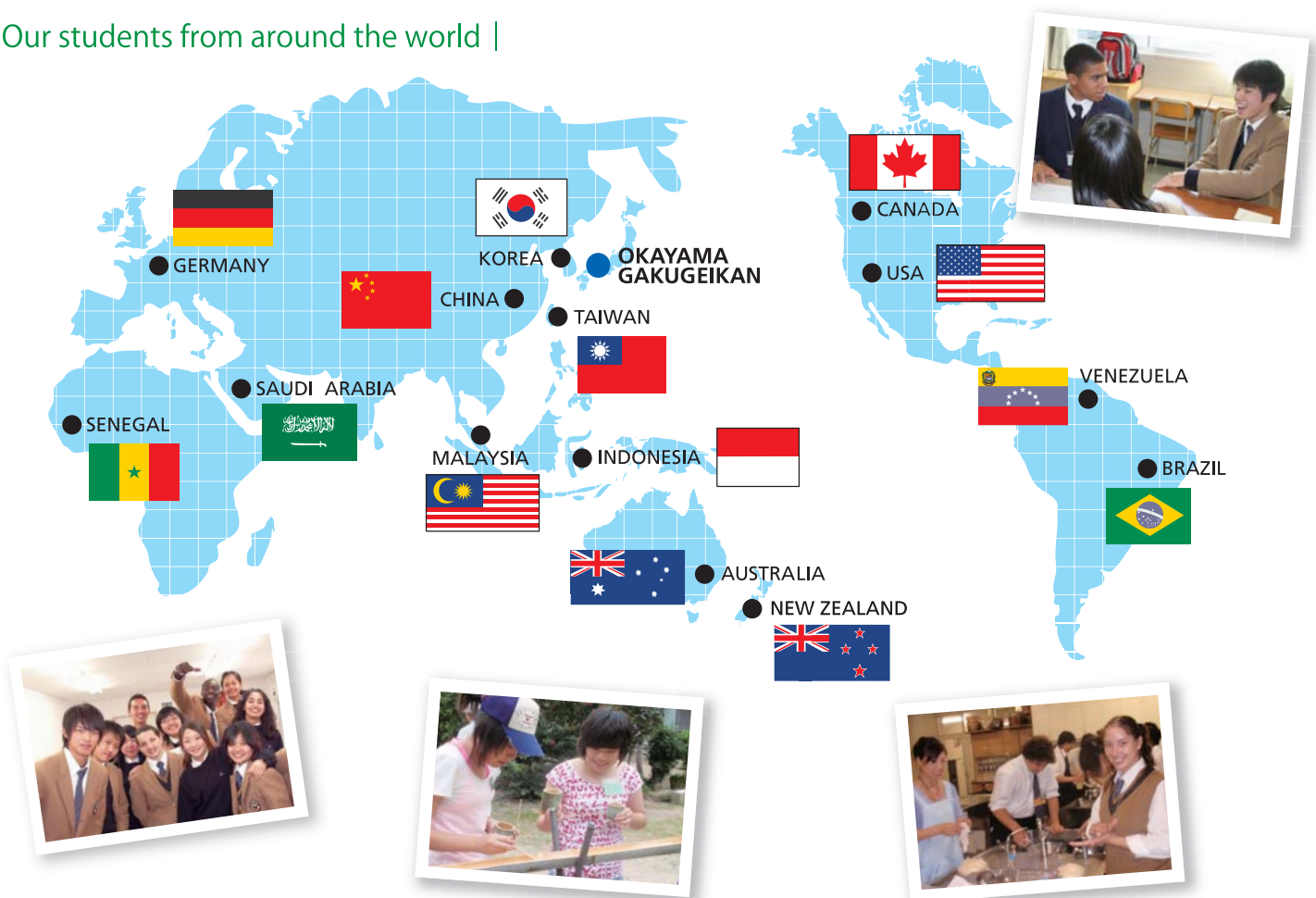
The Atmosphere of Okayama Gakugeikan High School

The school has two distinct educational goals :

1. To foster students with pride in their heritage, based on a deep understanding of their tradition and culture, and its underlying philosophies and moral code.
2. To foster students with high level English and Japanese and the ability to succeed in the global arena, establishing meaningful international relationships using their deep understanding of other cultures.

Okayama Gakugeikan encourages excellence in both academics and athletics. The school attracts attention from many of the highest quality universities in Japan for its excellent educational programs. The school also garners attention as a result of its international connections, in particular, the members of the English Course, who study abroad for a full year. Our sports and music clubs also perform at the national level and each club takes part in short-term international excursions. Currently, Okayama Gakugeikan High School hosts a large number of international students from various countries around the world. They are working hard in both sports and academics like their Japanese classmates. International students attend Okayama Gakugeikan under a variety of programs, including study abroad programs, scholarship programs, sports programs, short-term language and cultural exchanges and the Japanese University Preparatory Program.

| Our students from around the world |



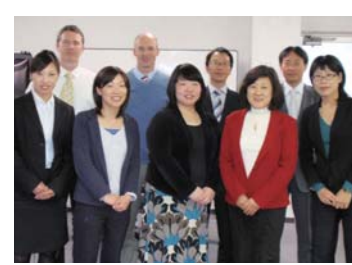
International Education Center

The International Education Center is here for students from various countries, providing Japanese language instruction and assistance with their lives in Japan. International students generally take the core subjects alongside their Japanese classmates and study Japanese during non-core subject time, after school and during extended school holidays. The staff of the International Education Center have studied and worked abroad. They are experienced as Japanese language instructors and as international student guidance counselors.

Fully enrolled international students are able to pass Level 2 of the Japanese Language Proficiency Test by the end of the program. Their communication ability is usually much higher than their test results indicate, therefore they are able to cope with daily life in Japanese at an extremely high level. It is heartwarming to observe our international students from various countries communicating in their shared language of Japanese.

Most of the international students at Okayama Gakugeikan High School go on to study at Japanese universities after their graduation and eventually take active roles in society. With students coming from different countries and varied backgrounds, one of the important roles of the school is to ensure that students have a good understanding of our educational philosophy and the kinds of behavior and manners that are appropriate at school and in the wider community.

International students who have already graduated from high school in their respective countries come to Okayama Gakugeikan High School to study. Here they engage in an intensive year of preparation for the Japanese university entrance exams. Then they are able to matriculate to prestigious private and national universities.



In contrast to other Japanese language schools within Japan, students in the University Preparatory Program at Okayama Gakugeikan prepare for the entrance examinations by taking mainstream subject classes alongside their Japanese classmates. They actively participate in all school events and activities communicating naturally in Japanese. Living away from home in a homestay, dormitory or an apartment is also an important part of university preparation.

The International Education Center supports all international students no matter what their goal is while they are in Japan.

Program Descriptions

| University Preparatory Program |

The University Preparatory Program helps students meet the requirements for entrance into Japanese universities. They take science, mathematics and social studies classes with Japanese students and take intensive Japanese language lessons at the International Education Center. They are also provided preparatory classes for the Examination for Japanese University Admission, assistance with the application procedures and practice sessions for university entrance interviews. In order for students to be enrolled in this program, students need to have graduated from high school in their home country and be under the age of 19 at the time of admission.

| The Scholarship Program |

Top academic students from developing countries with references from their institutions are given full scholarships to Okayama Gakugeikan High School. Students acquire a fundamental knowledge of Japanese by taking language courses held in the International Education Center, and through their contact with Japanese high school students.

| The Sports Program |

The Sports Program is available to students who have achieved outstanding performance in sports. Participants are expected to maintain high academic and athletic standards. They take regular subjects alongside Japanese students as well as Japanese language lessons while contributing actively in their respective sports.



| The Exchange Program |

Students who are introduced by volunteer associations such as the Lions Club and the International Rotary Club attend Okayama Gakugeikan High School on a one year exchange program. In this program, students are placed in mainstream classes taking core subjects and fully participate in school events. The International Education Center provides these students with a fundamental knowledge of Japanese language and culture.

| Short Term Language and Cultural Experience Program |

The Short Term Language and Cultural Experience Program is available to students who wish to experience Japanese culture and life as a student in a Japanese high school. Programs range in length from one day to as long as several months, depending on the individual's interests.



Japanese University Entrance Process for Gakugeikan International Students

Graduate from High School in Student's Home Country



Okayama Gakugeikan University Preparatory Program

- Mainstream subject classes
- Japanese language classes
- Preparation for the Examination for Japanese University Admission
- Preparation for the Japanese Language Proficiency Test
- Preparation for university entrance interviews and essays
- Participation in school events (Japanese high school experience)
- Experiencing Japanese culture using the Japanese language



Take the Examination for Japanese University Admission for International Students (EJU)



Enter a Japanese University

| Sample Schedule (University Preparatory Program / Humanities) |

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1	English Writing	Japanese Reading Comprehension	Japanese History	General Japanese Study	Japanese Kanji	English Writing
2	Japanese Listening	Japanese History	General Japanese Study	Mathematics Drills	Japanese Vocabulary	Civics
3	Physical Education	Practical English	Mathematics Drills	Practical English	Physical Education	Mathematics Drills
4	EFL (English as a Foreign Language)	English Reading	Civics	Japanese History	English Writing	Japanese Listening
5	Japanese Grammar	Mathematics Drills	English Reading	Japanese Grammar	Japanese Reading Comprehension	
6	English Reading	Home Room	Japanese Drills	English Reading	Japanese History	
Supplementary Instruction	English	Preparation for the Examination for Japanese University Admission	Japanese History	Mathematics	Preparation for the Examination for Japanese University Admission	
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※The Examination for Japanese University Admission is a test to evaluate the Japanese language ability and fundamental academic skills of international students who wish to study at universities in Japan.
 ※The Japanese Language Proficiency Test is a test to gauge the Japanese ability of non-native speakers both in Japan and abroad.



| Matriculation Details |

To date, many graduates of the Okayama Gakugeikan University Preparatory Program have entered prestigious private and national universities.

| National Universities |

Osaka University, Tohoku University, Hokkaido University, Shinshu University, Yamagata University, Kochi University, Oita University, Kagoshima University, Kitami Institute of Technology, Kyoto Institute of Technology, Toyohashi University of Technology, Osaka Prefectural University, University of the Ryukyus, Yokohama City University, The University of Kitakyushu, etc.

| Private Universities |

Waseda University, Keio University, Aoyama Gakuin University, Doshisha University, Kansai University, Tokyo University of Science, Nihon University, Komazawa University and so on.

| Comments from a Graduate |



There are actually very few international students who can experience a true Japanese high school life, even in Japan. I am very lucky to be one of them. Okayama Gakugeikan High School is a very comfortable place for exchange students. On a typical day, we study in mainstream classes and are able to get to know our Japanese classmates. In addition, we can enjoy special events like Walk Day, Culture Festival and Sports Day. I had other unique experiences, such as visiting elementary schools, going to Okayama Gakugeikan's wonderful brass band concerts, and making 'takoyaki' at the International Education Center. Beyond all this, I would say nothing was better than the kind teachers at Okayama Gakugeikan. The homeroom teachers and International Education Center staff are always ready to listen and support us in school and in daily life. The teachers were always there for us, so the students were unafraid to try new things. Of course there were some misunderstandings and conflicts due to differences in culture, but in the end, we could really understand what study abroad means. If you are thinking about coming to Japan, don't hesitate to knock on Okayama Gakugeikan's door.

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from WEN LING HIGH SCHOOL
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| Accommodation |

Homestay, dormitory and apartment accommodation are available depending on the needs of the applicant.



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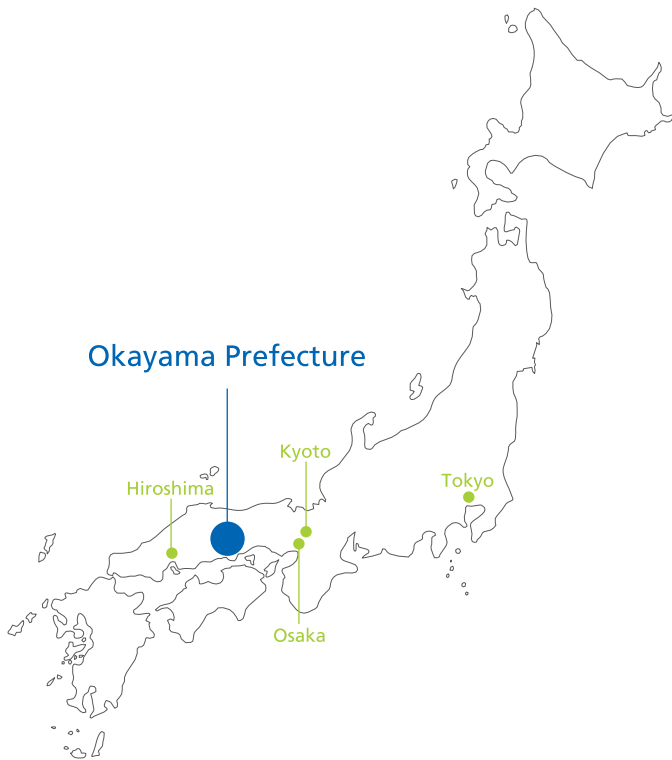
girl's dormitory



boy's dormitory



| Cultural Attractions in Okayama |



Okayama Korakuen Garden

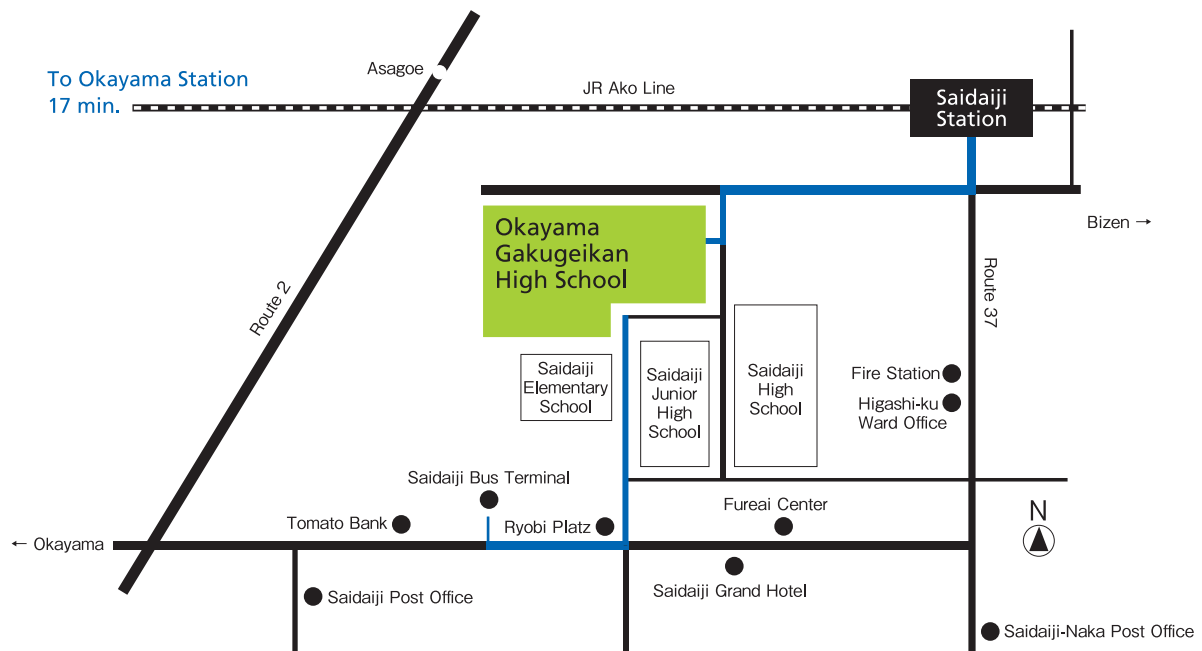


Okayama Prefectural
Museum of Art



Okayama Castle

| Location of Okayama Gakugeikan High School |



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