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1 Semester Study Abroad at Waseda University for Top 5 Chinese Universities' Undergraduate Students

1. Outline of the Program

Tingyi (Cayman Islands) Holdings Corp. (also known as “Master Kong”) and Waseda University have collaborated to establish the Master Kong Dream Scholarship Program, in order to help top achieving students study abroad for one semester at Waseda University.

Ohkuma Shigenobu, the founder of Waseda University set the university’s founding principle as “become a person who contributes not only to individual, family or nation, but to the entire world” and this is the exact aim of this program.

In the hope of nurturing leadership in a rapidly-growing Asia region, which has become an integral part of the world today, we encourage students to consider their connections to the surroundings. We believe that those who are equipped with not only academic excellence but also with an open mind and friendly attitude to understand other cultures can be leaders in the age of Global Asia.

During a semester, students belong to one of the undergraduate schools at Waseda University under the student exchange scheme and take classes of their affiliated schools. Master Kong students also take mandatory courses related to International Relations, a field trip to Sukumo City, Kochi Prefecture, and some special classes by guest speakers. At the end of the program, each student writes a final research paper (5,000-6,000 words) based on research proposal which has been submitted earlier at the point of application. Past research subjects include environmental issues, aging society, and Belt and Road Initiative.

2. Eligibility

- (1) Students who are enrolled in a four-year BA at the following universities throughout the program.

Peking University/ Tsinghua University/ Fudan University/ Shanghai Jiaotong University/ Zhejiang University

*Students who are scheduled to graduate from their origin university during study abroad CANNOT apply for this program.

- (2) Students who meet the criteria (GPA, Language Proficiency, etc.) relating to the following English based exchange schools.
Political Science and Economics / Commerce / SILS (School of Int'l Liberal Studies) / Social Sciences /Fundamental Science & Engineering / Creative Science & Engineering/
Advanced Science & Engineering
*Master Kong students CANNOT be enrolled in Center for Japanese Language (CJL) and Japanese based programs.

“Application Requirements” and “Restrictions Related to Course Registration”

<https://www.waseda.jp/inst/cie/en/exchange/academics>

- (3) Students who are nominated by home universities (we encourage students with financial difficulties to apply) and can participate in the interview conducted by Master Kong and Waseda University at their home universities in mid- January.

- (4) Students who can stay in Japan throughout the program including Pre-Departure Orientation in Shanghai, and who will not decline participation in the program after receiving the acceptance notification.

3. Number of students accepted

Maximum of 25 students

Please note that a balance in the number of students from each partner university as well as a balance in the number of applications to schools at Waseda may be sought, depending on the situations.

4. Scholarship

The following support will be provided:

- (1) Tuition fee at Waseda University (under the scheme of student exchange program)
- (2) Housing
- (3) Air tickets (from Shanghai to Tokyo and Tokyo to either Shanghai or Beijing)
- (4) Living stipend in Japan (Approx. 410,000 Japanese Yen in total)

*Payment will be processed in two installments (210,000yen during mid-October, 200,000 yen during mid-December.)

*Waseda will review whether the student is eligible for the scholarship based on class attendance, submission of papers, and so on.

5. Screening Process

Step 1: Decide which school you will apply for at Waseda and nomination by home universities

Before application, applicants MUST consult with staff of their home universities if this affects your graduation and credit transfer, and also which school you can apply for. Please note that the decision of credit transfer will be made by the home university, and there are cases where the credits taken at Waseda University may not be accredited.

Master Kong students can only apply for English based undergraduate programs, but not Japanese language programs or Japanese based undergraduate programs. **Each school has their own requirements** of GPA and language proficiency, etc. Read the requirement carefully and decide which school and department (if it exists) you wish to apply for.

*Please be aware that the course list or available courses are subject to change. For fixed information, please refer to the syllabus distributed by the affiliated school upon arrival at Waseda University.

Applicants must submit the following documents by designated deadline (additional documents may be required for the internal screening) and must be nominated by their home universities on the basis of students meeting eligibility of the program, academic performance, language skills, economic backgrounds, and any additional requirements that your home university establishes.

Documents to be submitted to their home university by the deadline your home university announces (must be in ENGLISH):

- (1) CV
- (2) "Dream Plan" (Research Proposal of approx. 1000-1200 words)
- (3) English Test Score Sheet (TOEFL, TOEIC, or IELTS, depending on school)
- (4) Transcript

Details on "Dream Plan" (Research Proposal):

Write a research proposal which include the listed below.

- (1) Tentative title of research
- (2) Main research question with brief background description
- (3) Aims and purposes of the research

- (4) Significance of the research
- (5) Methodology of the research
- (6) Major reference

Theme for Dream Plan

Students can decide their own research topic, but it must be chosen from the below subject category.

- (1) Food Security/ Food Science/ Food Crisis**
- (2) Belt and Road Initiative**
- (3) Environmental Problems**
- (4) Aging Society/ Depopulation**
- (5) Conflict Resolution/ Economic and Social Inequality**
- (6) Innovative Industry (IT industry such as IoT, Cyberattack, Alipay, etc.)**
- (7) Early Talent Development**
- (8) Corp-college Relations**

Step 2: Research Proposal evaluation and interview by Master Kong and Waseda University

Interview by Master Kong and Waseda University will be held at your home university or Master Kong office building in Shanghai (the date of interview cannot be changed). Evaluation will focus mainly on the research proposal, as well as Waseda University's relevant specialized knowledge requirements, and will end in the confirmation of students that are to be enrolled in the program.

Step3: Apply for undergraduate school at Waseda University

If applicants pass the interview, they must submit an **online application form and other required documents such as a Study Plan, a certificate of English score, and an application form for VISA, etc.** by 1st March.

Based on the submitted documents for the exchange program, each school screens the documents, and an acceptance letter will be issued. Students finally become Master Kong Students.

6. Schedule

Program Schedule for Autumn 2019 Admission (tentative, subject to change)

Timeline	Details
November, 2018	Program Information is released at 5 Chinese Universities
November - December, 2018	Screening & nomination by home universities Submit the following documents by designated date scheduled by home university: (1)CV (2)Research Proposal (3)English Test Score Sheet (4)Transcript *Applicant who does not have passport need to apply for passport after screening at home university
16-19 January, 2019 (subject to change)	Interview by Master Kong and Waseda University in China
End of January, 2019	Announcement of successful candidates
1 February - 1 March, 2019	Apply for the school at Waseda University Complete online application and submit required documents
March - May, 2019	Screening at the school of Waseda University
Early June, 2019	Notification of acceptance by the school Visa application process starts
Early September, 2019	Pre-departure orientation in Shanghai (A week) Students directly go to Japan after the orientation
Mid September, 2019	Program starts in Japan
Early November, 2019	Field Trip to Sukumo-City, Kochi Prefecture (Mandatory)
Late January, 2020	Submit final research paper and presentation session at farewell party
Early February, 2020	Return to China *Some students may be invited to Pre-Departure Orientation in Shanghai for the next cohort students.

Details on Pre-Departure Orientation in Shanghai

The orientation aims to create a deeper understanding and connection between participating students and Master Kong, by spreading the key goals of the Dream Scholarship, as well as Master Kong's operating vision and organizational culture. A visit to the head office can be arranged for one day during the pre-departure orientation.

It should prepare students in advance for their research proposal, by imbuing them with a positive outlook and sense of social responsibility. Students are required to give a short presentation about their proposal, while reviewing the previous cohorts' research papers.

Master Kong alumni may participate in the ceremonies to present their final research report, and also help new Master Kong students to understand each other and establish a sense of camaraderie.

7. Curriculum in Japan

In addition to students' affiliated school's curriculum, Master Kong students follow the designated curriculum and must acquire **at least 14 credits in total (20 credits for SILS)**.

1. Mandatory courses for the Master Kong Program (2 courses/ 6 credits in total)

(1) *"Global Asia Practicum"* <4 credits>

Workshop-style course where students can hone their academic writing and research skills through various academic manners and individual conferences with Professor Hirakawa.

*Final Research Paper, Field Trip, and guest speaker lectures are included in this course.

(2) *"Global Asia Seminar I ~III"* <2 credits each> (choose one course from three seminars)

Seminar I: About Postwar Japan's Diplomatic History

Seminar II: About Japan-China Relations in the Modern Era

Seminar III: About China and Globalization

2. Courses offered by affiliated school (2 to 8 credits/ 14 credits for SILS)

*Those who are enrolled at School of International Liberal Studies (SILS) must take 8 credits from SILS and 6 credits from Center for Japanese Language. Therefore, SILS students must take 20 credits in total as mandatory.

(1) Final Research Paper and presentation

All Master Kong students write a final research report at the end of the program based on their research proposal and learnings during study at Waseda. Final research papers will be edited into one booklet and distributed to Master Kong and your home university. Master Kong students also have occasions to present their research at the farewell party and any other events.

(2) Field Trip and Guest Speakers

To develop knowledge for the final report, Waseda University will set up the following arrangements based on students' interests. These are part of "Global Asia Practicum" and "Global Asia Seminar I ~III" so all Master Kong students need to participate in those events. If students require other opportunities for interviews, they can consult with the Director of Master Kong Dream Scholarship Program, and Waseda University may arrange the interviews.

Field Trip to Sukumo –City, Kochi Prefecture (4 days)

Sukumo City is the place of birth of Azusa ONO who is called "Founding Mother of Waseda University". Kochi Prefecture is one of the rural areas in Japan and known as aging society. The aim is to know how aging population has impacted the area, and how local people try to manage it. Students will visit local communities such as elementary school and nursing home etc. and interact with the locals. In addition, students learn environmental study especially focusing on forestry. Each student submits a report on the field trip.

Special classes by guest speakers (guest speaker is subject to change)

During class, we will invite three guest speakers from outside the university and discuss International Relations. In the past we have invited the following speakers:

(1) Head of the OSCE Documentation Centre in Prague

Asian OSCE participating states and partners for cooperation, the impact of security and economy-related questions in the region

(2) Retired Vice Admiral, former Commander in chief of JMSDF fleet

Geopolitics and Trends in the Asia-Pacific at the Maritime Theater

(3) Intelligence Analyst at the Cabinet Intelligence and Research Office (CIRO)

Globalization and Crime Situation in Japan

Visit to Japanese Diet and a member of the national Diet (subject to change)

Students may have a chance to visit a member of the national Diet and discuss on the Aging Society, International Relations, or environmental issues. In the past, students also visited the Japanese Diet, and learned about the Japanese political system.

Arrangement with internally organized Waseda University and local societies

If students wish, Waseda University can arrange an interview with internal centers such as ICC (Intercultural Community Center) and WAVOC (WASEDA University Hirayama Ikuo Volunteer Center). In the past, an arrangement with a local volunteer society was also set up.

8. Accommodation

Student will stay in one of Waseda's affiliated dorms "Rikko Dormitory." Located in quite residential area in Nerima-ku, the dorm serves many international students of universities around Tokyo. Travel time to Nishi-Waseda/Waseda Campus is around 30 mins via Tokyo Metro. Each student will be assigned a private furnished bedroom besides shared kitchen and bathroom.

9. Program Follow-up in China

(1) Internship at KSF

After going back home, the scholarship program students can take the priority in KSF's intern.

(2) Alumni Association

In collaboration with the Master Kong Waseda Alumni Association, this association seeks to stimulate communication between scholarship recipients from the same or different periods through sharing of achievements and experiences, community organizing, and other activities, with the goals of continually expanding the program's external influence, providing advice and support to future students in the program, and establishing a sense of belonging within the group.

10. Recording activities and announcing achievements

Students should take photos or videos or writings about their exchange study and campus life (including field trip in Kochi) in Japan, and publish them on the social media, like wechat (微信) moments/ official accounts/weibo (微博) etc., in order to draw widely concern and enhance the influence of this scholarship program. We suggest that students should publish one item at least per week.

11. Inquiry

If there are any questions, please contact GES at the following e-mail address, which Waseda University entrusts clerical work concerning the admission procedures.

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