

St. Catherine University

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## -School Life of International Students-



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### Activities of International Students in 2019

Twenty-six international students in total, including eight students who entered St. Catherine University in 2019 (five from Taiwan, one from Korea, two exchange students from France), worked hard at studies and circle activities. International students can have at the opportunity to experience Japanese culture through circle activities (two international students belonged to “The Tea Ceremony Club” and six international students belonged to “The Japanese Harp Club”).

The International Committee of St. Catherine University provides various types of support to international students for their studies and life in Japan. Members of Committee give advice to students about the class registration and coping methods of Japanese culture. On April 24 in 2019, the International Committee held a "welcome lunch" for new international students. Teachers and students took lunch together for developing relations in which it was easy to communicate.

The international students had the interchange experience with local people through classes. The international students who took the class, "Theory of Volunteerism", experienced volunteer activities at various places in Matsuyama-city. Two students from France and two students from Taiwan who took the class taught how to say hello in their languages to the kids living in the local area on June 1, 2019.



Interchange with kids

### The Performance of Japanese Harps



The International Committee provides an opportunity for Japanese students to interchange with the students living in the foreign countries which hardly visit through the use of communication technology “SKYPE”. On November 9, our students and the students from the St. Thomas University in Mozambique enjoyed a multi-cultural session by the use of SKYPE. This session was useful for all the participated students to promote international understandings. The students from the St. Thomas University in Mozambique got a chance to test their Japanese skills through on-line communication with

Japanese students. Japanese students also deepened the understandings of Mozambican cultures through this experience. Three foreign students who belonged to “The Japanese Harp Club” participated in this session and played the Japanese song "Sakura-Sakura (The Cherry Blossoms)" with Japanese Harps. All the students enjoyed sing the song together by the accompaniment of their play.