

国際交流推進室 スタッフからのメッセージ

Message from the Faculty Members of the International Exchange Promotion Office

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大学生の頃、私は日本で学ぶ留学生の日常生活に関心を持ち、彼らの生活の場でフィールド調査を行うなかで、さまざまな国や地域から来た留学生と出会いました。国籍、言語、文化的背景の異なる学生たちが、日本社会の規範に過度にとらわれることなく、互いを尊重し、支え合いながら日々を楽しむ姿に触れ、私はその自由で開かれた空気に深い心地よさを覚えました。そしていつしか、このような場が岩手県立大学にも生まれてほしいと願うようになりました。

その願いを形にする第一歩として、2023年10月、グローバルセンターが開設されました。センターの活動はまだ歩みを始めたばかりですが、だからこそ、これから皆さんとともに育てていける大きな可能性があると感じています。

異なる文化的背景を持つ人々がともに過ごすなかでは、ときに戸惑いや葛、困難が生じることもあります。しかし、異なる文化に触れ、自分とは異なる価値観を持つ人々と出会うからこそ得られる、かけがえのない学びがあります。大学が学びの場であるからこそ、楽しい経験はもちろん、困難を伴う経験も含め、後に振り返ったときに「良い経験だった」と思えるような、多様性に開かれた豊かなキャンパスでありたいと願っています。

グローバルセンターは、国際交流に関心のある人だけの特別な場所ではありません。誰もが気軽に立ち寄り、「何か面白そうなことをしている」と感じられる、身近で開かれた場所になりたいと考えています。ここでの出会いが、日本人学生と外国人留学生が互いへの理解を深め、新たな関わりやつながりを築くきっかけとなることを願っています。

そしていつの日か、日本人学生と外国人留学生との交流が特別なことではなく、大学生活の日常に自然に溶け込み、ごく当たり前の光景となること。これが、私たちの目指す未来です。

During my own years as a university student, I became deeply interested in the everyday experiences of international students living and studying in Japan. I met students from many countries and regions through fieldwork in their communities. Despite differences in nationality, language, and cultural background, they respected and supported one another while sharing the joys and challenges of daily life. The open and inclusive atmosphere they created left a lasting impression on me and inspired the hope that a similar space might one day take shape at Iwate Prefectural University.

The establishment of the Global Center in October 2023 marked an important step toward realizing that aspiration. Although the Center is still developing, its future holds considerable

promise. I hope it will grow through the ideas, relationships, and initiatives of students, faculty members, staff, and the wider community.

Realizing this potential, however, requires us to recognize that meaningful intercultural engagement is not always easy. Differences in culture and experience may sometimes lead to uncertainty, misunderstanding, or conflict. Yet, when approached with openness, curiosity, and respect, such moments can offer valuable opportunities to reconsider familiar assumptions and deepen our understanding of both others and us. A university should not only transmit knowledge but also enable students to learn through encounters with perspectives different from their own. I hope our campus will provide experiences—both rewarding and challenging—that contribute to students' intellectual and personal growth.

The Global Center is not intended only for those who already have an interest in international exchange. It should be an open and welcoming place where anyone can stop by, discover something new, and connect with others. I hope that the encounters created here will help Japanese and international students understand one another more deeply and build lasting relationships.

Ultimately, we aspire to create a university in which interaction between Japanese and international students is no longer regarded as exceptional but becomes a natural part of everyday campus life. When cultural and linguistic diversity is woven into the life of the university, it enriches the learning and growth of the entire academic community. This is the future that the Global Center seeks to create.

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海外に出ると、日本で当たり前と思っていたことが問い直され、自分自身と地域社会を新しい目で見つめ直せるようになります。多様な価値観に触れ、異なる背景を持つ人々と対話する経験は、予測の難しいこれからの時代を生きる大きな財産になるはずです。

総合政策学部では、「人口減少時代における持続可能な社会づくり」をテーマに、台湾研修とスコットランド研修を実施しています。人口減少は岩手だけの課題ではありません。台湾でもスコットランドでも、地方の過疎化や少子高齢化に向き合いながら、独自の工夫で地域を元気にしようとする人々がいます。現地の学生や住民と語り合い、その取り組みを間近に見る経験は、岩手の未来を構想する確かな力になります。

語学力に自信がなくても大丈夫。大切なのは、知りたい、学びたいという気持ちです。一歩を踏み出そうとする皆さんを、グローバルセンターは全力で応援します。

When you go abroad, things you have always taken for granted in Japan may suddenly come into question. New perspectives can help you see yourself and your local community in a

different light. The experience of encountering diverse values and engaging in dialogue with people from different backgrounds will become a valuable asset as you navigate an increasingly unpredictable world.

At the Faculty of Policy Studies, we offer study programs in Taiwan and Scotland under the theme of “Building Sustainable Communities in an Era of Population Decline.” Population decline is not an issue unique to Iwate. In both Taiwan and Scotland, people are working to revitalize their local communities through creative and innovative approaches while addressing challenges such as depopulation and declining birthrates, as well as aging populations. Talking with local students and residents and seeing their efforts firsthand will give you valuable insights and perspectives for envisioning the future of Iwate.

You do not need to be confident in your language skills. What matters most is your desire to discover and learn. The Global Center is here to fully support all of you as you take that first step toward the world.

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看護学部では、米国と英国の3大学と協定を結び、研修派遣や受け入れ、遠隔での交流を継続しています。協定締結時に尽力くださった方々から受け継ぎ大事にしてきた友好な関係性をこれからも継続・発展するためには、時代とともに変化する国際交流における両大学の学生・教員のニーズに対応していく必要があると考えます。今後さまざまな取り組みをグローバルセンターと協働し活動していくことで、学部を超えたノウハウを共有し、大学全体の国際交流事業が進化していくことを期待しています。

The faculty of Nursing has established partnerships with two universities in the United States and one in the United Kingdom and continues to develop these international relationships through exchanges such as study tours and video conferences.

We believe that in order to maintain and further develop the strong and friendly relationships built through the dedication of those who worked to establish these partnerships, it is essential to respond to the changing needs of students and faculty at both institutions as international exchange continues to evolve.

Collaboration with the Global Center on a wide range of initiatives will facilitate the sharing of knowledge and experiences across academic departments through interdisciplinary communication. We hope that, as international exchange progresses, the entire university will achieve further development.

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ソフトウェア情報学部、ソフトウェア情報学研究科では、毎年、アジア、アフリカ、欧米等から留学生を受け入れ、また在学生にも IT ビジネス研修等の海外で学習する機会を設けてあります。このような本学の国際交流を進めやすいように、留学生・在学生、教職員からの相談窓口を 1 つに集約してワンストップで対応するグローバルセンターが 2023 年に開設されました。開設からの 2 年間、多くの方に利用いただき、関係される方々のご協力のおかげで計画通り運営できました。

特にグローバルセンター専門職員の森さんには、多言語での丁寧な相談対応等ご尽力いただきました。これからも各部局との連携を図りワンストップ窓口を強化していきますので、皆様のお越しをお待ちしております。

Every year, the Faculty of Software and Information Science and the Graduate School of Software and Information Science welcome international students from across Asia, Africa, Europe, North America, and other regions. We also provide our students with opportunities to study abroad, including IT and business training programs.

To facilitate and further promote international exchange across the university, the Global Center was established in 2023 as a one-stop support hub, bringing together consultations for international students, Japanese students, faculty, and staff in one place. During its first two years, the Center has been used by many members of our university community, and thanks to the support and cooperation of everyone involved, it has operated successfully as planned.

In particular, we would like to express our sincere appreciation to Ms. Mori, a specialist staff member at the Global Center, for her dedicated support, including providing thoughtful consultations in multiple languages.

Moving forward, we will continue to work closely with faculties and administrative units across the university and further strengthen our one-stop support services. We look forward to welcoming you to the Global Center.

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グローバルセンターを訪れた方から、「岩手にいながら異文化を学ぶことができるグローバルセンターはとても貴重な存在です!」という声を聴く機会があります。実際、「異文化を知る」ことは「自文化

を知る」ことにもつながります。本学のグローバルセンターは、多様なルーツを持つ学生の皆様や留学生の皆様との接点を生み出し、集い、共有する空間を創出しております。これからも多くの皆様のお越しをお待ちしております。

センターにかかわっている各自が未来に向かって果敢に挑戦し、次世代へ何を残していくことができるのかを考えたとき、グローバルセンターでの活動こそが、「新しい学び」の機会を得られる拠点になり得ます。ぜひご活用ください。

We often hear from visitors to the Global Center that “It is a truly valuable place where we can learn about different cultures while staying in Iwate.” In fact, learning about other cultures also gives us an opportunity to better understand our own. The Global Center provides a space where students from diverse backgrounds, including international students, can connect, come together, and share their experiences and perspectives. We look forward to welcoming many more of you to the Center.

As everyone involved with the Center takes on new challenges and looks toward the future, we believe it is important to consider what we can learn, create, and pass on to the next generation. The Global Center has the potential to serve as a hub for “new learning,” where each of us can discover new perspectives and opportunities through our activities and interactions. We encourage you to make full use of the Center.

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「世界」は、海外に行くことだけではありません。

留学、外国語、海外の文化、留学生との交流など、きっかけは何でも構いません。そんな小さな気持ちが、立派な「国際交流」です。

ぜひ気軽に遊びに来てください！



“Going out into the world” does not necessarily mean going abroad.

Studying abroad, learning a foreign language, discovering other cultures, or connecting with international students—any of these can be the first step. Even a small spark of curiosity can grow into a meaningful experience of international exchange.

So, why not drop by and see us? We look forward to welcoming you!

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現在ほど、異なる文化や価値観を認め合い、協働して持続可



能な社会を作り上げていく姿勢が求められる時はないでしょう。心が柔軟な時期に、異なる文化や価値観に出会うことは大切です。本学では、学内で留学生と交流する機会を設けるとともに、副専攻・国際教養教育プログラムにおいて米国、韓国、中国、フランスをフィールドとする海外研修を開講しています。多くの学生の皆さんにそこで得られる驚きと学び、そして喜びを感じてほしいと思っています。異なる文化や価値観を肌で感じることで、自分自身や日本という国を客観的に見つめ直す機会となり、「人生の手がかり」を手に入れるきっかけになることも少なくありません。学生の皆様が国際的な視野を持って活躍できるグローバル人材へと成長できるように、グローバルセンターの教職員で支援していきます。

There has never been a time when it has been more important to recognize and respect different cultures and values and to work together to build a sustainable society. Encountering different cultures and perspectives during this formative, open-minded stage of life is invaluable.

At Iwate Prefectural University, we provide opportunities for students to interact with international students on campus. In addition, through our minor program in Global Liberal Arts Education, we offer study abroad training in the United States, South Korea, China, and France. We hope that as many students as possible will experience the surprises, discoveries, learning, and joy that these opportunities can bring.

Experiencing different cultures and values firsthand can allow students to reflect objectively on themselves and in Japan. Such experiences often serve as a vital starting point—helping students uncover their own “clues for life” and navigate their future paths.

The faculty and staff of the Global Center are committed to supporting all students as they grow into globally minded individuals ready to thrive on the world stage.

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2023 年 10 月のグローバルセンターオープン時より、グローバルセンターで働く職員として、海外研修・海外留学・国際交流に関する相談や、外国人留学生・外国人研究者の教育・生活関連の相談、国際交流イベントの企画・運営等に携わってまいりました。グローバルセンターでの活動は多くの方々の協力とサポートによって支えられてきました。この場を借りて、感謝申し上げます。

多文化理解が深まり、視野の広がる場を提供できるよう、今後も微力ながら携わることができればと思っています。



Since the Global Center opened in October 2023, I have been involved in a wide range of activities as a member of its staff, including providing advice and support on study abroad programs, overseas study, and international exchange, as well as educational and daily-life support for international students and researchers. I have also been involved in planning and organizing various international exchange events.

The activities of the Global Center have been made possible by the cooperation and support of many people. I would like to take this opportunity to express my sincere gratitude to everyone who has supported us.

I hope to continue contributing, even in a small way, to creating a place where people can deepen their understanding of different cultures and broaden their perspectives. I look forward to working with everyone to make the Global Center a welcoming place where new connections, discoveries, and learning can take place.