Welcome, New International Students!

September brings the start of a new school year not only for returning students, but also for incoming international students. This year, the following countries are represented: China, Korea, Philippines, India, Taiwan, Japan, Vietnam, Nigeria, Kenya, Ivory Coast, Lebanon, Jordan, Spain, Mexico, Brazil, Romania, Ireland and Canada.

On September 9th and 10th, they learned about campus life and many services. The two-day orientation was led by Grace Phibon, International Student Director and Joy Cho, International Student Coordinator.

The first day, students met with representatives from the administration office and Public Safety. They learned about the ESL program, Writing Center, Student Accounts, and library resources.

On the second day, the computer lab, testing assistance, Registrar’s Office, Campus Ministry and co-op campuses were covered. Ms. Phibon explained to the students the opportunities and responsibilities that come with F-1 Student status. The Student Support Services’ Coordinator explained the importance of having an acceptable GPA. American students were invited to share their experiences with Residence Hall life and student clubs on campus. The day ended with a campus tour.

I had the wonderful opportunity to speak with some of these newly-arrived students and would like nothing more than to learn.

Ge Gao is a Graduate student from China. Her major is Health Care. She chose Madison because “…a professor of mine in China told me Madison is famous for its Nursing program.” During orientation she made new friends and learned more about how to use all of the resources the school has to offer. Sun Young Park came here from South Korea to study Biology. She heard Madison has a good Nursing program. “The orientation helped her learn where everything is on campus. Ye Been Park stated that she “…had just arrived here on September 6th from South Korea.” She is in the Pre-Nursing program. At the orientation she learned a lot about F-1 visa benefits and regulations. Kyu Woob Ha is Sociology major from South Korea, where she studied politics and education. She would “…like to learn more about American society and learn to speak English well.” She was able to find out about student groups she can join during the information.

As a Madison student, I would like to welcome all our new students and wish them good luck while they are here.

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ISO Events:
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International Students of the Month

Madison University is proud to welcome four amazing international students from Japan! Junko Meguro Ito, Sakurako Horibe, Razine Anzai, and Sophomone Yuki Kato. These students are truly worthy of being recognized.

In fact they all received full scholarships to participate in Madison’s intensive ESL programs from Nihon University based on their terrific TOEFL scores. They are extremely excited to be here and explained how they are happy to have this unique opportunity. While they do miss their home country, their eyes light up with happy memories at just the mention of sushi, udon, and yakitori from home. They could not help but feel welcome here. “The students here are so welcoming and friendly.” Meguro explained. “And the teachers are very kind!” Razine added. Sakurako and Yuki both agreed and each went on to describe how they want to see more of the United States soon and hopes Madison University will help them to do just that. Each of them traveled to Illinois with a different goal in mind. Razine intends to become a business woman, using both English and Japanese to get hired at a major international company. Meguro, on the other hand, wants to become a professional translator. Yuki wishes to fly the friendly skies and work with a major airline company. And Sakurako confided that while her major is English, her dream is to become a fanciful Japanese teacher in her home country. Each young woman has amazing ambition and the drive to succeed at both Madison and abroad.

American Holidays & Events
- Labor Day: Monday, September 6
- Columbus Day: Monday, October 11
- Halloween: Sunday, October 31
- Election Day: Tuesday, November 2
- Daylight Savings Time Ends: Sunday November 7

How to maintain F-1 Status
- Maintain a valid passport, I-20, and I-94.
- Attend the school you are authorized to attend.
- Pursue a full course of study and make normal progress towards the completion of the course of study. (Undergraduate students: at least 12 credit hours per semester and graduate students: 9 credit hours per semester. Only 3 credits of one-line courses can be counted toward the full course of study each semester.)
- Report a change of address to U.SIS within 10 days of the change.

Filing Deadline - Application for Graduation for Winter 2011 is October 1, 2010
- Web Registration (Winter Semester) begins on October 25, 2010
- In person / Open Registration begins November 1, 2010
- Final Date of Withdrawal in Fall, 2011 is November 19, 2011

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New ESL Coordinator

I’m a US citizens living in Michigan State, but I’m originally from Missouri. I love traveling, reading, visiting friends, and skiing. I also love different foods, especially Italian food, like spicy foods, Japanese food and Middle Eastern food.

My favorite car type is Volkswagen. My favorite colors are black, green and blue.

ISO Committee:

I went to France for studying and I studied in Genoa University, then I traveled to other places like Japan where I taught English, and to South Korea, where I wrote my thesis at Hallym University.

I also worked at the University of Pennsylvania in Pennsylvania, and I’ve worked at Madison University since May 2010.

Mohammad Issaill, TESL Program Coordinator

From Left: Meguro, Razine, Horibe, Anzai, Yuki, Sakurako

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