

学 生 海 外 研 修 報 告 書

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<p>[研修の目的・概要]</p> <p>The following is a report on the Kagoshima University study abroad program held in March 2020. As the teacher responsible for co-ordination with Brigham Young University and co-operating bodies in Hawai'i and leader of the excursion, I will report on the following; the pre-course program, the actual program its study components, outcomes of the program, and reflections/recommendations for any future programs.</p> <p>This year John Nevara from the Education Center accompanied the group, and was involved in the all of the preparation for the program. The 2020 group consisted of 13 students (two students opted to leave the program due to fears about the corona virus), 9 females and 4 males, in first year and second year, from a variety of faculties. Their preparatory course consisted of four hour-long sessions conducted between December and February, and they were encouraged to participate in LOL English conversation sessions prior to departure. These pre-program classes were conducted primarily in English and the content consisted of the following; group-work activities, some orientation about BYU, discussing homestay issues and intercultural interaction, and so on.</p> <p>In the final week before our March 4th departure events abroad regarding the accelerating spread of the COVID 19 virus, and we had many discussions with the International Affairs Office, the Education Center and Global Initiative Center as to whether the program should go ahead as planned in the light of the developing worldwide health crisis. After much consultation the consensus at the time was that Hawaii was yet to report any patient cases and Kagoshima was still free of the virus so it should go ahead. Also if the program were to be canceled students would lose both their JASSO and Kagoshima University funding for the program, in addition to the risk of large late cancellation fees for their air tickets.</p> <p>Events took a turn for the worse when the homestay families in Laie started to cancel, for fear of exposure to the virus. On the other hand BYU expressed their fears, but also their willingness to accept our students, albeit on a reduced program in order to lower social interaction while on campus. It was at this point that we decided to rent a large home within close proximity to the BYU Laie campus, so for the duration of the BYU program we rented a house to accommodate the entire group.</p>	
<p>[研修の成果] *事前学習も含む。地域のグローバル化や活性化に資する人材育成についての成果も記載してください。</p> <p>Throughout the program the health and safety of our students became the optimum goal, and this meant that some parts of the planned schedule needed to be changed, for example avoiding crowded areas such as the Diamond Head park, preparing and eating food at home, regular hand sanitizing, and opting for outdoor venues to visit rather than indoor. The cooperation and understanding of the students throughout this time was exemplary.</p> <p>In conclusion, despite some unexpected logistical difficulties on this 2020 program, the students have all returned to Japan with a wealth of linguistic and cultural experiences, a renewed sense of cooperation and team work, more confidence to communicate actively in English, an increasingly global view of the world and a zest for knowledge that will, we hope, better equip them for their future career paths. As the leader of this program I must express my deep gratitude to all involved in making this program an overall success.</p>	
<p>[今後の課題]</p> <p>In the light of the unusual circumstances of this year's program, I feel that it was successful despite many challenges. For future programs I think the University needs to give more consideration to its cancellation policy, particular with regards to receiving or not receiving University funds. Also I must mention that both Nevara-sensei and I had to use our own credit cards to secure accommodation and transport for the students during the program, and perhaps this needs to be reviewed in future. There seems to be a ridiculous amount of over-regulation on the part of the University accounting section, and this should be reviewed before future programs go ahead.</p>	