

HERE ARE THE FRIENDLY FACES WHO WILL LEAD THE DISCUSSIONS



**Klon D.C. Hinneh, Doctoral Student
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My experience as an IDW facilitator has been amazing and transformational. At each workshop, I get to meet and learn from foreign and Japanese students while improving our English speaking abilities. Participants and facilitators get to discuss their favorite topics, including favorite food, cultures, traditions, music, lifestyle, etc. It is fun and enlightening, and everyone can freely express themselves. I am excited about next semester. Join us, and let's have fun learning.



**Mao Runze, Doctoral Student
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Hello all! This name is Mao, a facilitator in the international discussion workshop. I am now D2 from the Department of Engineering and Science. I love language exchange. Hope to have a delightful conversation with you this semester.



**Jose Cordero, Doctoral Student
Costa Rica**

I come from Costa Rica and I have been living Japan for more than 4 years now. During my free time I try to stay away from the screen (PC, smartphone etc.) and spend more time outside either hiking or playing guitar. I like to talk about topics that create debate and help us become aware of new ideas. I also enjoy learning about other cultures, so I love to talk about behaviors and viewpoints that vary among countries. I hope you are willing to learn something about my small country and I am looking forward to learning more about yours!



Yu Zaizhi, Master Student (M2)
Japan

Hi, there! I am Saiji, M2 student of the Graduate School of Engineering. I am so happy that you are interested in the workshops. I've been facilitating the workshops for one year covering various topics: insect food, logical thinking, declining population etc. The reason why I joined the program is because I want to create more chances for Kyoto univ. students to discuss in English. I know it is super difficult to find the opportunities like this, especially during the unexpected pandemic. However, without actual practice, we can't improve our skills. So I am here to help everyone to move forward. In each session, we will start with easy questions and gradually try to discuss tough items. Everyone will get the chance to speak and propose their ideas. Let's practice together little by little! I am looking forward to seeing you!



Tazin Sumaiya, Master Student (M2)
Bangladesh

Hi, everyone! I am Tazin, a M2 student from Bangladesh. I love to do photography, watch movies, hike, read and paint. I actually have a lot of interests so it is hard to select a few! Right now I am trying hard to get back to my reading habit which I lost a few years back when social media and technology took all my free time away. I started to work as a facilitator for this discussion workshop last semester. Unfortunately that's when then Covid-19 hit us. So, we had to do all the sessions on zoom which itself turned out to be a different experience. We usually talked on some topics selected by me (For example: "Balance between digital and analog way of life", "Making virtual friends" etc.). A few students (4-5) participated in these discussions and shared their ideas and views. This semester I am trying to cook up some interesting new topics and you all are welcome to join the discussion!



Han XU, Master Student (M1)
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Hello, everyone! Here is Han, a facilitator of international discussion workshop. I'm fond of traveling, food, movies and also interesting things that I didn't know before. During the past semesters, I had to say that this workshop is an open, warm and delightful place where you can always exchange your ideas and opinions with other people with wisdom. So do not hesitate to come and join us! I cannot wait to meet you guys in fall.