

The Ph.D. Program in Human Biology is a 5-year transdisciplinary degree program established in 2011 as one of the Leading Graduate School Doctoral Programs funded by MEXT, Japan. For nurturing the future global leaders, who will be able to create a rich and sustainable human society, this program takes unique and innovative educational and research approaches.

~HBP Party 2013/3/22~

The Ph.D. Program in Human Biology (HBP) at the University of Tsukuba, launched in April 2012, celebrated its first anniversary in March 2013.

To review and celebrate their learning experiences, efforts, and achievements for the year together, the HBP students organized the party and invited both faculty members and support staff to the OIKOSHI International Dormitory where they were living together.

* HBP students live together in the dormitory for their first year of the Program.

HBP Party Photo Gallery



OIKOSHI International Dormitory where we had the party



With Professor Nagata, former Program Coordinator and current President of University of Tsukuba



We looked back on the path of our personal growth and development for the year through chat



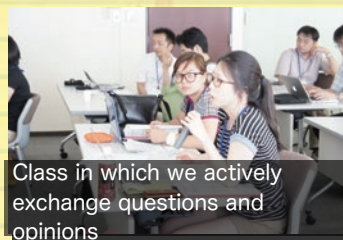
We conveyed our gratitude to the faculty members and support staff who kindly looked after us during the year

HBP's International Environment for Study and Research

→ <http://hbp.tsukuba.ac.jp/#!/support/>

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One of the main features of the HBP is the 'globalization in everyday life'. The HBP not only welcomes international students but also sends the students abroad and conducts on-campus classes in English. The Program provides an excellent environment in which the students can experience various ways of thinking and approaches to study and research.



Class in which we actively exchange questions and opinions



We start to give more classroom presentations as the Program goes on



Students from all over the world

I can find various ways of thinking and customs different to what we have in Japan. I can feel in everyday life that I am communicating with people from around the world. My classmates are so proactive and advanced that they can give me stimulation and broaden my perspectives. The HBP provides a good environment where I can positively engage in my study. (A. Takemura)

Comment from Current HBP Student

The HBP offers me opportunities, for example, the World-science Leaders' Seminar, to get exposed to the world's top-level research while staying in Tsukuba. Unlike other conferences, the lectures are given in a small group, which enables our active involvement in discussions. (M. Hashimoto)

WHAT IS 'GLOBALIZATION IN EVERYDAY LIFE' THAT HBP HIGHLIGHTS?

Globalization is growing rapidly and dramatically in the universities in Japan. As one of the Japan's foremost universities, the University of Tsukuba is striving for the advance of globalization. The HBP is standing out from all the others in terms of the fact that the concept of 'globalization' is no longer perceived in the Program. 'Globalization' is quite 'usual' under the environment like ours where Japanese students and international students live and study together using English as a common language. If we are still in a situation where we promote our educational reform with the slogan of 'globalization', it simply means that we have to go a long way before achieving the genuine globalization. The environment where globalization is perceived as 'usual' can provide students with immeasurable experiences and values.

Professor Osamu Ohneda Chair of HBP International Initiatives



Video clip of HBP students commenting on attractive features of the program

→ <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=uEvMcv3fMnY>