

Dear beloved students,

Hello there kabayan!

My name is Mikael Kai, a first year, pioneer student of School of Integrated Arts and Sciences, Department of Integrated Global Studies (also known as IGS). This course is the first ever undergraduate program taught in English at Hiroshima University. My dad is a Filipino while my mom is a Japanese, making me a Japinoy. I decided to enter IGS because 18 years of my life, I've been studying at the Philippines, and I think that it was time for me to explore the other half of myself. Now, I have 3 reasons why I want you to study here at IGS:

First Reason: For you to experience something different.

It's really different here in IGS. In your first year, you are free to choose your own subjects and manage your own class schedule. The degree is quite unique as well. It is not Bachelor of Arts nor Bachelor of Sciences, it's Bachelor of Arts and Sciences. In your second year, you would choose from three different fields. You could check out more information about this at the website.

Studying at a new country is a different experience as well. New culture, new food, and new kinds of fun. Of course, I'm sure that you'll learn how to speak in Japanese at IGS! You will really learn a lot of new things when you are different.

Second Reason: For you to be Global Minded.

In our generation today, we would always meet a lot of people from all over the world. Because of this, we should not have an ethnocentric thinking. Things that are right for our country, might be wrong for others, and vice versa. We need to be really understanding regarding our differences. Here in IGS, out of 44 students, there are 12 different nationalities, and I am sure that there would be more the following years. That's why you will surely learn about becoming globally minded here!

Third Reason: Join me and let's show what Filipinos can do!

Right now, I'm the only Filipino in IGS. I also want you to experience the joy that I'm experiencing here at IGS while we show the world what we can do. I also miss speaking in Tagalog, so what are you waiting, come and join me!

I believe that choosing what course to take in college is one of the most important decision we make in our lives. I know that you still have a lot of questions, and I'm really willing to help.

To all students who are reading my message, whether you'll end up here in IGS or not, always remember that you and me, we are the hope of our country, the hope of this World!

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