

**Students with Hearing Impairment from Special
Education College of Changchun University in China
to be Trained at Hiroshima University**

Hiroshima University International Center is receiving a group of students from Special Education College of Changchun University in China and is to provide them with Special Support program, which starts from 4th October and ends on 10th October 2017. Two teachers from the college are accompanying the eight students attending the program who all have hearing impairment.

The Center manages the program jointly with the Department of Special Needs Education at the Graduate School of Education and the Center for Special Needs Education Research and Practice, while also obtaining cooperation from the Accessibility Center, which oversees learning support to the students at Hiroshima University.

Apart from attending experience-based activities related to Japanese sign language, Japanese Culture, an exchange session with the students from Hiroshima University, the students on the program are going to visit a Special Support School located in Hiroshima city as well as a local company in Hiroshima Prefecture. During their visit to the local company, they are going to have a guided tour of workplace where the employees with disabilities actually work, followed by exchange of opinions.

Up until now, HU has received roughly 1,000 students to its “Japanese Language and Culture Special Program (lasts about two weeks),” which is aimed at those students from overseas who are interested in Japanese Language & Culture. The program is provided for the purpose of deepening the participants’ understanding on Japan, and also it is expected to serve as the impetus for the participants to come and study in Japan in future.

Similar short programs have been provided to the students from overseas countries in the past, but

this one is the first of its kind to be provided as it is a program related to Special Needs Education.

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