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This is the first edition of the **FSU Special Programs** newsletter for Meiji University, a series of e-newsletters from the FSU International Center's Special Programs. In this newsletter, the Meiji students at FSU.

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Carly



Payton and Colleen

We have a wonderful time with our Meiji students! Peer Mentors, (pictured above, from left to right: Carly, Payton, and Colleen) forge especially close bonds with them, and offer them a student perspective on FSU.



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Meiji Students have a great time at FSU with students from Dankook University



Today, the Meiji students are happily working away on the job at Disney, having been delivered their safely by the Special Programs staff from the FSU International Center. But hopefully, memories of the great time they had at FSU are still fresh in their minds...

What makes their stay at Florida State University so special?

At FSU, Meiji students had opportunities to get to know each other better and forge bonds that will last a lifetime. And, this year, FSU's Special Programs tried something a little bit different. We combined students from Meiji with 14 students from Dankook University in Korea. Cross-cultural learning opportunities abounded as the two groups of students lived in the same apartments, ate and participated in all activities together.

The two groups of students lived, mixed together, in the popular Ragans Hall. Arranged as apartments with four bedrooms, two baths, a kitchen and a living room, these are some of the nicest dormitories on the FSU campus.

They also ate together at the Suwannee Dining Hall. Suwannee offers students an opportunity to taste all kinds of traditional American foods, from fried catfish and hushpuppies, to green beans, pork chops, mashed potatoes and gravy, and everything in between, including what one student described as "the best pizza she had ever tasted."

They also got to develop a close relationship with the FSU International Center Special Programs staff, especially their Peer Mentors, Carly, Colleen and Payton.

The Meiji students also got to take a great class, Intercultural Communication, through the FSU Department of Communication with Dr. Felecia Jordan-Jackson.

Of course between the end of class and bed time, they also have a lot of fun: shopping, working out at the gym, swimming, exploring the FSU campus, and, yes, doing their homework assignments.

Saturday brought the end of their formal program at FSU. I think all the Meiji students had a good time, eating barbecue, boating, playing volleyball during the day, then attending the Sushi dinner, birthday party and talent show extravaganza in the evening.

We know that they will enjoy their time at *Walt Disney World*®, and we will continue to cherish our fond memories of the first Meiji students' stay at FSU.



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A Chance to meet the VP Division of Student Affairs



Ah, American Food!



New Friends from Dankook



New Friends from Dankook



Posing with Jessica



Meiji Students at the Capitol



Lunch at El Tapatio's



After Sushi, Birthday Cake with the Peer Mentors



All Together Now



The Days Spent at FSU were a lot of Fun