

## **Newsletter No. 9, May 2021**

On May 9<sup>th</sup> (Europe Day), people all around Europe celebrated peace and unity in the EU.

Extending these celebrations, we have lots of exciting events scheduled this June, as part of the EU-Japan Friendship Week. Due to the Covid pandemic, the events are limited to students & and staff at KGU.

### **EU-Japan Friendship Week**

We will start with a panel display on Italy, which you'll find at the entrance of KGU's Nishinomiya-Uehagara Campus Library from June 1<sup>st</sup> to June 30<sup>th</sup>. Student from the 経済事情 C class created 10 panels, explaining why Italians live so long (it's their diet and the community), why Italian adult men often still live with their parents (it's their mother that wants them to stay at home), and why the mafia is still so strong in south Italy. Have a look at the panels. Made by 10 students from 6 different countries, they're truly international, just like the content (in English).

On June 23<sup>rd</sup>, the Italian Consul General, Mr. Luigi Diodati, will give a speech on the Italian Risorgimento (unification process in 19<sup>th</sup> century) and how other European powers assessed it. If you're a KGU student and would like to join this online lecture, please sign up here:

[https://www.kwansei.ac.jp/i\\_industrial/friendship\\_2021](https://www.kwansei.ac.jp/i_industrial/friendship_2021)

One of the most popular events every Friendship Week is our cooking class! This year we picked a different format, giving 40 students the chance to join us online. Viviana di Blasi from Italy will show how to cook different Italian dishes while explaining Italian food culture.

If you'd like to join, please sign up here:

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Last but not least, we also have a fun quiz on Italy going on. You can join either online or fill out the form at Sanken (Nishinomiya-Uegahara Campus Library, 3<sup>rd</sup> floor) from June 1<sup>st</sup> to June 30<sup>th</sup>. You'll be surprised what fun facts you didn't know about Italy! Participants can win nice goodies, so don't miss this chance.

You can also participate online, but in that case, hurry up, since prizes are limited to the first 100 entries.

**Jean Monnet Module teaching:**

Apart from these special events, we also have our regular Jean Monnet Module classes running.

Students from 4 different faculties are currently studying demographic change & rural decline in the EU, intra-European labour mobility, migration in Europe & Japan, and environmental policies. It's fun to have so many engaged students in class!

There are lots of interesting things happening over the next months, so stay tuned!

Students & staff, don't forget to sign up for the EU-Japan Friendship Week events. I'm looking forward to seeing you there!

Best regards,  
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