

## BBP Orientation Week!

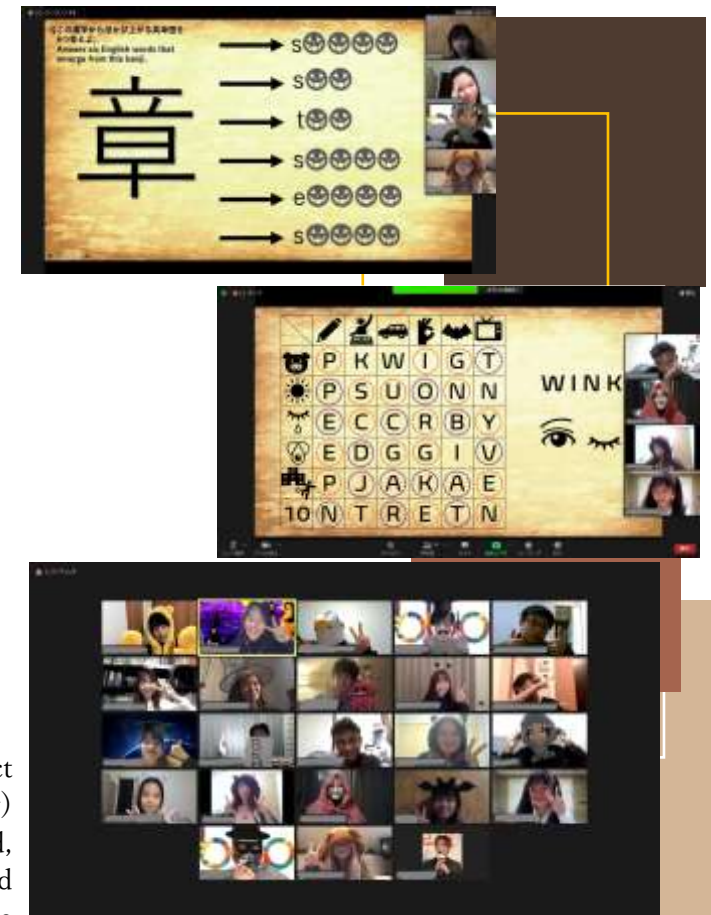
We hosted BBP Orientation Week from Monday, October 19th to Friday, October 23rd. Especially on the 20th, 21st, and 22nd (12:20~12:50), we held "Welcome to BBP!", where Kinugasa BBP Project Team members introduced BBP's merits, facilities, and upcoming events. A total of 37 students participated during those three days. Every participant paid close attention to the guidance and explanation. Mio, a sophomore student from the College of Law, said "BBP is hosting more variety of events than I thought. BBP's online events are convenient to participate. I am going to check more about them".

With the influence of COVID-19, BBP's sphere of activity has shifted to online (zoom). We are under circumstances that we cannot meet each other face-to-face. However, the BBP Project Team is planning events that are enjoyable via online, so please wait for the events to come!



### Halloween Mystery

Everyone appears in their favorite disguise! BBP project team held a Halloween event on October 28th (Wednesday) from 20:00 on zoom. Seventeen students participated, including some international students from the United Kingdom and Malaysia. It's the good point of online to be able to participate in events across national borders! Participants were divided into teams to solve four mysteries in each breakout room and fought by points earned. There were easy quizzes and difficult one. Everyone enjoyed it. All quizzes were made by the project team members. Natsuki Kamiya, a first-year student at the College of Liberal Arts, said, "I participated with my friends. Some of the quizzes were like brain training, but I'm glad I was able to interact with other students." In addition, Son Kounan, a first-year student at the Graduate School of Business Administration said, "It was fun. I participated because I wanted friends while I cannot meet people due to Corona.



I could also practice speaking Japanese." Disguising, solving mysteries, and interacting with friends... What kind of Halloween did you enjoy?

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This is a column written by BBP staff who has a Level 2 Certificate of World Heritage Study Test.



It's been a few days since Halloween, did you enjoy sweets, playing a trick, and disguises? I would like to introduce a World Heritage Site related to that character, which is also famous as a virtual theme of Halloween.

#### Romania "Historic Centre of Sighișoara"

Sighisoara, the region of Transylvania, Romania is a fortified city in the mountains that retains the remnants of the Middle Ages. It was also a commercial town where craftsmen gathered, so it was of great military and commercial importance. As a trace, there are several lookout towers in the city. Although it is a military facility, it is named after the commercial guild that built it, such as "Shoemaker's Tower" and "Tailor's Tower", this is a unique point in this town.

And the celebrity born in this city is Vlad III, Duke of Wallachia. He is the model for that "Vampire Dracula". It is also known as "Impaler" because he skewered soldiers from hostile countries. Currently, his birthplace is open as a restaurant. Red soup like a blood is a popular menu. If you drink this soup and take a walk in the good old town, you will surely be able to enjoy Sighisoara.

## Online cultural exchange event

From 18:30 on October 28th (Wednesday), we held the online event "Let's find out about Japanese and overseas cultures! Online cultural exchange meeting". At this event, there were presentations and quizzes about word games and culture were held. 5 people including 3 international students participated. In the word game, participants and project team members were divided into three teams. Then a heated battle was fought to see which team had the most words in English starting with M and Japanese words starting with "KA".

In the presentation on culture, project team members gave presentations on Maiko in Kyoto, and on the cities, foods, and lifestyles of Vietnam, South Korea, and Shanghai (China) with quizzes. Participants seemed to be interested in it. We tried to figure out the answers to the quiz and exchange opinions on different cultures in a delightful atmosphere until the time runs out.



★International Relations・2<sup>nd</sup>  
Harumi Kobayashi★

I've been a member of BBP staff from spring semester 2020!

By the way, what is important in proceeding group work?

Of course, there should be different approaches or styles for each person, but what I have learned through the BBP activities is this: every opinion is worth speaking of. Have you ever given up saying something in a meeting because it doesn't "deserve others' time and attention"?

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That was me, when I first joined BBP. But thanks to my team members who warmly welcome any opinions, I can now see how important it is to express my own thoughts. This may sound a little cliché, but for me this is the key in making successful events.

It is because "small opinions" can lead to a big hint.

Ideas you might think of like "Everyone should already know" or "nothing will change if I say this or not" are important to determine the direction of the event.

Or, in case everyone actually has the same idea but is hesitating to say it, you can open up the best option for the team by telling them about it and leading their inner thoughts.

It is essential to keep balance of speaking and listening, but if you have an opportunity to work as a group, please try to share what you think more positively than you did before! Your courage might create something new and wonderful.

★Literature・2<sup>nd</sup>・Aki Ogawa★

We held an online event "Halloween Mystery". I planned an event for the first time as a member of the BBP Project Team, but all participants were excited and I had a great time. It was a nice experience because I learned the difficulty and fun of creating an event from scratch. I think I want to create an even more attractive event!

# Schedule For November

## ●Ritsumeikan's Got Talent

Do you want to show off your talent? Shoot and share your video!

Deadline: November 30<sup>th</sup>

How to apply:

①Fill out information:

<https://forms.gle/UXLj4oxsh5ABfu26>

②Upload your video:

<https://www.dropbox.com/request/4HBelmTXgmoxQ6pHIuq>



## ●Where is the Wolf?

Date: Thursday, November 5th

Time: 20:00~21:00 No registration required.

Tool: ZOOM

Language: English and Japanese

Would you like to do a language exchange through Word wolf and Shiritori (a kind of word game)? Let's enjoy together! Zoom ID and link are [HERE](#).

**Schedule for Fall Semester**  
5<sup>th</sup> period 16:20-17:50  
★ September 17  
★ October 1, 13, 29  
★ November 10, 26

How to join:  
Send us an e-mail, including your name, student ID, department or program, to the address below. We will send you a link to join our Zoom meeting.  
E-mail: [kic-bbp@st.ritsumei.ac.jp](mailto:kic-bbp@st.ritsumei.ac.jp)  
URL: <http://www.ritsumei.ac.jp/bbp/>

※日程変更・中止する場合があります。最新情報はお知らせいたします。/ Schedule is subject to change. Any updates, see BBP Social Media.  
BBP Website: <http://www.ritsumei.ac.jp/bbp/>

International Student Support Coordinator at KIC

## ●Flat BBP on Zoom!

Date & Time: (Tue)Nov. 10, (Thu) Nov. 26

5<sup>th</sup> period 16:20~

Let's chat, share your experience and exchange information with other students!

<How to join> Send us an e-mail, including your name, student ID, department or program, to the address below. We will send you a link to join our Zoom meeting. [kic-bbp@st.ritsumei.ac.jp](mailto:kic-bbp@st.ritsumei.ac.jp)

## Editor's Note

Recently, I started studying sign language little by little. I think "Beyond Borders" which is also the name of this plaza, has various meanings and methods. (Y.N.)

