



## The Global Business Course (GBC) Report (Eighth Issue)

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### 1. Outline of GBC International Students

As of May 2024, the total number of GBC international students is 152 and they are nationals of 21 countries and one region. By gender, there are 69 male students and 83 female students. By region, the higher percentage of students tends to be from Asia. The number and percentage of international students by region are as follows:

#### GBC International Students (Enrolled by May 2024) by Country/Region of Origin

Country/Region	September 2019 Enrollment	September 2020 Enrollment	September 2021 Enrollment	September 2022 Enrollment	September 2023 Enrollment
	Number of Students				
Bangladesh			1		
Belarus			1		1
Bhutan			1		1
Cambodia		2			1
India		1	4		1
Indonesia		6	5	11	7
Malaysia		2	1		1
Mexico			1		
Mongolia			2	2	8
Pakistan		1	3	1	
Philippines		1			
Romania			3	2	
Thai	4	4	10	9	4
Türkiye	1			1	2
Vietnam		6	7	7	8
Zambia		1		1	
Zimbabwe			1		
Taiwan		4	3	2	2
China (Hong Kong)					1
Kazakhstan				1	
Mozambique				1	
Lithuania				1	
Total	5	28	43	39	37

Ninety-five students were from Southeast Asia (62.5%), 27 from East Asia (17.8%), 12 from South Asia (7.9%), five from Central Asia (3.3%), eight from Europe (5.3%), four from Africa (2.6%), and one from North America.

## 2. About Classes

### 1) Program to Experience Japan: The First Disaster Prevention Class



On December 1, 2023, GBC International students visited the Hyogo Prefectural Emergency Management and Training Center in Miki City with JICA Kansai / Disaster Reduction Learning Center (DRLC). The tour started with a lecture by a disaster prevention specialist, followed by a smoke evacuation experience, an Earthquake simulator experience, and a visit to an emergency supply warehouse. The smoke evacuation experience uses water fog to simulate how smoke fills the air when a fire occurs and how to handle the situation. All the international students were successfully evacuated from the evacuation exits in less than one minute.

During the earthquake simulation, students were exposed to various magnitudes of earthquakes, including historical ones such as the Great Hanshin Earthquake of 1995, the Kumamoto earthquake of 2016, and the Great East Japan earthquake of 2011. This immersive experience not only instilled a sense of the fear of earthquakes but also equipped the students with the knowledge of how to act when earthquakes occur. This time, the program was enriched by the participation of four new international students (JICA Long-Term International Students) from the Kansai area graduate schools. Their unique perspectives and experiences added depth to our discussions on Hyogo's disaster prevention experience and daily disaster prevention, fostering a solid sense of global collaboration and understanding.

### 2) Program to Experience Japan: The Second Disaster Prevention Class

On December 15, 2023, GBC International students visited the Great Hanshin-Awaji Earthquake Memorial Disaster Reduction and Human Renovation Institution (DRI) with the cooperation of JICA Kansai. They experienced the earthquake's devastation by visiting the "re-experience the Earthquake" floor, which incorporates large images and a powerful sound resembling the earthquake's intensity. Students also visit an exhibition for memories of the earthquake disaster and a floor for disaster prevention and mitigation.



These tours provided students with an opportunity to gain a greater understanding of crisis management and the importance of being prepared to deal with disaster on a daily basis. Following the visit to the institution, students also visited the JICA Kansai Office and did a workshop on disaster management. The discussion topic was to think about a program for educating primary school kids about disaster reduction. Everyone gave excellent presentations based on the knowledge they had gained through the class.

### 3. About International Students' Employment

To support international students' job-hunting in Japan, the university staff frequently post employment-related information on the "Universal Passport" and bulletin boards in front of the "Career Center" office. The University of Hyogo recommends that all students actively participate in company briefing seminars to gain more detailed information about their future workplaces.

The "Employment Guidance by GBC Graduates for GBC International Students" was held at the Kobe Chuo Ward Cultural Center on January 13, 2024. GBC graduates who graduated in September 2023 served as lecturers sharing their experiences on how to overcome the language barrier, the importance of business manners, and the job-hunting process for foreign nationals in Japan.

Furthermore, GBC students attended two lectures by WA.SA.BI, a career support organization for foreigners run by Mori Kosan Co.,Ltd. on February 15 and 21, 2024.

### 4. About Contests

#### 1) GBC 2024 Photo Contest

The GBC Photo Contest is held annually for GBC undergraduate and GB graduate students enrolled in the Graduate School of Social Sciences. We received 19 photo submissions from 9 students, with a total of 3 photos per person under the themes of "on-campus/off-campus" and "dormitory life". The GBC office ranked the photos by voting. The top three winners received certificates and prizes, while all participants received participation awards on December 15, 2023. The photos were displayed on the first floor of the International Student Dormitory (i-Square) for visitors to see.



#### 2) Business Contest

The business plan contest "VENTURinno2024" was held on the on-campus i-Square on January 17, 2024.



University of Hyogo's Team

This year's contest theme was "Helping Society Through Social Entrepreneurship". Six teams brought their unique ideas to the competition, whereas five judges, including government officials, investors, and business executives, evaluated all teams. The Grand Prize went to the Osaka University's team, the Associate Excellence Award went to the University of Hyogo's team (including three GBC students), and third place was given to the Kwansei Gakuin University's team.

## 5. Information About Events

### 1) Events Held for the First Time

#### A. Fire Drill







For the first time since establishing the International Student Dormitory, we held a fire drill to raise dormitory students' disaster awareness and preparedness on November 8, 2023. Under perfect weather conditions, 58 students participated in the drill with the cooperation of RAs (Resident Assistants), care takers, and the University's faculty and staff. Officials from the Kobe Fire Department taught participants the necessity of taking sufficient precautions when evacuating (don't push, run, speak, or return). Afterward, students used water extinguishers to practice fire extinguishing, aiming the extinguishers at targets. We plan to hold such disaster prevention drill events regularly in the future.

#### B. Piano Donation Commemorative Concert

As representatives of the University of Hyogo's Alumni Association, Mr. Hiroshi Takikawa (Kobe University of Commerce, class of 1956) and Mr. Kenichi Yabuki (Kobe University of Commerce, class of 1962) donated a piano. To commemorate this generous donation, we held a concert on November 3. One of the donors, Mr. Yabuki, attended the concert, which featured impressive piano, guitar, and singing performances by five GBC students. Students can now freely play the piano, which is located on the first floor of the i-Square.



## 2) Annual Event and Activities

Event Name	Date	Content	Management
<p>1. Clean-Up Event</p> 	<p>November 16, 2024</p>	<p>Cleaning the lounges and laundry rooms in the dormitory and contributing to the local community by cleaning the streets around the campus.</p>	<p>RAs and GBC Office</p>
<p>2. Charity Event</p> 	<p>December 6, 2023</p>	<p>This event was held for the new GBC International students living in the dormitory. More than 200 items donated by faculty members and staff were distributed to approximately 25 students.</p>	<p>GBC Office</p>
<p>3. The Winter Get-Together Event</p> 	<p>December 12, 2024</p>	<p>This regular event is organized to deepen student friendship in the Global House. It was filled with many activities such as quizzes, bingo games, and musical performances by dormitory residents</p>	<p>RAs and Live-In Professors</p>
<p>4. International Exchange Day at Hyogo High School</p> 	<p>February 9, 2024</p>	<p>Forty-six students from Hyogo High School and 15 GBC International students participated in a multicultural exchange program on such topics as "school teachers," "language learning," and "improving the classroom environment. It was a spectacular opportunity to increase the high school students' interest in English learning and topics that concern the international community.</p>	<p>Hyogo High School</p>

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