Introduction

In 2013, Kansai University (KU) will celebrate the 127th anniversary of its founding as one of the leading comprehensive universities in Japan. Kansai University is a prestigious private university with 13 undergraduate and 12 graduate programs along with 3 professional graduate schools. There are over 30,000 students enrolled at the university including more than 700 international students.

【Undergraduate Faculties】

【Graduate Schools】
■ Law ■ Letters ■ Economics ■ Commerce ■ Sociology ■ Informatics ■ Science and Engineering ■ Foreign Language Education and Research ■ Psychology ■ Safety Science ■ East Asia Cultures ■ Governance ■ School of Law ■ School of Accountancy ■ School of Professional Clinical Psychology

【Some Facts and Figures (as of May, 2013)】
・ Students . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . 30,252
・ International Students . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . 733
・ Faculty Members . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . 2,181 (Fulltime 751)
・ Administrative Staff . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . 791 (Fulltime 508)
・ Alumni . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . 424,430
・ Applicants for Entrance Exams . . . . . . . . 91,685

Major activities
Kansai University Japanese Language and Culture Program
Preparatory Course (Bekka)
Kansai University started the Bekka in 2012, and the Program is unique to KU and utilizes the most pedagogically reliable ICT to promote proficiency not only in Japanese as a second language, but also in academic skills, media literacy, and other areas that are essential in higher education. Students in this Program are treated as students of the university, and have full use of KU facilities on the main campus such as the main library and computer labs. Bekka students are also able to audit some classes and participate in university club activities.

Kansai University Minami-Senri International Plaza
The Bekka is housed in a specially built center called “KU Minami-Senri International Plaza”. The Plaza boasts state-of-the-art facilities and equipment for the Bekka program, and also houses a 165-room dormitory. At the Plaza, Bekka students live and study with international students, KU students (selected as Resident Assistants), and also have opportunities to interact with local Minami-Senri citizens. The Plaza’s features and location were designed to encourage multicultural exchange where all people can learn together.

Access
Campuses of Kansai University are located in Osaka, the largest city in Western Japan. Other famous cities such as Kyoto, Nara, and Kobe are all located within about an hour’s train ride, giving Kansai University’s international students many opportunities to explore Japan’s history and culture.