

## Global House ( 1.Photos 2.Invitation to Global House )



Social Room



Rooms



Unit



Congratulations on successfully entering ICU. I am sure you all are very excited about your upcoming university life.

Firstly, to introduce myself, my name is Nako Chujo and I am the current Global House Dorm P resident. I would like to give you a little overview of what it is like to live in Global House (aka Global). Once you finish reading this introduction, I just know that you will choose Global.

I used to open this homepage thinking, "once I enter ICU, I will get to live this kind of dorm life!" and motivated myself to study for the entrance exams. I still remember to this day after finishing the excruciating entrance exams and confirming my enrollment to ICU. I was writing my dorm documents whilst constantly checking this homepage. When I was in your position, these introductory pages encouraged me to study and helped me write my dorm documents. I hope this helps you as much as it did for me and helps you choose the best dorm for you.

### **【Firstly】**

Deciding which dorm to enter or even whether to join a dorm or not is one of the most important choices you have to make in ICU. It is quite underestimated and there is a chance that you may be misjudging its importance. I could not even imagine how different my campus life would have been if I did not enter Global or if I decided to live by myself. By entering Global House, I have met countless number of people who are now important figures in my life. Life is constantly about making choices and I feel very proud of my three years ago self for picking Global House. I am confident that other Global residents feel the same.

So what do you say? Wouldn't you love to enjoy the best time of your life by living your university life with the Global family? Keep that question in mind as I begin to introduce how great Global House is.

### **【Location】**

The location of Global House is just the greatest. It is only 5 minutes walking distance from the University Hall, where most of the classes are held, 4 minutes away from the Library, and only a minute away from the University Cafeteria! A lot of Global residents appreciate how close Global is to the University Hall because it allows us to wake up 10 minutes before class and still make it on time. Additionally, Global is surrounded by trees and you get to experience the change in seasons directly. In Spring, you can view the Cherry Blossoms whilst it is in peak bloom. In Summer, you can have water gun fights and hear all the bugs make noise. In Autumn, you can have a picnic underneath the autumn leaves. In Winter, you can have a snowball fight with the ground packed with snow. The fact that you can experience all four seasons throughout the year and in every direction you look there is nature, it is just exceptional. There is no other place that comes close to this level.

### **【Facility】**

#### **Rooms**

Global is the only dorm in all of ICU where the rooms are individual. In your room, you get your very own; desk, closet, drawers, and bed. There is so much space that even with all of that you could bring in a table, TV, a rack, etc, and still have room to move around. Since there is so much space you can make your room as comfortable as you can and fill it with things you like. There is also a lot of storage space in the room, so even if you have tons of clothes or baggage it should be no problem.

### Unit

In Global, there are a total of 16 units. Four individual rooms make up one unit and in the unit, there is a kitchen, living room, toilet, washroom, and shower which will be shared amongst the four people in the unit. The living room allows everyone to gather around and eat food together, and in winter, everyone can snuggle up in the Kotatsu to watch some TV. For those who like cooking, the kitchen has an IH stove with 2 burners!

### Large Bath

The men's floor and the women's floor each have one large common bath. Many of the people in Global choose to use the large bath rather than the showers in their units. That is because for Global the large bath is an oasis where music is played out loud, a chance to catch up with each other, and even have a counseling session about relationships, studies, club activities, etc.

### Study Room

On every floor except for the first floor, there is a study room. A room to quietly study. From time to time, the first years who have countless assignments for ELA will see the sunset in the study room trying to finish it all.

### Tsuru (Social Room)

The big open area that is located right by the entrance to Global House is called Tsuru (Social Room). Inside, there are sofas, a TV, and a bunch of books and manga. People who are just chilling in Tsuru can see who enters Global through the main doors and will say "okaeri" (welcome back). It is also the area where many Global events are held. It is a treasured area by not only Global residents, but also by ICU students as events involving other dorm students are also held there. We can on the big screen watch movies and the World Cup, play some Smash Bros, and the area generally allows us to have some interaction with others.

Every room, including the individual rooms, has Wifi and an air conditioner. Allowing us to live through the hot summer and cold winter of Tokyo. Even if the facilities break or a malfunction occurs, the university will quickly take care of it. In terms of the institution itself, I have never felt that it was inconvenient living in Global.

### 【Members】

Global currently has 55 people (2 of which are tutors who are current graduate school students) living. Due to the outbreak of COVID-19, we have some open rooms and at the maximum capacity, Global has 68 people living. As the name of the dorm suggests, Global House is a dorm that includes many people from all around the world. With around half of the residents being transfer students and September students, Global is more international than any other dorm. The community is filled with people who have different nationalities, areas where they grew up, ages, and gender. Even better, Global has none of the traditional hierarchy, and rather than being friends, the community is more of a family.

We have people who all of a sudden, at midnight, decide to dye their hair, a famous TikTokker, someone who loves curry so much that they featured in a curry program on TV, and boys who are influenced by muscular upperclassmen to work out. So much personality in one area... Despite the differences, everyone appreciates one another, making the atmosphere very accepting. Everyone is different and that's why everyone is great.

### 【Faculty】

Within the Global, we have a committee that acts as the faculty member for the dorm. It is similar to the student council and that we students run the dorm. As aforementioned, Global is a very international dorm, and for people with different backgrounds to live together 24,7, and 365 days, there are difficulties. Yes, all of us are close with each other, but from time to time we have disagreements. In order to solve those disagreements, once every month we have a dorm meeting in which everyone in Global is obligated to participate in. In the dorm meeting, everyone is entitled to an opinion and used as a time to have a discussion on disagreements. We throw out our own opinions in order to understand each other better and create a strong bond. This is a very important aspect of living in Global, so we need people who live in Global to have a positive attitude towards each other and to take responsibility as Global residents. As the dorm president myself, I have felt that by accepting each other's opinions in order to overcome problems, I have developed mentally.

Don't you want to laugh your heart out, discuss things head-on, and interact with as many people as you can? It can not only expand your world even further but also the personal relationships you make will be very valuable in the future.

### 【Events】

The many events we have throughout the year are one of the charms of Global. The dorms in ICU have their own events, and in addition to that, Global has its very own events.

The first event you will experience once you join will be the initiation. Initiation is a costume and performance contest for newcomers. At first, I was questioning it, thinking "why do I still have to wear costumes even though I am a university student?". Going shopping with my doukis (the other people who entered ICU at the same time/year) who I only met a few days ago, making the costumes, and practicing the performance at night, all for just an initiation. My first thought was that initiation was foolish, but I ended up staying up all night having fun and dancing. Initiation made me have a closer bond with my doukis. In April, we have a Welcome Party, Musashisakai and Kichijoji tour, etc. All events that are exclusive to Global House. It is a great chance to get to know the upperclassmen. Other events include a "hanami", a chance to interact with the other old dorm new students, and in May, a BBQ led by the Global newcomers. The Spring term is very hectic and will make you forget your homesickness. You can even plan your own event. Such as having a movie night on the big screen at Tsuru, a Smash Bros competition, a dance party in someone's unit, and a football tournament amongst the dorms, basically there are events every day.

There is the Global House Ball which is a dance party organized by Global House for all of the ICU students. Decorating the Tsuru into a dance hall takes around a month.

(From the picture on the left: Initiation, making udon from scratch, Global Ball, Okada Football)

### 【We want these people to join Global】

As mentioned before Global House hosts many events, and it is all planned and organized by the residents. Other points to be mentioned are that there are people who don't follow rules, the facility breaks, and in general, there is some issue happening daily. Keeping all of this in mind, as a Global resident, have to take responsibility and solve these issues. Therefore, we want people who can take leadership or even if you don't want to be the frontline, those who enjoy international interactions, those who want to support Global behind the scenes, those who want to plan an event, those who enjoy having fun with others or party, and even those who are kind of shy are welcome here.

There are often those who want to join Global for the individual rooms, however, Global is very tight with each other and everyone enjoys having a close relationship with each other. Hence, for those who might find it difficult or do not necessarily want that kind of relationship, Global House may not be the best dorm for you.

【Lastly】

Did you get a grasp of what Global House is and what living in Global House is like?

Global is special because you have people who aren't related by blood saying “tadaima (I'm back), okaeri (welcome back), ittekimasu (I'm going out), itterashai (I'll see you later), oyasumi (I'm going to sleep), ohayou (good morning)”. These things are everyday conversations in Global, but if you think about it, that's not necessarily normal. It is quite special and I doubt you will regret joining Global. People you meet and the presence of Global itself are now crucial in my life. By next year, you all will feel the same.

Living in one big family that has reliable older brothers, inspiring big sisters, arrogant yet forgivable younger brothers, and little sisters who are being taken care of. That is just a luxury and it just makes me happy.

Get ready to partyyyyyyyyyyyyy! Global House awaits you.

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