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## **ICU current student Yudai Murata Joins Kochi United SC**

ICU's First J.League Professional Football Player



Yudai Murata, second year student in the College of Liberal Arts at International Christian University (ICU: Mitaka City, Tokyo; President: Shoichiro Iwakiri) has joined Kochi United SC, a J3 League club.

Murata, a goalkeeper originally from Chiba Prefecture, developed his skills through Kashiwa Reysol U-12 and Kashiwa Reysol U-15 clubs for youth before attending Toko Gakuen High School. After graduating from high school, he enrolled at International Christian University, where he has continued to develop as a player while balancing both academic studies and athletic commitments as a member

of the university's football team.

Standing 186 cm tall, Murata is known for his reliable shot-stopping ability and precise on-field coaching, making full use of his physical presence. As the next step in his career, he has chosen to take on a new challenge with Kochi United SC. As he enters a new environment as a professional football player, further growth and success are highly anticipated. We sincerely wish Murata every success as he takes on this new stage, carrying with him the experiences gained at ICU.



**Player Profile: Yudai Murata (MURATA YUDAI)**

Position: GK

Date of Birth: September 9, 2005

Height/Weight: 186cm / 83kg

Hometown: Chiba Prefecture

Club History: Kashiwa Reysol U-12 → Kashiwa Reysol U-15 → Toko Gakuen High School → International Christian University

**Kochi United SC Website:** <http://kochi-usc.jp/news/news-55119/> (in Japanese)

**About ICU Football Club**

The International Christian University Football Club (ICU FC), established in 1963, values student initiative while maintaining the balance between academics and athletics. Guided by the philosophy of "Continuity," the club pursues both athletic excellence and personal growth through daily training and official matches.

Football Club Website: <https://icufc.com/>

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