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ICU Installs First " Bike Repair Station" among Japanese Universities on Campus

A New Infrastructure to Realize a Sustainable and Inclusive Campus Where Everyone Can Live with Peace of Mind, and to Foster a Culture of Mutual Support



On May 27, 2026, International Christian University (Mitaka City, Tokyo; President: Shoichiro Iwakiri) installed a "Cycle Repair Station" (bike repair station) on its campus. As far as our survey is concerned, this is a pioneering initiative for a permanent bicycle repair station on a Japanese university campus.

This project was initiated by Professor Christian Chan, a faculty member at ICU, and received grant support from the Japan ICU Foundation (JICUF). The project aims not only to improve the convenience of bicycle use on campus, but also to help users develop practical maintenance skills, encourage the responsible use and management of resources, and create an inclusive environment that supports the mobility needs of all community members, including wheelchair users. Furthermore, this project contributes to the achievement of SDGs Goal 3 (Good Health and Well-being), Goal 11 (Sustainable Cities and Communities), Goal 12 (Responsible Consumption and Production), and Goal 13 (Climate Action).



■ Background and Purpose of the Project

1. Campus Challenges and Advanced Overseas Examples

Due to the vast size of the ICU campus, many students, faculty, and staff rely on bicycles for daily transportation. However, there were previously limited opportunities on campus to perform routine maintenance and simple repairs. Meanwhile, at many universities overseas (such as Stanford University and the University of Michigan in the U.S., and Lancaster University in the U.K.), publicly accessible bicycle repair stations are a common feature of campus life and a vital infrastructure supporting sustainable transportation.

2. Sustainability and Mobility Inclusion

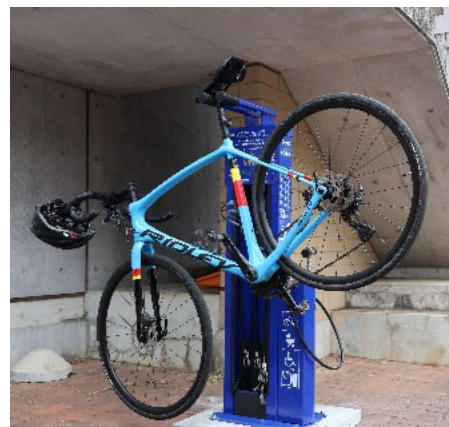
Bicycles play an important role in promoting sustainable mobility, yet a lack of access to repair tools and maintenance knowledge can shorten the lifespan of bicycles and discourage their continued use. Furthermore, just like bicycles, wheelchair tires also require regular maintenance. Therefore, creating an inclusive environment that supports the mobility needs of all community members, including wheelchair users (mobility inclusion), is also addressed as an important challenge in this project.

3. Fostering Self-Reliance and a Culture of Mutual Support

The project was designed not only to provide repair infrastructure, but also to offer educational opportunities through hands-on workshops. By helping community members develop practical maintenance skills, the initiative aims to foster self-reliance, enabling users to solve problems on their own. At the same time, it intends to encourage the responsible use of resources and strengthen a culture of mutual support on campus.

■ Specifications and Features of the Cycle Repair Station

The bike repair station introduced here—the first of its kind at a Japanese university—is manufactured by IBOMBO, a Polish company with a proven track record in public spaces globally, particularly in Europe.



Product Installed:

Bike Repair Station by IBOMBO (Official Import Distributor: All Bikes Japan)

Main Functions & Equipment:

Various tools: Phillips/flathead screwdrivers, spanners, hex key set, adjustable spanner, tire levers, etc. (suspended from the main body via stainless steel ropes)

High-performance hand pump: Compatible with Schrader, Presta, and Dunlop valves; operates independently without a power source

Hanger-stand structure: Designed to easily suspend bicycles for convenient repairs

QR code: Provides direct access to online repair manuals and instructional videos

Durability & Security:

Made of galvanized steel with a special protective coating. Features a heavy-duty security design utilizing tamper-resistant screws and nuts to prevent unauthorized disassembly or theft of tools.

Grant & Support:

Japan ICU Foundation (JICUF) Grant Project

■ Achievements and Future Outlook

Rather than simply installing the equipment and leaving it at that, the university aims to make it function as a space for education and community building. To this end, the ICU Cycling Club, a student organization, hosted a total of four on-campus workshops focused on bicycle maintenance. In addition, "Cyclinder," the bicycle group of the SDGs Promotion Office, held bicycle exchange events in March and April 2026, where graduating students passed their bicycles down to underclassmen.

Looking ahead, to coincide with the Autumn Term enrollment (September), ICU plans to host even more practical workshops in collaboration with external professional organizations and the local community. ICU will continue to comprehensively promote the creation of a campus environment where everyone in the ICU community can live a comfortable life.

