

Global House (1. Photo 2. Invitation to Global House)



Social room



Living room in the Unit



Global House All members



Single room



Kitchenette in the Unit

Dear potential dorm students

First off let me congratulate you not only on your acceptance to ICU but for deciding to live in the dorms. Whichever dorm you pick and get into you will have a great experience. That being said, I will give you seventy-two reasons why you should pick Global House:

1. Global House isn't only a dorm. Global House is more of a community that includes many people from all around the world. You will meet people who are from countries you have never heard of and will most likely have difficulty locating on a map. "Global House" is the name the university gave to the building when it was built but to us, Global House is so much more.
2. The freedom to do whatever it is you want. I can tell you for a fact that no two people experience Global House in the same way. You may have heard stories from people who have lived here but in no way does it that reflect what you, yourself will experience living here. Global House is the only dorm on campus where you will have a room all to yourself, of course you're sharing certain amenities with your friends but when you need it you can have the calm and quiet of your room to relax and study in when you need it.
3. The many events that we have throughout the year doesn't hurt either. Whatever kind of personality you have there will always be a way for you to participate in events. These events range from unit events to the yearly Global House ski trip. There seems to always be something going in Global House that you probably won't be able to participate in every single event.
4. Being not only close to the school but close to many parts of Tokyo are accessible with a quick trip to the train station. Of course this is true for all the dorms but nevertheless it's pretty useful when you want to travel around Tokyo all year round.
5. Reasons 5-72 (68 in total), are all the individual people who you will be able to become friends with here at Global House. You may not get along with every single person but you'll be sure to find people whom you will be glad you became friends with when you go back. The diversity and sheer number of people here might make it difficult to become friends with every single person here but for sure there will be plenty of people at all hours of the day.

These 72 reasons are only a starting off point for all Global House has to offer. I could go on and on about why you should put Global House as your first choice but that might ruin your experience here. So let me give you a brief account on my experience in Global House so far.

Global House has many moving parts and each of them are as great as the next. First there is a biannual soccer/football game among the dorms. Our team is called Sekai Boyz but anyone is welcome to join. Whether you've played soccer before or have never been on a field in your entire life it is a great way to make friends and share in the glory that is the Okada Cup.

Other events include; a skit performance at the ICU dorm's festival, several parties throughout the year for basically anything we can come up with, Global House ski trip, unit events that people host with their roommates, and many more. There are so many ways that you can socialize and meet all of the residents at Global House. But don't worry there's also plenty of time to study and enjoy Japan as a whole.

Global House will give you everything you need to make your stay in Japan a great adventure. From the time I started living here have built very close bonds with a handful of friends that I continue to treasure to this day, and went from rarely if ever participating in dormitory events to eventually becoming vice president.

In the end there is really no way to explain what Global House is like, you'll have to come and experience it yourself. What I have written is only a part of what you might experience in your time here. And remember this is just the dorm. There's so much fun to be had at ICU, Tokyo and Japan in general.

I hope that this has been at least somewhat useful in understanding what living in Global House will be like, but in the end it's really up to you to decide which dorm you want to live in, if at all. But in the case you do decide to turn up at Global House, we look forward to welcoming you in the following year!

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