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On November 2, the 66th Ikoma Festival started. The first event was Opening Parade by the Cheering Party Club and the Brass Band Club in Kinki University. The Cheering Party Club' members hoisted **Cheering flags**. The flags streamed in the wind and attracted spectators' attention. In this year's parade, Kinki University students performed many dances. A professional **choreographer** coached them. The Brass Band Club joined the musical performance, and Nagase Station and the Kindai Street were **bustling with** them from early morning.

The parade arrived at Kinki University, and Opening Ceremony started. Cheerleaders showed an acrobatic performance. The 66th Ikoma Festival got started with resounded music and spectators' clapping.



The Brass Band walked and played music.



The cheer leading squad had huge flag.

## Miss Kinki University Contest

by H. Hatakeyama

On the evening of November 2nd, the Miss Kinki University Contest was held. Seven beautiful women

among a total of twenty passed a **rigorous** screening. November Hall was decorated in the motif of a **smash hit**

movie of 2014. Then, they showed off their charm with a short drama of telling of their loves. They showed their talents at dancing and **drawing somebody's portrait**. Spectators gave them shouts of joy.

After the two-hour screening, this year's Miss Kinki University was announced to be Yurie Nishitani. We asked her impression. She said, "I'm a lucky that I won more than the third prize. I thank my supporters."



Yurie won Miss Queen!



They performed the situation, "I love you!"

# “Akizuki Embu”

by Y. Takeuchi



On November 3, “Akizuki Embu” was held by the Aikido Club, **the Pole Swords Club**, the Shorinji Kempo Club, and the Iaido Club. Each club performed many techniques that they had practiced. The Aikido Club performed a drama with Aikido. The Pole Swords Club battled with the Kendo Club using different weapons. Pole swords and bamboo swords were hit in high spirits. Both clubs fought and refused to yield to the other side. The Shorinji Kempo Club broke boards and roof tiles with their hits and kicks. The moment they did so, the spectators gave shouts of joy. The Iaido Club cut through **straw** with a real sword. The spectator clapped their hands for the performers.

Yuki Haraguchi, the Pole Swords Club manager, said, “We want to improve our personal technique so that everyone can understand the effort we make.”

# “Tokyo Karankoron” at Kindai

by R. Ueda

On November 3rd, a charity concert was held. The guests were “Tokyo Karankoron.” The first song started with a quick tempo. As they sang songs, the excitement of the audience reached a climax. When concert drew to a close, they performed a special song that they usually don't play at a live concert. It was “Sayonara bye-bye Malutese”, written by Lily Franky. The excitement of the tunes up to this point changed into a ballad and the audience was extremely moved. “Tokyo Karankoron” played an encore for the audience; the charity concert ended as a great success.

“Tokyo Karankoron” said, “We want you to enjoy your life anyway and use today's concert as nourishment.” After this, we want you to take notice of “Tokyo Karankoron's” music.



# “OTA-ON Parade Volume5”

by R. Ueda

On November 4th, OTA-ON Parade Volume 5 was held in Memorial Hall. Four student bands in cosplay costumes played many popular anime songs that included “Don't Say Lazy” from “K-ON”. The spectators waved chemical lights and enjoyed student bands' music.

Moreover, the singer Yuge appeared on stage as a special guest. He sang three songs, including “Kasabuta” from “Zatch Bell”. His powerful voice resounded in the hall. Finally, he and the student band members sang “God Knows” by Aya Hirano. This event finished with this climax.

# Christmas around the world

by Y. Yamamoto

Christmas customs around the world are different from the ones in Japan. This will help you learn more about foreign cultures.

Theme	Japan	Foreign countries
Shops during the Christmas season	Have sale events until December 25	《New Zealand》 Almost all the shops are closed.(Christmas is spent with family)
Decoration of top of the tree	Top star (Imitation of <b>star of Bethlehem</b> )	《the United Kingdom》 Christmas angel (Imitation of <b>saint</b> and angel)
Idea	A kind of event	《Europe and America》 Celebration festival of Christ’s birth
Customs	No custom in particular	《Mexico》 Visit houses in town and sing songs, over nine days before Christmas.
Vacation days	Not a <b>national holiday</b>	《Europe》 12/24～1/1 《America and Korea and China》 12/25

# We are “Sabotenza”

by Y. Matsuoka



On October 10, 2014, the play “dOt” was held by the **SABOTENZA-Dramatic Club** on a **small stage in the Club Center**. All costumes and sets were made by themselves. Only second year students participated in this drama.

The theme of the drama was “**a different result than expected**. In the drama, *NEET*, **students who failed their entrance exams** and college students who may not be able to graduate tried hard to change their situations, were the main characters. Their situations were not humorous, but they talked in the style of *manzai*, Osaka comedy, and was acted in a comical way that made the audience laugh. The stage attracted a large audience that filled all the seats. This drama finished with a great applause.

# Christmas Lights Festival

By K. Otsuka

Winter has come again. We can go to see Christmas lights in many places this time of the year. We will introduce two events that Kinki University students can go to easily.

## 1. Twilight Fantasy (November 5-January18) at JR Osaka Station

The theme of the festival is ‘the sea and **starlit sky**’. It is in *Toki-no-hiroba* Plaza, downtown Umeda. The **ceiling** is covered with a **veil** that depicts the starlit sky. A shooting star appears twice an hour there. Moreover, a Christmas tree with an image of a **fountain** of lights is set up from December 1st to 25th.

## 2. Universal Wonder Christmas (November 14 - January 6) at USJ

You can see a Christmas tree there, which has a **Guinness Book of World Record** for having the most Christmas lights in the world. The tree will be illuminated and an opera with Christmas themes will be performed near the tree.

PLUS: Don’t forget our own Christmas Lights Festival on the Main Campus from 4:20 until 10pm every night until February 6<sup>th</sup>.

Let’s enjoy a romantic night by looking at these Christmas lights.

# New Year’s Prayers

By T. Sakaguchi

A major New Year’s event in Japan is “*Hatsumoude*.” “*Hatsumoude*” is an event that most people look forward to each year. It is when people visit a shrine at the beginning of the New Year and pray about their goals for the year. Some people might wonder which shrine to go to, so here are three recommended shrines in Kyoto to visit.

## 1. Ebisu Shrine

*Ebisu* Shrine is devoted to the god of business success, “*Ebisu-sama*”. This shrine is near *Gion-shijo* Station on the *Keihan* Line. We can get to Ebisu Shrine from this station in 5 minutes on foot. “*Toka-ebisu-taisai (Hatsu-ebisu)*” Festival is held for 5 days in January. We can get lucky charms for business success and happiness at home during this period.

## 2. Yasaka Shrine

We can pray for “*Yakuyoke*” in *Yasaka* Shrine. “*Yakuyoke*” means that we pray to live safely without accidents. We can walk to this shrine from *Gion-shijo* Station on the *Keihan* Line or *Kawaramachi* Station on the *Hankyu* Line in 10 minutes on foot. Moreover, we can go there from far places by car if we use the **expressway**. About 1 million people visit this shrine from January 1st to 3rd, and *Yasaka* Shrine is the second most-visited shrine after *Fushimi-inari* Shrine in Kyoto during this period.

## 3. Imakumano Shrine

People can pray for long, good healthy lives at *Imakumano* Shrine. We can reach the main hall of this shrine in 15 minutes on foot from Kyoto Station on the JR Line. “*Shinnen-kigan-sai*” is held from 9 am on January 1. Visitors pray on New Year’s Eve that **misfortunes** from the past year will not be brought to the new year. This is a traditional custom.



Dear  
Tori-chan,

Hello, everyone! I’m Tori-Chan. It’s already winter. Let’s solve the troubles you have in winter.



What are the things that we can do only in winter?

Well, in winter, snow falls. So let’s do something with snow! For example, there is skiing and snowboarding. I think that having a snowball fight is a good game. A snowball fight is when we throw balls of snow at each other. When we ski or snowboard, we need some expensive equipment, but for a snowball fight we only need snow.



We will have second-semester final examinations after the winter vacation. How should I study?

Winter vacation is for 1 week, so, you should start studying for exams as early as possible. Maybe, you think it’s hard to do so at first, but how about studying for 30 minutes first? It is helpful for you to look over your textbooks and notebooks one more time.

Kinki University Central Library is open for the first five days for the winter vacation. It has quiet spaces and many reference books. They will help motivate you.

\* Kinki University Central Library  
Hours \*  
24~26, December, 2014 and 6~7,  
January, 2015  
9:00 a.m. ~ 6:00 p.m.

# Meaning and Vocabulary

編集担当の高見です。11月に開催された生駒祭には行きましたか？やはり西日本最大級ならではの迫力でした。1P, 2Pはそんな生駒祭がテーマです。そして、もうすぐ冬休みがやってきますね。皆さんはどう過ごされるのでしょうか？3P, 4Pではクリスマス、お正月での過ごし方のアドバイスを載せています。参考にしてみてください。もちろん勉強もしっかりね。

## Page1

今年も開催された生駒祭、賑やかなスタートを飾るオープニングパレード。

そして、近大の美女たちがミスコン1位の座を狙う。

### 【オープニングパレード】

- Cheering flags = 団旗
- choreographer = 振付師
- bustling with = 活気にあふれている

### 【ミスコン】

- rigorous = 厳しい
- smash hit = 大ヒットした
- drawing somebody's portrait = 似顔絵を描く

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秋月演武、チャリティーコンサート、ヲタ音パレードと生駒祭のイベントが盛りだくさん。

### 【秋月演武】

- The Pole Swords Club = 薙刀同好会
- straw = 藁

## Page3

世界各国のクリスマスの過ごし方を紹介。

### 【クリスマス】

- star of Bethlehem = ベツレヘムの星
- saint = 聖人
- national holiday = 祝日

我ら演劇部、霸王樹座！！

連携のとれた演技が観客を魅了させた。

### 【サボテン座】

- atelier "dOt" = アトリエ公演「dOt」
- SABOTENZA-Dramatic Club  
= 演劇部霸王樹座
- small stage in the Club Center  
= クラブセンター内小劇場
- a result of different from expectation  
= 期待と裏腹の結果
- student who failed entrance exam  
= 浪人生
- atelier "Seeing is believing"  
= アトリエ公演「百聞は一見にしかず」

## Page4

この時期、近大生におすすめなイルミネーションを紹介。

そして正月といえば初詣。神社にはそれぞれのご利益が存在するので自分の見合った所に初詣に行ってみてはいかがだろうか？

### 【イルミネーション】

- starlit sky = 星空
- ceiling = 天井
- veil = ヴェール
- fountain = 噴水
- Guinness Book of World Records  
= ギネス世界記録

### 【初詣】

- expressway = 高速道路
- misfortune = 災厄

# E-cube Activity Schedule

## December:

15 Mon:	Christmas Craft	with Angelica
17 Wed:	Christmas Characters	with Bret
18 Thu:	Christmas Muffins	with Johnna
19 Fry:	Delicious Hot Chocolate	with Mark
22 Mon:	Film Challenge	with Brandon



### Activity Hours:

3rd Period [1:20 p.m. ~ 2:00 p.m.]

4th Period [3:00 p.m. ~ 3:40 p.m.]

5th Period [4:40 p.m. ~ 5:20 p.m.]



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## TOEIC ® Test Registration

January 9<sup>th</sup> (Fri) - 20<sup>th</sup> (Tues)

**Test: February 7**

3,100 yen (test time

A.10:00-12:30, B. 2:00-4:00)



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