

HIMEJI INTERNATIONAL SCHOOL



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Location



Would you like to prepare your future potential in a city with World Heritage, Himeji Castle?

Himeji city, where Himeji International school is located, is at the core of west of Hyogo prefecture in Kansai area, having a population of about 520, 000. With a moderate climate facing the Inland Sea, traffic access to Osaka or Kyoto is convenient. At Himeji station there is the old Tokaido Line as well as the Shinkansen train stops. The symbol of the city is a national treasure Himeji Castle. It was designated as the first World Heritage site in Japan in 1993, since then visitors come from all over the world to see it. Not only is the city rich in tradition and history, but it also provides the administrative functions of the city, so students can live their lives comfortably and conveniently.

Taking pride in 100 years' of traditions, have turned out over forty thousand graduates

Himeji International School was founded in 1921. It is a traditional school which takes pride in over 100 years' of history. There have been about forty thousand graduates and at the present, there are 22 classes with over 600 students from all three grades'. Each student works hard with their own goals. All educational activities developed under the goals which explain how to raise a capable new generation that accepts diversity and creates a sustainable society while living together, by following "independence" and "living together" as guiding principles.

Interchanging programs are prosperous with Himeji Harvest Medical Welfare College and Okamoto Harvest Kindergarten.





Principal of Himeji International School :
Masahiko Suruga

Study in Japan and meet the world! Nurture living power in a new period in Himeji International School!

Himeji city, well known for the World Heritage Site Himeji Castle, has a long history, filled with abundant nature. Its superb convenience makes life easy. Before Covid-19, more than 300,000 tourists visited Himeji yearly and enjoyed walking about.

Himeji International School is located at the center of this fascinating city. This is a school with a long tradition of devoting to girls' education. Since 1921, we have emphasized "education of mind" . Students learn correct manners and how to greet in Cultural Study every week to grow their generous spirits. We also put our efforts into acquiring knowledge about how to live in a new era. At present, when the world is changing on a large scale, it is indispensable to study Liberal Arts' Education and International Education in order to understand the diversity, deepen the thought, and train their abilities to take their own actions.

I would like them to accomplish their self-realization and nurture their abilities to contribute to society standing on the world stage.

The environment to pursue this goal is well prepared in Himeji International School. We provide enriched lessons, school events, club activities and various International Programs day by day, and we are able to connect not only to people within the school but also to many people in society and around the world. I highly encourage you to join us here and spend a precious three years meeting with people around the world while staying in Japan.

We raise internationally cultured people

Since Himeji International School was founded in 1921, “to nurture hearts” has been very important. Our original subject, “Kyoyou” , raised students with generous spirits by teaching proper etiquette and manners as well as teaching the proper way of talking. In addition to this, we take a serious view of the situation of new education corresponding to the change of the new era. We are raising “internationally cultured individuals” of the new era, who participate in society independently, accompanied with Japanese traditional culture and International viewpoints, which emphasizing liberal arts education and international education as well.



Internationally Cultured Individual

International Education

English Shower ALT
Sister Schools Short & Long Term Study Abroad

Liberal Arts

Sports' Day Cultural Festival
Seminar Type Lesson Club Activity

Cultural Study

Japanese culture Greeting
School mottoes “Sincerity • Love and Respect • Courtesy
Manners Heart to sympathize with others around yourself.



Grasp the issues in contemporary society and understand diversity

From ancient times, it was liberal arts that helped to free human beings. Spreading its framework further, touching on issues in contemporary society, we are developing liberal arts education as a learning technique to understand the diversity behind it. We seek answers for “why” and “what for” , placing liberal arts at the center of every two Saturdays’ lessons. We grow three thinking abilities personally by finding subjects in society with external lecturers who are actively involved in the international field, as well as deepening understanding of various cultures.

Ability to ask questions:

Ability to judge whether it is right or not, after questioning one’s existing sense of value and common sense.

Ability of decision-making:

Ability to discover their own world view, after thinking independently with a diversifying sense of value.

Ability to constitute

Ability to constitute the route by organically connecting knowledge, information with human relations.



In liberal arts lessons, students learn independently in each seminar

SDGs Basic

We learn SDGs as a theme. Picking out various problems out of 17 goals such as poverty, family problems, labor and environmental circumstances, we take an active part in discussion in a unit of class.



Research · design

Every student chooses their own interesting theme, sets up their own research questions and presents their own research papers, after deepening their understanding through experimentation or survey interview.



Liberal Arts Seminar

We invite external lecturers who are actively involved in their various fields and open a seminar for special fields. Each student belongs to a certain desired seminar and is connected to social issues which they are dealing with continuously right now.



Music Culture

It is a special lesson conducted by musicians who are actively involved in the world. By learning music more academically and literary, they can touch upon profound meanings of music appreciation and enjoy learning culture.



To raise people actively involved in the world who acquire global viewpoints and cognitive abilities

Aiming at the ideal of international people, we are developing high-level international education providing both quality and quantity. For English education, 6 native ALTs are actively teaching and in the classroom English is promoted. We opened an English room where students can enjoy English conversation during break time or after school. In addition to providing lessons, we prepare various international programs such as exchange programs with four sister schools from four countries as well as New York UN study tours.



The Exchange Program in partnership with sister schools is a guide to the world

An integral part of our relationship with our sister schools, is the exchange program that we have with each of our sister schools, and helps us strengthen these relationships. The exchange program accepts both long and short term students, as well as holding study tours for those students enrolled on the program.

In addition to the exchange program, Himeji International School is also planning to open offshore schools in Paraguay and Indonesia.

Khema Siri Memorial High School, Thailand

Founded in 1932, Khema Siri Memorial High School provides education to elementary school, junior high school, and senior high school students. Totalling approximately 2000 students, Khema Siri Memorial High School is known for its well-mannered students, and by emphasizing the importance of English education, continues to produce many students who go onto study at national universities in Thailand.

Nazareth High School, Warsaw, Poland

Founded in 1919, Nazareth High School is a private Catholic girls' school operated by the Nazarene nuns' association. It is a school composed of junior and senior high school and has a student population of around 330. In high school, there is an international course set up which has a program to certify the baccalaureate.

Tarakanita the First High School, Indonesia

Founded in 1962, located in south Jakarta, it is one of the high schools operated by the Tarakanita Foundation that was established by Netherland Catholic sisters. The number of students is about 400. They aim to raise young students into educated and capable women.

Japan Paraguay School, Paraguay

Founded in 2001, this school was established by a former Paraguayan Ambassador to Japan. This school offers education to students beginning from kindergarten to high school. At present, there are about 350 students who have origins from Japan.



Khema Siri Memorial High School



Nazareth High School



Tarakanita the First High School

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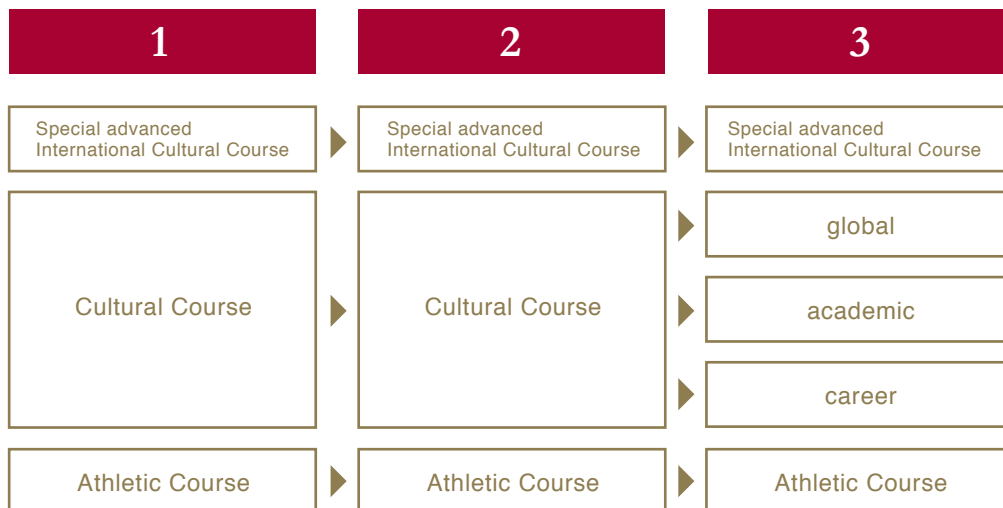
Our
Three Year
Program

**By selecting from one of
the three available study courses,
students are able to tailor their education towards
their own individual needs**

Through the careful guidance in and out of classes, we support individual students to improve their academic achievement. We have developed the most suitable curriculum for each of them. We offer individual academic and career guidance, based on each student's individual career wishes and academic ability.

The curriculum we have developed is specially geared towards providing each student with the skills and tools they will need to achieve their goal.

Course



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Our
Three Year
Program

Special advanced International Cultural Course

The special advanced international cultural course provides students with an extensive education. Through the use of additional seventh period classes on Tuesdays and Thursdays, supplementary lessons, and outside learning opportunities such as international exchanges and overnight field trips, our students are provided with an education that delivers not only in quantity, but most importantly quality. In addition to providing a curriculum that enables students to study abroad, we provide support those students wishing to enter highly selective Japanese national and private universities.



Cultural Course

Our curriculum meets each students individual needs, whether that is entering university or a specialized vocational school, studying abroad, or employment in a local company. All students begin their studies on the same curriculum, but in their third year study, students are able to choose their own path of study from three different available curriculums; “Global”, “Academic” and “Career”.



Athletic Course

The Athletic Course is specifically designed for members of soccer, volleyball, kendo, softball, and track and field club. This course creates an environment that enables students to help each other develop and improve their athletic skills, and grow as individuals.



**Special advanced
international
Cultural Course**

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Helping to realize their future career in Japan or overseas

We provide programs for students to study overseas as well as to enter a university, college or specialized schools in Japan. We put forth all of our strength not only in measures to take examinations at high-level national universities or private universities, but also in preparation for university entrance examination by using recommendations from designated high schools.

Programs to study overseas

Dual Diploma Program

We work in alliance with Providence Country Day School (PCDS) located on the east coast of the USA. Attending an online curriculum of PCDS enables students to obtain dual diplomas from the U.S.A. and Japan. After finishing this program, if students have a good record, they will be permitted to choose from 18 universities which have a partnership with PCDS.



International Program in liaison with universities and high school

Students, who finish the curriculum at Himeji International School and have Practical English Proficiency above the 2nd level of the Eiken test, will be permitted to enter California State University Merced College (MC) after taking 8 weeks in the English Training Program.





Let's enjoy after-school activities!

Sports Clubs: (☆Intensive club)



☆ Soccer club



☆ Volleyball club



☆ Softball club



☆ Kendo (Japanese fencing) club



☆ Track-and-field sports club



Golf club



Basketball club



Badminton club



Soft tennis club



Table tennis club



Dancing club

Culture Clubs:(☆Intensive club)



☆ Guitar/Mandarin club



Pottery Club



Tea ceremony club



Flower arrangement



Kimono club



Gardening Club



Book club



Art club



Handicraft club



Broadcast club



Chemistry club



Music club



Brass band club



Calligraphy & pen club



Drama club



IT club



Math club



E.S.S. club



Literature club



Photographic club

Special Clubs



Interact Club



S club

There are a lot of events through a year

4 April

Entrance Ceremony/ Hiruzen Heights' Spring Camp (1st graders) / Arrival of Exchange students from Stella Duce 1st and 2nd high school from Indonesia / Commemoration day of the school founder



Entrance Ceremony

5 May

Sports Festival /
Study trip to the Republic of Poland (interested students) /
Arrival of Kehma Siri Memorial High school (every other year)



Sports Festival

6 June

Guidance for securing employment (3rd graders)



Study trip to the Republic of Poland

7 July

Students' counselors' election / Study trip to the Republic of Indonesia (interested students, every other year) / Study trip to Thailand (interested students, every other year) / Lecture meeting for college oriented



Study trip to the Republic of Indonesia

8 August

Seminar trip to World Heritage site (1st and 2nd graders)
Liberal Arts Summer camp (1st graders)



Study trip to Thailand

9 September

School trip (2nd graders) / Bus trip (1st and 3rd graders)



Seminar trip to World Heritage site

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School
Yearly Events

10 October

Arrival of Nazareth High School of the Republic of Poland / Cultural Festival



Liberal Arts Summer camp

11 November

Festival of Specialized school Harvest (1st and 2nd graders)



School trip

12 December

Music Festival / Authorization of manners



Arrival of Nazareth High School of the Republic of Poland

1 January

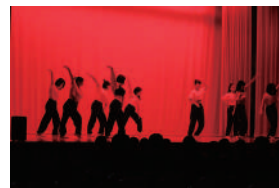
Graduation recognition test



Cultural Festival

2 February

Learning of Table manners (3rd grades) /
New York SDGs Seminar Trip/ Liberal Arts Festival



Music Festival

3 March

Graduation Ceremony /
Language Seminar by Portland State University in U.S.A.
(for those interested)



New York SDGs Seminar Trip

People say that they are cute and fashionable!



Facilities and equipment which retain a dignified appearance starting with the Memorial Auditorium



The main gate



North Building for high school



South Building for junior high school



Kengaku-no-niwa
(garden of the school's establishment)



Auditorium (gymnasium)



Yuho-kan (for martial arts)



Hakurin-kan
(for table tennis / dance studio)



A playground



A dining hall



Manners' room



Information-processing and
Computer Room



Multipurpose Room

- 1921* The founder, Shizuo Suruga, established Kyouai Dress- making Girls' School in Kogenjimae in Himeji City
- 1927* The name was changed to Himeji Girls' Vocational School
- 1932* A new school building and dormitory were built in Toyosawa (presently Toyosawa Town) in Himeji City
- 1948* The name was changed to Hyogo-ken Harima High School
- 1969* The school song was written.
- 1992* No.1 Information-processing and Computer Room was completed.
- 1993* The school emblem was launched and new school uniform was introduced.
- 1993* Hiruzen Plateau Seminar House was completed.
- 2005* Sister school partnership was implemented with Khema Siri Memorial School in the Kingdom of Thailand.
- 2007* Okamoto Harvest Kindergarten was opened.
- 2008* Himeji Harvest School Specializing in medical care and welfare was opened.
- 2011* Sister school partnership was implemented with Nazareth High School in the Republic of Poland.
- 2013* Sister school partnership was implemented with Tarakanita No. 1 High School in the Republic of Indonesia.
- 2014* Keiaikan (dormitory for exchanged students) was completed.
- 2019* South Building was completed.
- 2020* The name was changed to Himeji International School.
- 2020* Himeji International School and Providence Country Day School reached an agreement on educational cooperation.
- 2021* Sister school partnership was implemented with Japan Paraguay School located in Paraguay.
- 2021* Himeji International Junior High School was opened.



Exchange students at Himeji International School are fully supported in all aspects of their student life

Japanese Language Education

International Exchange students undergo intensive Japanese language study, as well as Japanese history and culture classes. After six months, exchange students are able to participate with Himeji International School students in regular classes, whilst continuing with their Japanese language classes. Language classes at Himeji International school are designed to develop students understanding of Japanese language and society, as well as help international exchange students who wish to enter Japanese universities.

Support for living in Japan

Support for international exchange students is provided by the International cooperation development center. The center oversees the Exchange program, and employs English speaking staff who are available for assistance, if required. Tuition is exempted for international honor students, and scholarships are available for eligible students wishing to enter Japanese universities.

Accommodation

Conveniently located walking distance to the school, fully furnished dormitory rooms are available for our international students. Nutritious meals are provided three times a day, by our resident staff.



Keiai-kan (a dormitory for exchange students)



Kurenai-so (students' dormitory)

Himeji International School is located about 5 minutes' walking distance from JR Himeji station. The Shinkansen train stops at Himeji station, so it is easily accessed from either Tokyo, Osaka and Hakata regions. The nearest airport is either Kansai International Airport or Kobe Airport. From Kansai International Airport, you take the Shinkansen train at Shin-Osaka station. From Kobe Airport, you get on JR local train at Sannomiya for around 40 minutes. Please use the Shinkansen at Tokyo station from Kanto regions (Haneda Airport, Narita Airport) and use the Shinkansen at Hakata station from Kyushu regions.



Airplane

- From Narita Airport • Haneda Airport - transit to Kansai Area or take Shinkansen train from Tokyo station
- From Osaka International Airport it takes one hour and 20 minutes by limousine bus
- From Kansai International Airport it takes about 2 hours and 10 minutes by limousine bus
- From Kobe Airport / by using Portliner and changing to the JR Sannomiya line it takes about one hour on the new rapid train.

Shinkansen train

- From Tokyo about 3 hours and 10 minutes
- From Nagoya about one hour and 20 minutes
- From Hakata about two hours and 15 minutes

Local train

- Five minute walk from JR Himeji station to the school

