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Aoba-Japan International School students perform. AOBA-JAPAN INTERNATIONAL SCHOOL



KAIS International School students aim for the top. KAIS INTERNATIONAL SCHOOL

The diversity of international schools in Japan

James Yellowlees Ph.D.

JAPANESE SOCIETY is becoming increasingly diverse as more non-Japanese come to reside, work and study in Japan, international marriages become more common, and larger numbers of Japanese professionals work and reside overseas. The offspring of the last category are referred to as "returnees" and the traditional Japanese school system is struggling to accommodate them in meaningful ways.

International schools in Japan have been diverse in terms of student demographics and have created successful bases for integrating students with varying ethnic, religious, national and academic backgrounds.

St. Mary's International School is celebrating its 60th anniversary and is a good example of how a traditional international school in Tokyo has adapted to the new realities. "We have been able to invest in

our school, resources and sports infrastructures and maintain a good curriculum that is attractive to a diverse international and Japanese student population, said Headmaster Saburo Kagei. "Although the number of what have been conventional expats has changed we have been able to maintain good student numbers by cultivating the newer kind of expats and international and Japanese families who value a global education with a strong tradition that solidifies it."

At neighboring Seisen International School, the investment in sports and other infrastructure is also continuing. "We are very proud of our soccer field, new fitness training room, and other facilities," noted Sister Margaret Scott, head of school.

"It helps our student athletic teams to be successful and the girls to develop more cohesion and confidence," she said. This is very important as our student population is becoming increasingly diverse and we are trying to get our students to become more globally minded and to reach for the top in

terms of grades, universities they enter and career choices they make."

Aoba-Japan International School in Hikarigaoka, Nerima Ward, in Tokyo, has a very diverse school population and offers full support for incoming students, such as ESL and Value Education Programs, if required, to help them acclimatize to an international school environment.

"Our summer program in 2014 was very diverse and successful as we got local kids who were interested in learning English and participating in sports, school trips and other activities using English," noted Summer Program Director Greg Culos. "The opportunities to play soccer and to travel together to Tohoku proved to be especially popular," he said.

K. International School in Tokyo's Koto Ward largely serves the international community that lives on the east side of Tokyo.





"K. International School is unique as it offers an IB curriculum in English at affordable tuition rates," said Director of Education Jeff Jones.

"This price level, combined with a quality curriculum and good infrastructure means that a more diverse population in Tokyo is able to afford an international school education."

KAIS International School in Shinagawa Ward prepares junior high and high school students for study at overseas, mainly U.S. universities.

"We try to get the students focused on what it will be like to study at higher level universities in the U.S. and other countries," said head of school Thomas House. "We are able to accomplish excellent results with this focus and with smaller numbers of students in each class so that each student gets a lot of attention."

Tokyo Inter-High School offers the ultimate in learning flexibility. "The classes are mainly online and students can study at home or come to our Shibuya campus for support," said founder and school Principal Katsuhiko Watanabe. "This way we are able to serve diverse needs on an individual basis."

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KIST is a pre-K to G12 school with around 600 students representing 50 nationalities. KIST is authorized as an IB World School to offer the PYP, MYP and DP.

Hyogo **Kobe**

Canadian Academy (Pre-K – Grade 12)

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Tokyo **Meguro**

KAIS International School

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KAIS International School, a small "boutique" international school located in Meguro, Tokyo, is unique in providing a diverse, holistic, creative, affordable, and rigorous education to international Junior High and High School students.

Hyogo **Kobe**

Marist Brothers International School

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Tokyo **Shibuya**

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Inter-High School

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Tokyo **Shibuya**

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Ritsumeikan Uji Junior and Senior High School is a leading IB World School located in Uji city in south Kyoto. The school has both boarding and day students.

Tokyo **Shinjuku**

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Seisen International School is a Catholic, all-girls school for grades 1-12 with a coed Montessori Kindergarten, and a Toddler program for 2-year-old children. The highly academic programs which include PYP, IGCSE and IBDP are well-balanced with many extra-curricular activities at all levels.

Tokyo **Shibuya**

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The school offers various short courses and diploma programs in Japanese, English and Chinese in Cuisine, Pastry, Bakery, Wine, Cheese, Tea, Coffee, French Art de Vivre, and regularly organizes events and seminars at La Boutique located at its 1st floor.

Tokyo **Setagaya**

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LE CORDON BLEU

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Hyogo **Kobe**

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St. Michael's International School, a British School in the Anglican tradition, provides a quality Primary education within a positive culture of excellence and a caring family community.

The demand for quality International Schools in Japan, and for concise information on these schools, is growing rapidly in Japan.

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The online Directory can be found on the Global Daigaku.com website www.globaldaigaku.com in both English and Japanese. Most of the schools in this Directory have profiles on the site so please visit it for more detailed and updated information.



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A chef discusses strategy at Le Cordon Bleu Tokyo. LE CORDON BLEU INTERNATIONAL Co.



Variety of post-secondary education programs

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RESIDENTS IN KANTO AND KANSAI have an increasing array of continuing education options to consider.

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in Japanese."

The Lakeland College Japan Campus offers a broad range of undergraduate programs in Tokyo and has flexible admissions. Our programs offer students an opportunity to gain credits and confidence and most of the students proceed to complete university degrees," said Interim Dean and Director of External Affairs Alan Brender.

Concordia University of the U.S. and the London School of Business and Finance are offering a 16-month blended-learning MBA program in Tokyo.

"It is very low-cost, relatively easy to enter (no GMAT or GRE tests are required) and participants can complete their MBA degrees while they work," said LSBF Director Andrew Malley.

Expanding international preschools, kindergartens

THE NUMBER OF NEW International preschools and kindergartens in Japan is growing rapidly as the international population is steadily increasing and more Japanese families are seeking education in English-speaking environments for their children.

"We have several new inquiries every day," said Kspace Kindergarten and Pre-school founder Juliet Rogove. All of the parents are seeking fun, active learning environments and that is what we are providing in our very good Shiroganedai location."

Newly established Aoyama International Daycare and Learning Center (AIDLC) is conveniently located near Omotesando in Tokyo and is a smaller school that offers a home-like atmosphere and flexible programs and hours. "We are like a big, happy

family here," noted Head Teacher Ana Marie Gervacio. "We like to sing lots of songs and focus on fun and creative learning activities."

Ai International School in Mita offers a multi-age learning environment for preschoolers (aged 1 to 3) and kindergartners (aged 4 to 6). "More than anything, we want the children to really enjoy learning and to become lifelong learners," said school director Eri Ohashi.

Columbia International School is continuing its innovative approaches to preparing children at the preschool and kindergarten levels for moving on to the next level. "Our numbers keep growing," said Columbia principal Barry McCliggott. **(JY)**

Kansai trends

ST. MICHAEL'S International School has been operating for over 60 years and has a strong international learning legacy in Kobe. It was established in 1946 and provides a British-based education for students aged 3 to 11 in the Kitano area of Kobe.

"At St. Michael's we make a big effort to include the local community members in our festivals and other activities and open the school for English language learning," said head of school Gill Tyrer.

Deutsche Schule-European School in Kobe is unique within Japan. "We are the only school that combines German and EU concepts," noted Gerhard Leberz, the school principal. "Our students represent ten different nationalities and we offer mother-tongue lessons in Japanese, French,

English and German."

Canadian Academy in Kobe just completed its 100th anniversary year. Canadian Academy keeps rolling along," said head of school D.J. Condon. At CA we combine tradition and legacy in Japan with flexibility and innovation."

"What sets us apart at Osaka International School of Kwansai Gakuin (OIS) is that we are co-located with Senri High School, a school that mainly supports Japanese returnees, said new head of school, Bill Kralovec. "Our students essentially get double value with two schools on one campus."

Marist Brothers International School in Kobe covers preschool through grade 12 in a friendly, smaller-school environment. "At Marist we combine traditional values with a smaller school level of personal care and fun extra-curricular activities," said head of school Marijana Munro. **(JY)**

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