

## PEARL Information Session (25<sup>th</sup> August, 2018)

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### About Keio University

Keio University is a private, comprehensive higher educational institution located on six campuses spread across the Greater Tokyo area.

Founded in 1858 by Yukichi Fukuzawa, Keio was Japan's first private institution of modern higher learning.

Keio is recognized both nationally and internationally for its quality as a university. In 2016, The Center for World University Rankings (CWUR) placed Keio University 33rd in the world and 5th in Asia.

### About Keio Economics

The Faculty of Economics at Keio is one of the leading economics departments in Japan.

The Faculty of Economics at Keio also boasts the largest number of professors and students of any economics faculty in Japan.

Keio economics alumni hold positions of leadership in politics, business, and academia.

Each year, about 350 of our graduates find employment in Fortune Global 500 companies.

### PEARL is an acronym for Programme in Economics for Alliances, Research and Leadership

**Alliances** because we produce graduates who build economic alliances in Asia and beyond, and because we are an international hub of economics research and education.

**Research** because by following the Keio tradition of “han-gaku, han-kyo” (learning while teaching, teaching while learning), professors and students work together to produce globally recognised research and researchers.

**Leadership** because as intended by our founder, Yukichi Fukuzawa, our graduates are destined to become leaders who design the future.

### Why PEARL?

PEARL is Keio at its most traditional, and at its most innovative. PEARL is designed to help minds grow in wisdom and knowledge like pearls grow in beauty and lustre.

- PEARL is an All-English BA/MA Degree Programme, which offers a world-class education in liberal arts and advanced economics.
- Admission is limited to 100 students.
- The academic year begins in September.
- PEARL is designed to foster the global leaders of tomorrow.

## **PEARL Offers:**

- The opportunity to earn a Bachelor's and a Master's degree within five years.
- Lectures by professors from partner universities abroad, and two-way distance learning using the internet and other resources.
- A chance to study abroad at one of our many partner universities.
- A chance to apply to our BA and/or MA Double Degree Programmes with the Paris Institute of Political Studies (Sciences Po), Bocconi University in Milan, Brandeis University, HEC Paris or CEMS
- Classes in economics and the modernisation of Japan, as well as business-related classes and internships.
- Intensive Japanese language courses for international students interested in working in Japanese companies or institutions.
- Membership in Mita-kai, a strong global network of Keio alumni who are active in the private and public sectors.
- An ideal location in one of the world's safest and most cosmopolitan cities.

## **Curriculum at the Hiyoshi Campus: the first and second years**

Students in their first and second years are required to take courses in Liberal Arts (General Education), Foreign Languages and Introductory economics.

**Liberal Arts:** Natural Sciences/Mathematics, Humanities/Social Sciences, Interdisciplinary

**Languages:** English, German, French, Chinese, Spanish, Japanese (Non-native Japanese speakers only)

## **Economics and Related Classes, Mandatory Classes:**

- Microeconomics
- Macroeconomics
- Economic History
- Introduction to the Japanese Economy
- Historical Perspectives in Economic Analysis
- Statistics

## **Mandatory Elective or Elective Classes:**

- Econometrics
- History of Economic Thought
- Economics and Environment
- Marxian Economics
- Mathematics (Calculus, Linear Algebra, Probability Theory)

## **Curriculum at the Mita Campus: the third and fourth years**

Students in the third and fourth years are required to learn advanced level economics and be ready to write a graduation thesis or research paper.

### **Fields:**

- Economic Theory
- Econometrics and Statistics
- History of Economic Thought
- Economic History
- Labor and Industrial Economics
- Economic Policy and Public Finance
- Modern Economic Systems
- International Economics
- Environmental and Urban Economics
- Economy and Society

### **Advanced courses:**

- Research Seminar
- Professional Career Programme (PCP)
- Independent Research Project

## **BA/MA Five Year Programme with HEC:**

- HEC (The “Etablissement d'Enseignement Supérieur Consulaire Hautes Etudes Commerciales de Paris”) is one of the most selective French grandes écoles. It was created in 1881 by the Paris Chamber of Commerce and Industry.
- Students enrolled in PEARL at Keio are eligible to apply to the BA/MA Five Year Programme with HEC.
- Keio PEARL students study for 3 years at Keio, then 2 years at HEC.
- If they meet the requirements, they will be awarded a BA in Economics from Keio after their 4th year and a Master in Management from HEC after their 5th year in the programme.

For more information, please visit

<http://www.econ.keio.ac.jp/en/undergraduate/pearl/hec5yrbama>

## Other Options for Studying Abroad:

- BA/MA Five Year Programme with Sciences Po
- BA/MA Five Year Programme with Bocconi
- BA/MA Five Year Programme with Brandeis
- BA/MA Five Year Programme with Cologne
- BA/MA Five Year Programme with the Graduate School of Economics at Keio
  
- Double Degree Programme with Sciences Po
- Double Degree Programme with Università Bocconi
- University-wide Exchange Programmes
- Faculty-wide Exchange Programmes
- Short-term Programmes

and more programmes are coming soon.

## Application Schedule for 2019 Entry and Application Documents:

The information can be found on the following page:

<https://www.keio.ac.jp/en/admissions/undergraduate/pearl/>

## Admissions Statistics 2017-18:

	Number of Applicants			Number of Successful Applicants		
	Total	Male : Female	Japanese : Other Nationalities	Total	Male : Female	Japanese : Other Nationalities
2017	498	257 : 241	299 : 199	187	84 : 103	103 : 84
2018	475	214 : 261	229 : 246	169	65 : 104	89 : 80

For more information, please read the Application Guidebook for September 2018 Entry available at <https://www.keio.ac.jp/en/admissions/undergraduate/pearl/>

## Tuition and Application Fee

Application Fee: Applicants are required to pay an application fee of JPY 35,000.

Tuition: FY2018	(JP Yen)
Admission Fee	200,000
Registration Fee	60,000
Tuition Fee	860,000
Facilities Fee	190,000
Other Fees	8,350
<b>Total (1st year)</b>	<b>1,318,350</b>
<b>Total (2nd-4th year)</b>	<b>1,118,250</b>

There is no additional fee for participating in and completing the PEARL programme.

## Students' Housing Information:

Extremely limited availability, especially to September entrants.

These links provide some information:

- Housing for Japanese students:

<https://www.keio.ac.jp/ja/student-life/housing.html>

- Housing for international students (students who stay in Japan with a student visa):

[http://www.ic.keio.ac.jp/en/life/housing/ryu\\_boshu.html](http://www.ic.keio.ac.jp/en/life/housing/ryu_boshu.html)

- Two new International Dormitories opened this Spring

(Motosumiyoshi International Dormitory and

Tsunashima SST International Dormitory):

<https://www.keio.ac.jp/en/news/2018/Apr/5/48-43325/>

## Q & A about the PEARL programme

Q. Can PEARL students have a chance to study abroad?

A. All PEARL students can apply to exchange programmes with foreign universities.

PEARL students can apply to the exchange programmes which Keio University has with over one hundred top universities in Asia, Oceania, North America, South America, Europe, and the Middle East.

Please see pages 37-38 in the following booklet:

<https://www.keio.ac.jp/ja/assets/download/about/learn-more/publications/index/keio-university-academics-en.pdf>

Furthermore, the Faculty of Economics has its own exchange programmes with the following universities:

- Fudan University, School of Economics (China)
- HEC Paris (Undergraduate students only) (France)
- Goethe University Frankfurt, Faculty of Economics and Business Administration (Germany)
- Bocconi University (Italy)
- Yonsei University, College of Business and Economics (Korea)
- Erasmus University Rotterdam, Erasmus School of Economics (Netherlands)
- Norwegian School of Economics (NHH) (Norway)
- University of St. Gallen (Switzerland)
- National Taiwan University, College of Social Science (Taiwan)
- Chulalongkorn University, Faculty of Economics (Thailand)
- University of Glasgow (U.K.)
- University of California, Education Abroad Program (U.S.A.)

and more

Q. What is the goal of PEARL? What are strengths of PEARL?

A. PEARL aims to turn out graduates who can design the future, and who are ready to tackle challenging issues and thrive in the global arena. Unlike many other all-English programmes in Japan, we are a programme focused on economics, offering a world-class education in liberal arts and advanced economics. Our strengths are the faculty members who are world-class researchers and educators at the same time, and the strong tradition of Keio as an incubator of economic and political leaders with a world-wide network.

Q. What is the intention behind creating the PEARL programme?

A. A key word is “diversity”. We welcome students with diverse backgrounds and aim at turning out graduates who understand cultural sensitivities, who can think outside the box and hit the ground running. This would be beneficial not just to Keio, but also for the entire economy and society.

Q. Can PEARL compete globally with other programmes in English at other universities and around the world?

A. Teaching in Japanese means universities and faculties are protected by what some have called the “language barrier”. We chose to remove this barrier and to enter the global arena of competition, because we were ready for it.

Q. Who will be faculty members?

A. All of the Japanese professors have degrees from foreign universities and/or experience of research abroad. Our faculty includes scholars from Germany, France, the UK, Korea, China, Australia, and the USA. We will also invite professors from our partner universities from all over the world.

Q. PEARL students start in September, the other students start in April. Would this be a source of confusion and or concern?

A. We already have students who start at Keio in September. These are students in the Double BA Programme with Sciences Po, and other exchange programmes. If anything, such students have positive influences on the students already at Keio, expanding the latter's horizons and encouraging flexibility.

Q. What subjects can I study in the PEARL Programme?

A. The curriculum for PEARL is nearly identical to the regular BA programme offered in Japanese by the Faculty of Economics at Keio. As a reference, here is the page explaining our curriculum: <http://www.econ.keio.ac.jp/en/undergraduate/pearl/curriculum>

Q. How big are the classes in the PEARL programme?

A. Classes vary in size. Major subject classes are mandatory, so all of the approximately 100 PEARL students will be taking them. Classes for which you have choices, such as language classes and seminar classes will be much smaller.

Q. Can I take both PCP and Research Seminar courses at the same time?

A. There are no rules against that. Students who choose to do so should understand that the workload will be that much heavier.

Q. How can I apply to the Double Degree Programme with Sciences Po or Bocconi, or the five year BA/MA Programme with HEC?

A. - For information about the Double BA Programme between Keio University and Sciences Po, please visit

<http://www.econ.keio.ac.jp/en/undergraduate/abroad/sciences-po>

\* Please note that the screening of the Double BA Programme with Sciences Po is usually held in March, immediately after results of the Application Period II are announced. Therefore students who would like to apply to PEARL and join the Double BA Programme with Sciences Po need to apply to PEARL by the Application Period II.

- For information about the Double BA Programme between Keio University and Università Bocconi, please visit

<http://www.econ.keio.ac.jp/en/undergraduate/abroad/bocconi>

\* It is highly likely that PEARL students will require more than four years to complete all the graduation requirements of the two degrees as many of the courses Bocconi requires you to take at Keio are offered only in Japanese, and their credits cannot be counted towards graduation from PEARL.

- For information about the BA/MA Five Year Programme between Keio University and HEC (a BA in economics from Keio and a Master in Management from HEC), please visit.

<http://www.econ.keio.ac.jp/en/undergraduate/pearl/hec5yrbama>

## **Q & A about the Admission Procedures**

Q. Are there minimum required standardized test scores?

A. No, there are no “cut-off” scores.

Q. What factors are considered in the admissions process?

A. Admissions decisions are never based on a single factor. It is important to remember that we review the applications holistically.



Q. Do I need to sit an interview?

A. No. Interviews are not part of the PEARL programme admissions/selection process.

Q. How long should the letter of reference be?

A. There is no requirement regarding the length of the letter(s) of reference.

Q. Do I need to prepare new application documents, including the written statement of the applicant's academic goals, if I apply multiple times?

A. If you apply multiple times, you will be required to submit some of the application documents including the written statement of the applicant's academic goals each time you apply. For more detailed information on the application and application documents, please read the following application guidebook carefully:

[https://www.keio.ac.jp/en/admissions/undergraduate/pearl/application\\_guidebook.pdf](https://www.keio.ac.jp/en/admissions/undergraduate/pearl/application_guidebook.pdf)

## **Q & A about after Graduation/Before Entry**

Q. What are the possible careers for PEARL students after graduation?

A. Please visit <http://www.econ.keio.ac.jp/en/undergraduate/carrier/career2015> for employment data.

Q. Can I take classes offered by the Faculty of Economics and use university facilities for a gap term?

A. We encourage PEARL students with gap terms to join the programme ELAS (English Language and Academic Studies) offered by SOAS (the School of Oriental and African Studies) at the University of London, if they can afford the additional cost. Details are available from the ELAS webpage, the link is on the leaflet contained in today's handout. We may be able to offer additional choices in future.

## **Q & A others**

Q. What is the ratio of Japanese students to students of other nationalities in the PEARL programme?

A. For the screening for the September 2016 entry, the ratio was about 6:4, the ratio for the September 2017 entry was 5.5:4.5

Q. Will I be able to join sporting activities and other “circles” at Keio?

A. Yes, but please consult the persons in charge regarding the fact that you are entering in September while most other students enter in April.

\*Please note that you can find more Q&A here:

<https://www.keio.ac.jp/en/admissions/undergraduate/pearl/faq.html>

Admissions Procedures for the PEARL Programme

<https://www.keio.ac.jp/en/admissions/undergraduate/pearl/>

PEARL websites: <http://pearl.keio.ac.jp/>

Admissions Center

[pearl\\_admissions@info.keio.ac.jp](mailto:pearl_admissions@info.keio.ac.jp)

## **Introduction of the PEARL Programme by first year students**

### **Speech by Riki Obe**

Good morning, and thank you so much for your attendance today. My name is Riki Obe, and I entered the PEARL program last September. Today, I have been given the privilege to discuss one of the most stimulating and unique years of my life.

I remember one year ago, I was sitting in this same auditorium, contemplating my future, just like many of you may be right now. I am happy to tell you, when I decided last January to join the PEARL program, it was one of the best decisions I have ever made.

During the last year, I have become friends with people who came from countries that I have never heard of. I have met classmates that I am sure are some of the brightest in this country today, whom I both aspire to and learn with.

One special quality of the PEARL program is the chance to learn with peers from a very diverse background. In the fall semester, we all took an “Introduction to Japanese Economy Class”, and even as a Japanese national, I was surprised at how little I knew about my own country’s economy. But what made the class truly interesting was that I got to hear how foreign students viewed Japan’s economy. Their thoughts and ideas provided a more holistic understanding for all of us on the subject.

Being in such an environment has influenced my personal studies as well. I had always been interested in Asia, and elected to study Chinese as my second foreign language. Being around Chinese peers allowed me to test my Chinese, and furthered my interest in

the country.

In fact, starting this September, I will be studying at Fudan University in Shanghai for a year through one of the many study-abroad programs offered to Keio students.

One of the key themes of the PEARL program is to educate students who can “design the future”. I believe my experiences here will allow me to do just that, by not only receiving a world-class education but by receiving a strong helping hand in the first stages of my career, through the many job-hunting opportunities that Keio is so well known for.

Hopefully, some of you will make the choice to join our new community. I truly look forward to seeing you on campus, and forming a new ring, a new layer for our pearl. Thank you.

### **Speech by Leona Maruyama**

Good morning, ladies and gentlemen. My name is Leona Maruyama, and I am a first year student studying here at Keio University, in the PEARL program. Today, I am here to talk about my experience in the PEARL program, and to discuss what the PEARL program has to offer, not only in terms of education, but also of opportunities.

The year I spent studying economics in the PEARL program has been nothing short of fascinating. In retrospect, I regard my decision to study at Keio University as one of, if not, the best decision I had ever made. Of course, it was not a very smooth ride – the biggest reason being the workload I faced. The classes, especially the mandatory ones such as statistics and introductory economics courses are rigorous and extremely challenging. Despite having sailed through AP Macroeconomics and Microeconomics, as well as AP Statistics during high school, I felt that PEARL students were held to much higher academic standards and expectations than I was used to. Having said that, I now realize that this is the beauty of the PEARL program. What education holds meaning, if it does not make you struggle, and challenge you? How else would you grow not only as a student, but also as an individual human being? Perhaps you may not always find yourself required to challenge your own ideas or question concepts in-depth in your high school classes. After all, these traits are not easily taught. Needless to say, the PEARL program emphasizes the foundation of analytical minds, offering students an environment conducive for intellectual maturity, one in which they are inspired to persevere and pursue academic goals they set for themselves.

Following this train of thought, as what the acronym PEARL stands for suggests, the PEARL program offers an extensive education in economics, encompassing a wide range of different courses to target specific areas of economics students may wish to study, such as economic history and environmental economics. This provides students with a backbone of in-depth knowledge of economics to aid them in determining their identities as economic

thinkers and world-class leaders. Despite the PEARL program having been established within the Faculty of Economics, however, it does not limit students from learning other subjects they may be interested in. In fact, the PEARL program offers an interdisciplinary liberal arts curriculum for the first two years, during which students can seize the variety of course choices offered, all the way from gerontology, or the study of old age, to an introductory course to cosmology. While remaining structured and concrete, the alternative education options integrated within the program's curriculum allows students to remain well-rounded, constantly exploring different fields of academia.

To add on, among the myriad of ways why I find the PEARL program amazing, exposure is the element that most instills captivation within me. Exposure to a culturally diverse student body, a vivacious ambiance where students can all challenge their norms, and to a plethora of questions that will always have you all thinking and discussing with peers and professors. Think of the PEARL program as a kaleidoscope of different and unique viewpoints, cultures, and ideas, full of broad-minding thinkers who are multilingual and multicultural. During classes, students are encouraged to exchange opinions, actively collaborate, and even debate, rather than having to sit through traditional stand-and-deliver lectures. Every class is a chance to expand your horizons, where you are given the opportunity to become a proponent of collaboration among both the students and the professors within classrooms.

As for final remarks, I believe the PEARL program is where students can explore the multiple angles at which they can go beyond boundaries. It is where young thinkers can discover and give themselves a holistic perspective on how they can incorporate multidisciplinary ways of approaching and seeking solutions to economic issues. It is where mentors spark forward thinking and an international mindset. Finally, it is where individuals can seamlessly immerse themselves in the field of economics, propelling themselves into becoming global leaders who will stand at the universal frontier. What's to stop you from taking part in this wonderful experience? Come study at Keio University's PEARL program for a life-changing experience, where everyday is filled with inspiration, innovation, and ingenuity. Thank you for listening to my speech today.

### **Speech by Hiroki Endo**

To start off, I would like to thank all of you for coming here today and showing your interest to our program. It feels a bit strange because, even though I am standing here today speaking for the university, I was probably sitting right over there two years ago today. For me process of applying and choosing which university to go was very tough, difficult and confusing. And I am sure the other two PEARL students here felt the same. So I really hope my few words today can somehow help you survive through this difficult time of your life.

Overall, I can definitely say that I am very satisfied with this program. There are two main reasons. First, it is the quality of other students I am studying with. On my first day at PEARL, I met around 20 students from the program. A year has past since then. Now, out of the 20, 2 have already become CEOs by starting their own company. Another one has established his own students club, which now has over 60 members. Considering that student clubs here usually consists of 30 or less members, it is simply amazing. Another two started to produce their own music. What's good about them is they make everything on their own. So, they make their own beats, lyrics, and sing by themselves. So, basically in this program you are going to be studying with students who are creative, passionate and smart in a way that you don't often come across in other places especially in other Japanese universities. For me, being able to interact with such people is very inspiring and it is having positive impact on my personal growth. Then, last but not least, I really like ramen, and there are many good ramen places around campus. To put it simply, they are fantastic. So I strongly recommend you trying one if you had a chance. Those are two things I wanted to share with you today and I wish all you a good luck on your university application.