

Programme Guide
for
Shinshu University
Taiwan-Japan International Collaborative Learning Programme 2026

I About the Programme and Venue

Shinshu University (Faculty of Economics and Law) is launching an international education programme focused on community management for regional revitalization. In partnership with local organisations and municipal authorities, the programme offers field-based learning in innovative local agriculture, active social participation of elderly people, education in remote and depopulated regions, and renewable energy ventures for regional sustainability. Fieldwork studies will be conducted in Nagawa, a mountainous district of Matsumoto City in Nagano Prefecture (historically known as Shinshu), an area renowned for its rich natural environment and distinctive culture. Students from Taiwan are invited to participate in collaborative learning with Shinshu University students, fostering experiential engagement and cross-cultural exchange.

II Learning Objectives

The programme aims to develop a comparative regional perspective through the following learning objectives:

1. Understanding regional challenges
Specific social, economic, and environmental issues facing communities in remote and depopulated areas will be identified.
2. Adopting management and resource perspectives
Methods by which local resources, organisations, and community activities are managed to support sustainable regional development will be discovered.
3. Developing regional and international comparative perspectives
Similarities and differences between regions and countries will be analysed to understand diverse development approaches.
4. Exploring approaches to address local challenges
Practical and collaborative strategies for addressing challenges confronting local communities will be examined.
5. Enhancing intercultural communication skills

Opportunities for active engagement in cross-cultural interactions and collaborative learning within an international team environment will be provided.

III Participation Requirements

Students participating in this programme are expected to show a collaborative spirit, a problem-solving mindset, and creativity. Additionally, since they will be learning alongside students from Japan, proficiency in Japanese or English is preferred. However, language ability is not a requirement for participation (Chinese translations are provided for all parts of the programme).

IV Schedule

The programme is composed of two parts: “Online collaborative learning sessions (Pre-fieldwork studies)” and “Fieldwork studies”, both of which require full participation. At the end of the fieldwork part, students are expected to complete a group report in collaboration with peers from both Taiwan and Japan.

Timetable: Pre-fieldwork studies (Online sessions)

Date	Time (JST)	Topics
20 May (Wed)	16:20 -	Overview of regional revitalization issues, including industrial development, community sustainability, maintenance of public services, etc.
27 May (Wed)	17:50	
3 June (Wed)	16:00 - 17:00	Key points in community management for regional revitalization
Japanese-Chinese interpretation will be provided.		

Timetable: Fieldwork studies (in Nagawa District)

Date	Time	Activities	Notes
11 June (Thu)		<p><u>Please arrive in Matsumoto City, Nagano Prefecture by 11 June at the latest and stay overnight.</u> Arrangements for transport and accommodation should be made by each participant. (JR “Azusa” limited express trains require just over 2.5 hours for the journey between Tokyo’s Shinjuku Station and Matsumoto. The one-way trip costs 6,730 JPY and is covered by the Japan Rail Pass and JR East Pass.) Meet at Matsumoto Station on the morning of 12 June for departure to Nagawa.</p>	

12 June (Fri)	12:00 - 13:00	Welcome lunch	Nagawa Community Centre
	13:00 - 13:30	Orientation and safety instructions	
	14:00 - 16:00	Fieldwork on educational initiatives in remote and depopulated regions	Nagawa Elementary and Junior High School
	16:30 - 17:30	Reflection on fieldwork and group discussion	Nagawa Community Centre
	18:30 -	Dinner	Guesthouses
13 June (Sat)	09:00 - 09:30	Joint orientation session	Nagawa Community Centre
	09:30 - 12:00	Dialogue with elderly members of the community: Health and longevity, happiness, and sustainable rural communities	
	12:00 - 13:00	Local cuisine experience and lunch	
	13:00 - 15:30	Renewable energy practices in mountainous regions: Site visit to a small-scale hydropower facility	Joint with Satoyama Energy Co., Ltd.
	15:30 - 17:30	Reflection on fieldwork and group discussion	Nagawa Community Centre
	18:30 -	Dinner	Guesthouses
14 June (Sun)	09:00 - 12:00	Innovative agricultural initiatives in rural communities: Site visit to the terraced rice fields	Joint with NPO Agri-Nagawa
	12:00 - 13:00	Local cuisine experience and lunch	Nagawa Community Centre
	13:00 - 17:00	Group work: Reflection and final presentation preparation	
	18:00 - 19:00	Dinner	Guesthouses
	19:00 - 21:00	Self-organised group discussion and preparation	

15 June (Mon)	09:00 - 11:00	Final presentation session	Nagawa Community Centre
	11:00 - 11:30	Informational exchange and programme conclusion	
	12:00 - 13:00	Farewell Lunch	
	13:00 -	Participant departure from Nagawa	
	Participants must arrange their own transport and accommodation for their return journey to Taiwan.		
Japanese-Chinese interpretation will be provided.			

V Programme Fee and Insurance

1. Participation Fee: 42,600 JPY

The fee covers only the field programme in Nagawa District from 12-15 June.

(1) Accommodation:

11,200 JPY per night (includes dinner and breakfast), 3 nights

(2) Lunch:

1,500 JPY per meal, 4 meals

(3) Miscellaneous programme expenses:

3,000 JPY (local transport, material costs, etc.)

The above fee does not include international airfare, transportation to Matsumoto, post-programme travel arrangements, personal expenses (e.g., souvenirs and incidental costs), and any accommodation costs not specified above.

2. Insurance

Participants must arrange their own insurance. Please consult the responsible staff at your home university.

VI Application and Payment Procedure

Student application deadline: Thursday, 30 April 2026

(If a member of staff from the applicant's university wishes to participate in order to act as a supervisor or similar, please contact the enquiry details below.)

Maximum number of student participants per university: 4 persons

(Subject to the number of applications received, participation exceeding the above limit may be accepted.)

How to apply: Please fill in the required details on the form at the link below.

<https://forms.gle/e8kfWCBEkQrcQrX59>

Confirmation of participation and payment procedure: Participation will be confirmed after the application review process. Accepted participants will receive further instructions regarding the programme fee payment, including the payment deadline.

VII Enquiries

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