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SPORT - BASEBALL

THE ROAD TO VICTORY

This May Meiji University baseball club won the spring league of Tokyo Big-Six Baseball League. It was for the first time in three seasons. They have won the league 38 times since the league started in 1925. The championship game was held at Meiji Jingu Stadium. Meiji played against Rikkyo University, who they defeated by three runs to one. It was the first time in history that although they were defeated by each team once, they won a perfect victory.



During the spring league of 2013, Meiji baseball club played sixteen matches. It was the most in history, but in this spring league, they played the same number. As soon as their victory was decided, the players rushed out into the mound with their face beaming with smiles. Many players think that they could win the league for the sake of their power of unity.

SPRING SEASON TABLE

	Meiji	Rikkyo	Hosei	Keio	Waseda	Tokyo	Game	Win	Lose	Draw	Points
Meiji	—	○○○	○○○	◆○○○	○○○	○○○	16	10	5	1	5
Rikkyo	●○○	—	○○●	○○	○○	●○○	13	8	5	0	3
Hosei	●○○	●○○	—	●●	●○○	●○○	14	7	7	0	3
Keio	◆●○○	●●	○○	—	○○●	○○	13	6	6	1	2
Waseda	●○○	●●	○○●	●○○	—	○○	13	6	7	0	2
Tokyo	●○○	○○●	○○●	●●	●●	—	13	3	10	0	0

THE START OF THE FALL SEASON

Meiji baseball club won the big-6 baseball league in the spring season. The autumn season started on September 10th. Meiji's team played a game against Tokyo University. On Saturday's game, at the top of second inning, the Tokyo University team scored the first run. But at the bottom of the inning, Meiji's team scored three runs. After that, Meiji's team got a big score and won the game. Also on Sunday, Meiji's team scored first, but Tokyo University scored four runs after that. The game was at a deadlock, but at the top of eighth inning, Meiji's team reversed the score and won the game! So Meiji got the winning point. In 2013, Meiji achieved wins in both the spring and autumn seasons. Last year, Waseda University did the same too. It is so difficult, but the Meiji baseball team can certainly achieve it.



Let's go to Jingu Stadium and cheer on the Meiji Baseball team!



SPORT - SOCCER

VICTORY FOR THE FIRST TIME

The Prime Minister's Cup is one of the most important Japanese university soccer trophies. All Japanese universities can participate in this Cup and compete for the trophy. This Cup is held every year and if a team could win this Cup, the team can get a trophy, gold medals and entry qualifications for the All Japan University Championship.

HEAD COUCH'S COMMENT

We won the Prime Minister's Cup for the first time in the history of Meiji soccer club. We had to play a match every 2 days, so finally we played 5 matches. They were very demanding and tough. However, we won this cup because the players fought for the team.

A PLAYER'S COMMENT

I think the third time is when the truth will out. I felt the pressure because only I experienced the final three times. I had a sense of relief because we finally won this cup.



INTRODUCTION OF TEAM

Meiji University Football Club was established in 1921, and has won a lot of titles up to date. The bluish purple kit which is the symbol of Meiji University has not changed even now.

Players have pride in Meiji spirits and practice every day. And many professional football players have put on the purple shirt. Yuto Nagatomo used to be a member of the team. Then he moved to FCTOKYO and he finally moved to Football Club Internazionale Milano (Intel). This team is one of the most famous teams in the world, and he is doing well now. Recently Shogo Muroya, who is a member of Meiji, was chosen to play for the Japan national team. He is expected to be a great player by a lot of people. Like this, many soccer players graduate from Meiji University. Maybe Meiji will get a lot of titles.



USUAL PRACTICE

We will introduce the usual practice of Meiji soccer. Monday is off and from Tuesday to Friday the players have practice. On Saturday and Sunday they play games. Mostly Wednesday is the hardest training of the week. The next day players relax their bodies. The purpose of Wednesday's practice is to strengthen the players. Specifically players play a game with the number of people less than normal, or do a bodily training competition on a small court. The strength of Meiji soccer may be the usual practice.

Why don't you go to see a game, if you have time?



EDITORIAL - CHANGES

LONGER LECTURES

From spring 2017, length of classes at Meiji University will change widely. Below are tables of classes for 2017. The biggest change will be 100 minutes-classes and modules. This change will decrease the length of term from 15 weeks to 14 weeks but this change will increase the length of each class. This change is not only extending each class by 10 minutes. The 100 minutes will be divided into 2 modules. The first module will be used for lecturing and the second module will be used for testing and discussion. Morning, lunch and night modules will start. These three modules will be used for bonus classes.

period	Izumi, Surugadai and Nakano	Ikuta
1	9:00~10:30	8:50~10:20
2	10:40~12:10	10:30~12:00
lunch time	12:10~13:00	12:00~13:00
3	13:00~14:30	13:00~14:31
4	14:40~16:10	14:40~16:11
5	16:20~17:50	16:20~17:51
6	18:00~19:30	18:00~19:31
7	19:40~21:10	19:40~21:11

period	module	all campus
morning	m	8:00~8:50
1	a	9:00~9:50
	b	9:50~10:40
2	a	10:50~11:40
	b	11:40~12:30
Lunch	m	12:35~13:25
3	a	13:30~14:20
	b	14:20~15:10
4	a	15:20~16:10
	b	16:10~17:00
5	a	17:10~18:00
	b	18:00~18:50
6	a	19:00~19:50
	b	19:50~20:40
Night	m	20:50~21:40

The graph on the right is the new timetable and the graph above is the present timetable. In the new timetable the **regular modules** (a and b) will be normal classes but **new modules** (morning, lunch and night) will be bonus classes. The morning module will be used for bonus and the night module will be used for adult classes.

INTERVIEW WITH A TOKYO UNIVERSITY STUDENT

Tokyo University has started long lectures of 105 minutes this year, so we interviewed a university student to get his opinion on the longer lectures.

Q: What do you feel is hard about your new lectures?

A: Listening. I think it makes me so tired just listening to teacher's lectures.

Q: In fact, do the teachers use all the time of their lectures?

A: Yes. They have to do a lot of things in their lectures. So I think 90-minute lectures may be short of their Syllabus.

Q: Are you in trouble with your lifestyle because of the 105-minute lectures?

A: Yes. Our university advanced the start of the first period and delayed the end of the last period. So I should be in university most of weekdays. It's so hard for me.

Q: Which lectures do you like 90-minutes or 105-minutes?

A: I'd like 90-minutes lectures because I can't concentrate on long lectures. I like short lectures even if we should have lectures 15 times.

Do you agree or disagree with the changes?



SCANDAL – LAW EXAMS

CHEATING THE BAR

September 8, 2015, Professor Aoyagi, who taught Constitution law in Meiji law school, was charged with leaking questions for the bar exam to his female student. According to other newspaper reports, he thought of his favourite female student as if she were his daughter.

At first, Professor Aoyagi's student failed the bar exam, so he decided to guide her studies. He had been a committee member of the bar exam since 2006. Furthermore he had written questions for the Constitution test and graded this exam.

From February to May 2015, Professor Aoyagi directly taught his student problems he had written himself. She passed bar exam that year, but her score was unusually high. The markers doubted the exam, and investigated this.

On September 8, Professor Aoyagi was accused of releasing the questions of the exam under the national government employee law by the Ministry of Justice.

On December 24, The Tokyo district court reached a decision. Professor Aoyagi was imprisoned for 1 year, suspended for 5 years. His student was prohibited from taking bar exam for 5 years.



Do you agree with our opinions on 'long lectures' and 'the bar exam'?



EDITORIALS – OUR VIEWS

LONG LECTURES

The long lectures will make us confused. Students should change their daily schedule. The interview suggests lectures will become harder than before and the schedule of classes will change a lot. Perhaps, the student's plans of taking the class they want to take will collapse because maybe the classes will be held at the same time.

I think the new longer lectures are not suitable for student's life. A big confusion is estimated next year.

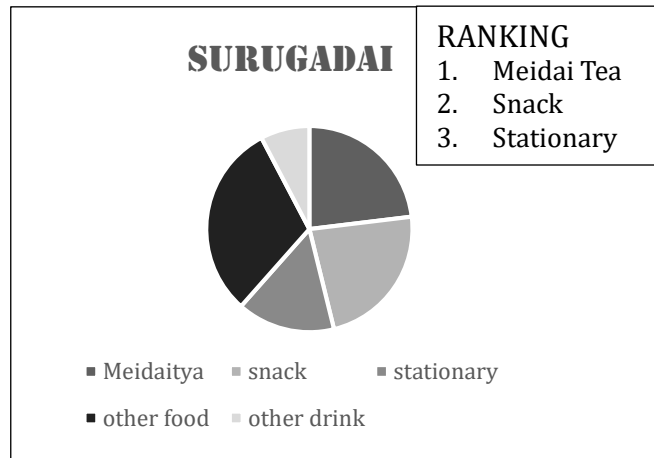
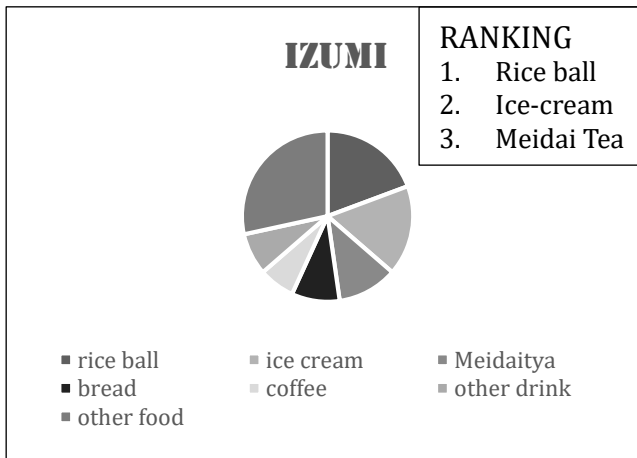
THE BAR EXAM

I think this incident lowered the value of the Bar exam. Many people doubt a lot of lawyers, public prosecutors and judges may have cheated to gain their positions. If this is true, the legal profession loses the confidence of the public. And many people won't take the Bar exam. I think the committee of the Bar exam must prevent problems like this happening in the future. The legal profession needs to help people who have trouble, so I hope that the effect of this problems vanishes.

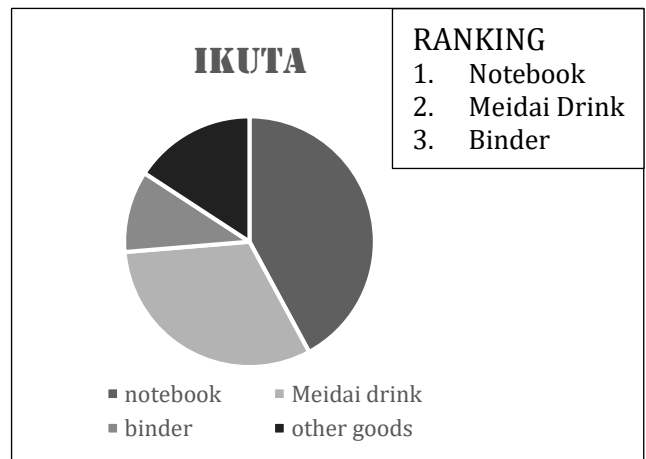
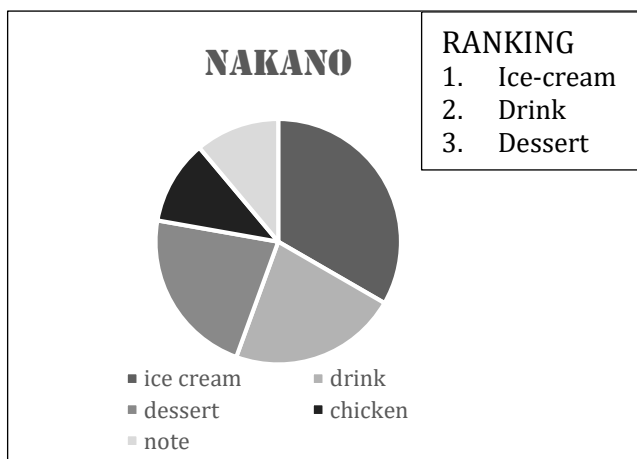
FOOD – MEIDAI MART

GREAT FOOD AT MEIDAI MART

The choices of the best food from each Meidai Mart in each campus are below.



In Izumi, rice balls are the most popular food. Many kind of rice balls are prepared so students can select various tastes. Students who use Meidai Mart need simple food, so maybe that is the reason why a rice ball is chosen. It is surprising that Meidai Tea is in the ranking of all campus, probably the cheap price seems popular with students.



Some things students want at Meidai Mart were also given. Some students suggested Oden, which is the good food to sell in winter. The difference between every campus is discovered. Each Meidai Mart has characteristic of selling goods. In Ikuta, electrical goods are more popular than other campus, for example, mobile battery, USB. In this survey, there is a difference between Meidai Marts. The way students use Meidai Mart is researched. The competition between each campus is very interesting. This article helps you understand the difference of each campus.

- THINGS STUDENTS WANT**
- IZUMI
Medicine, T-shirts of Meiji, mobile batteries
 - SURUGADAI
Drip coffee
 - IKUTA
Cheap drink,
Muzirushi goods
 - NAKANO
Baseball tickets,
fried chicken

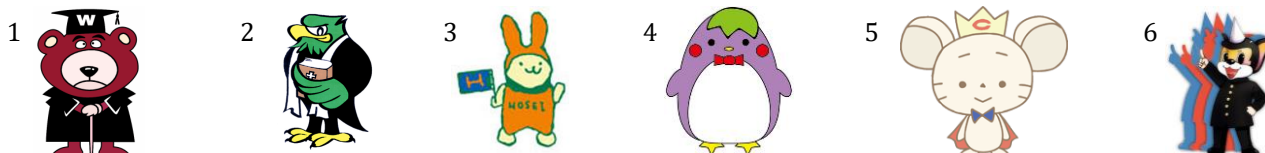


MASCOTS – MEIJIRO

MEIJIRO

MEIJIRO'S HISTORY

There are many famous characters in Japan. For example, prefectures, sport teams and universities all have their own character. Do you know the name and university of these characters?



What mascot of Meiji University do you imagine? Most people will imagine “Meiji-ro”. Meiji-ro became very famous. When we entered Meiji University, Meiji-ro has already been. Meiji-ro became the official character of Meiji University in 2009. It is not as long as everyone thinks.

In 2007, Meiji University set up a competition to decide a new mascot for Meiji University. The university gathered images of characters from students and faculty members. So Meiji-ro was chosen by a vote. In fact, the name of Meiji-ro was decided after the mascot was chosen. Previously the chosen name was Futa.



Look at the pictures on the right. They are “Liberty Bird” which was second in the competition and “Meigon” which was third.

MEIJIRO GOODS

Meiji-ro is popular with a wide age range of people as well as Meiji students. Meiji-ro is active widely in our community. For example, there are a lot of Meiji-ro goods; he appears at events on campus; he appears at local events around the campus, he cheers on the Meiji baseball team at the Tokyo Big 6 Baseball League and so on. Finally, this year, Meiji-ro appears in LINE creators stamp. How about buying various very cute Meiji-ro stamps?



There are various Meiji-ro goods in Meiji University, such as stuffed toys, stationery and key rings. Among of them, there is a big stuffed toy what is 45 centimetres tall. What are your favourite Meiji-ro goods?

ANSWERS

- 1 Waseda University ‘Waseda Bear’
- 3 Hosei University ‘Ekopyon’
- 5 Chuo University ‘Chu-ouji’

- 2 Aoyama University ‘Eago’
- 4 Rikkyo University ‘Esupen’
- 6 Keio University ‘Yunikno-kun’

TRAVEL

WHICH COUNTRY DO YOU WANT TO VISIT?

Do you like traveling? Traveling in Japan? Or traveling overseas? This article introduces the results of a questionnaire on overseas travel and some travel plans which you can go overseas inexpensively. We can use time freely now, it's time for experiencing overseas travel!!!!

RESULTS OF QUESTIONNAIRE

Have you ever been to overseas? Yes 70%, No 30%

Which country have you been to?	
1	The USA
2	Australia
3	The UK
4	South Korea
5	Singapore

Which country do you want to go to?	
1	The USA
2	Canada
3	The UK
4	Australia
5	Germany



TRAVEL INFORMATION

Meiji University provides Campus Support which supplies a range of plans for Meiji students. Of course, there are some plans for traveling but this system also introduces driving schools, study abroad, training camps and so on. We interviewed them about how we can travel overseas cheaper. We introduce plans for Guam, Seoul and Vancouver. Please take into account on your next trip!!

Guam	Seoul	Vancouver
4 days * Free plan program * You can join by yourself * You can choose the date 9/3, 9/6, 9/10, 9/13(2016)	3 days * You can join by yourself * Luggage's weight 20 kg * Free Trip	4 days * A-Grade hotel * Japanese staff
¥39,800	¥20,800~37,800	¥77,800~109,800

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