

Congratulations on your acceptance and a very warm welcome to ICU! I'm sure you're all very excited about starting your new life in university. Oak House, within the new dormitories, is the closest to the main and back gate of ICU campus, as well as it being only five minutes away from Honkan building, where we have most of our classes. As well as the advantages of living in an on-campus dormitory, we also promise you the meeting of wonderful people at Oak House. In all dorms, there are students from all over the world with various backgrounds and life styles. The same applies to each and everyone's interest in his or her academic field, providing the members around with further knowledge you may have not yet encountered, fulfilling our everyday life. From our wish to have more opportunities to engage amongst each other, we have planned multiple events. Right after entering ICU, an explanation from the elite older students will be held, informing how the complicated procedure of academic registration works at ICU, not forgetting to mention our fun Friday night gatherings whilst settling in, and throughout the year. No doubt there are concerns in all of you, about living with people you have never met before, but there is no need to worry. We are a community full of support and trust. Furthermore, as members of this house, we are all working together to achieve a comfortable living. Next year being the 6th anniversary of Oak House, we would love to have you join our community, engaging with peers, developing this dorm in to a further, more enjoyable and pleasurable home to be.

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Welcome to ICU! I will introduce you about the first floor of Oak House. There are many people who have different backgrounds. Actually, we did not have English speaker till last year but now I can hear someone speaks in English in lounge (Of course most of dorm members are native Japanese speakers). Therefore, you can learn Japanese in English through everyday life. Also, some graduate students live in 1st floor and 2nd floor. This is one of big features of Oak House because Ginkgo House and Zelkova House do not have any graduate students. This environment will help you to get better understanding in your major, so I want you to communicate with them. We hold many events. Movie-night, BBQ, and Oak House Trip are really fun! I recommend to join these events if you become our family. The biggest event is Okada Cup. This is a soccer competition. 5 dorms enter this event. It is held twice a year. Most People who lives in 1st floor practice for this cup. I am really looking forward to meet you!

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Each of the new dorms has a house color. Zelkova House is green, Ginkgo is yellow, and Oak is brown. Although it is not tangible, each floor in every one of these dorms is also like a small colorful box of crayons. We, Oak House second floor, are a group of calm and distinctive people. Especially the freshmen, who will be sophomores when you become a freshman, work at their own pace, but have a sense of responsibility and are very friendly. Many of us love music and we can hear beautiful singing from the kitchen. Even though our cultural and religious may vary, we talk and understand each other to make our floor comfortable place for everyone.

For most of you, this could be your first time to live in dorms. But there is nothing to be afraid of! Getting along with the others and having your own private time as well are possible at this Oak

House. It is your choice to come out of your room and sit around in the kitchen or in the social room to talk about classes or tomorrow's dinner, or to study for the midterm test that is coming up in a couple of days in your own room. There are many choices that you can make in Oak House second floor. We will support your choice and always be there for you. We are very excited to see you!

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"Neat and tidy" is what the third floor of Oak house is well known for. This image has been created by many of us, having a sense of responsibility and respect for others. This floor is full of students, who care about their surroundings in the way to maintain an easy-living environment for all. Also, when there are issues raised about dorm life or rules within the house, each of us takes it seriously in order to improve our dorm life. So far, it may miss lead you to think that maybe third floor Oak house is a place full of tight and strict rules. That is a big mistake! Our floor is always filled with cheer and laughter. Group works in our study to future talks in the kitchen, chatting with friends about relationship problems until late at night or playing card games on weekends. From eating out together to traveling together, we create new bonds amongst each other. By supporting and living together and further developing dorm life, it is an opportunity for you to make lifelong friends. Learning essential life skills of communication, respect and community living, why not join us in a once in a lifetime experience?

1st fl. Shirafuji Yuta (Junior)

2nd fl. Miyagi Wakana (Sophomore)

3rd fl. Tanaka Natsuko (Junior)



Oak All members



Kitchen



1st Floor



2nd Floor



3rd Floor