

(1st Floor)

Congratulations on your enrollment!

We are really excited to have you as part of our ICU family. From the beautiful colors of autumn leaves to the cherry blossoms of April mornings, what we want to share with you from this university is almost countless. We hope you will take advantage of all the academic and extracurricular opportunities that ICU got to offer.

Everyone in ICU is a family, but what we have at Ginkgo House is definitely something more than that. First floor Ginkgo house is filled with different types of personalities and we are all unique in our own ways. But our brotherhood would not be the same with even one person out of the picture. And we are extending our invitation to you to be part of our brotherhood.

There really isn't a single bland day in Ginkgo House. We are always doing something together, and someone is always cracking up at something. Some people would practice their dances in the middle of the night, and some will make delicious food for you (and desserts!) just when you realize you forgot to get some groceries the day before. The TV will constantly be on with the occasional spontaneous movie nights and game nights. And if you hear some people arguing at the top of their lungs, don't worry! It's just Super Smash Bros. Well, not "just" smash... we take it very seriously. Got to study? Need some career/academic/life advice? We've all been in your shoes, and we will always be there for you to help. There will always be somebody that will go to eat ramen with you, or even random Seven-Eleven runs between those hard studying during finals week. Oh, I almost forgot. Love sports? Play with us in the Okada soccer cup! Don't worry about experience! Most of us are beginners too, and we're all just there to have fun together. These are just a few of the many things we want to share with you.

But most importantly, Ginkgo house is filled with people who just want to get to know you and be closer brothers with you. Ginkgo house is an awesome place that respects and recognizes each other's differences and embraces each other's personalities and values.

We hope that we will be able to share these experiences with you! Come to Ginkgo House!

(2nd Floor)

Congratulations on your acceptance to ICU and welcome to our Isolated Crazy Utopia! I am sure you are excited yet nervous about your new life as a college student. But don't worry; this is and was the case for everyone. Your dorm life will not only allow you to create unforgettable memories and lasting friendships, but will also act as a support system whenever you're down and shape your college experience. For this reason, choosing a dorm that best suits your needs and personality is crucial. With that said, I would like to introduce to you my amazing dorm, Ginkgo House!

Ginkgo House was built in 2010 and is currently the newest dorm in use. Our signature color is yellow which reflects the cozy and comforting atmosphere. The dorm is right next to the cafeteria, "Gakki", and is the closest to the main hall, "Honkan", where most of your classes will be held.

The second floor in particular is very unique and is filled with people of different backgrounds and personalities. We are all very close and sociable. Many of us often go out for dinner, watch movies in the social area, and pull all-nighters together during exam season. The kitchen is by far

the liveliest area of the floor. There is always someone cooking or eating and I often go in just to grab a cup of coffee and end up catching up with friends for an hour. If you're lucky, sometimes you can catch people baking who will usually be willing to share.

My dorm-mates are the most empathetic and compassionate people I have ever met and I am constantly reminded of the fact I am surrounded by caring people who I can turn to when I need them most. Without a doubt, your life will change drastically during your college years. Your interests, friends, perspective, and career path may change as well. You may also encounter obstacles that seem impossible to conquer. But no matter what you may go through, your dorm will allow to feel safe and at home and I guarantee that Ginkgo House is your best option. However, regardless of where you end up, I hope that your life at ICU will be a fulfilling and enriching experience.

Hana Ishii 2nd Floor (Sophomore)

(3rd Floor)

Congratulations on your acceptance into ICU! Now that the difficult part of being accepted into the university is over, the time has come for you to decide on where you are going to stay while you're at ICU. Although it may seem like a daunting task, don't worry! I'm here to give you a brief overview of what the 3rd floor at Ginkgo House is like.

The residents on the 3rd floor of Ginkgo House consist of culturally diverse individuals from various countries, such as Malaysia, France, Thailand, the United States, and more. Living in a culturally diverse environment is great because you get to share your ideas, values, and experiences with one another and also because people bring back souvenirs from their home countries after a long holiday on which we get to feast on. Many on the 3rd floor also take part in circles and club activities, such as dance, music, sports, and theatre, so you'll sometimes see someone practicing a cool dance move in the social or be invited to watch a dorm mate perform a musical. There is never a dull moment on the 3rd floor. If someone is watching a movie in the social area, we gather and hold an impromptu movie night. If someone brings back food from their home country, we'll have a food party. If it's someone's birthday, we'll celebrate with birthday cakes.

The people here on the 3rd floor are so supportive, welcoming, and kind that you don't feel like you are away from home. Even when you are exhausted from studying or working that part time job, even when you are drowning in assignments and feeling stressed, there will always be someone to talk to who will listen, understand and cheer you up. Ginkgo House is a place where I can call my 'home away from home' and I have had the privilege of meeting some of the best people and made some of the best memories in Ginkgo House. It would be wonderful if I could share these experiences with you and I am looking forward to welcoming you to Ginkgo House.

GinkgoHouse 3F Sakura Kimura(Junior)



Ginkgo All members



1st Floor



2nd Floor



3rd Floor



Social room