

# Newsletter



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# LNBTI Students Impress Japanese Delegation: Honorable Parliamentary Vice Minister for Foreign Affairs of Japan Mrs. Akiko Ikuina Visited LNBTI

In a distinguished visit by Mrs. Akiko Ikuina the Honorable Parliamentary Vice Minister for Foreign Affairs of Japan, along with an esteemed delegation of nine, including senior officials from the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and the Japanese Ambassador to Sri Lanka, LNBTI students showcased their exceptional command of the Japanese language. The students engaged in fluent, comprehensive discussions in Japanese, effortlessly without needing English translation, reflecting the rigorous training and cultural proficiency nurtured at LNBTI. This exemplary

display took place during the delegation's brief visit on the occasion of our independence ceremony, underscoring our commitment to cultivating excellence and fostering international ties. We applaud our students for setting the highest standards of academic and interpersonal excellence, and we express our profound gratitude to our dedicated faculty for their unwavering support. Here's to forging lasting connections and gearing up for future triumphs in the Japanese job market!



LNBTI students are sharing their thoughts with the Honorable Vice Minister

### Japanese Ambassador of Sri Lanka Visited LNBTI to Strengthen Ties and Foster Educational Collaboration

The newly appointed Japanese Ambassador to Sri Lanka, His Excellency Isomata Akio, recently visited the LNBTI to enhance mutual understanding and strengthen the relationship between the university and the Japanese Embassy. During his visit, Ambassador H.E. Isomata had insightful discussions with the university's management, where they explored ways to further collaboration in areas of education, culture, and technology.

The Ambassador also took the opportunity to visit several classrooms, observing the enthusiasm and dedication

of the students. Ambassador also found time to engage directly with the students, providing a unique opportunity for students to share their ideas and aspirations. The interaction highlighted the potential for future educational exchanges and cooperation between Japan and LNBTI, fostering deeper cultural and academic ties.

This visit marks an important step in enhancing bilateral relations and creating a platform for further collaboration in education. Mr.Inoue Hiroki and Ms.Tanaka Sachi also joined the visit on this day.



The Ambassador visited several classrooms

### Renowned Japanese Journalist Mr. Ikegami Akira Visits LNBTI for Asahi TV Program, Exploring Japanese Culture and Global Labor Trends

Renowned Japanese journalist Mr. Ikegami Akira recently visited LNBTI as part of his Asahi TV program, gaining firsthand experience of the institution's dynamic teaching approach. The visit provided a unique opportunity to showcase the rich cultural exchange that LNBTI fosters through its programs.

Mr. Ikegami spent the day observing classes, engaging with students in Japanese, and participating in a traditional calligraphy session with newly joined students. In an advanced Japanese class, the journalist delved into

the complexities of polite expressions in the language, a key element of Japanese communication. As part of the visit, members of the Japanese Club at LNBTI were given the opportunity to engage in discussions about the Japanese language and its significance in both personal and professional contexts.

Additionally, Mr. Ikegami had an insightful conversation with Professor Ananda Kumara, LNBTI's Vice Chancellor, about the university's educational model (U-Turn Model of International Labor Migration.)



Mr. Ikegami Akira with LNBTI's Senior Students



Mr. Ikegami Akira shared ideas with LNBTI's
Japanese Club members.
He was highly impressed with the level of
Japanese language competency of Mr. Dumidu,
Ms. Linara, and Ms, Dulmini, our students, when
he was interviewing them. These three students
spoke fluent Japanese and responded to all
questions without the need for a translator.



Mr. Ikegami Akira participated in a calligraphy session with LNBTI's Students

### DIC Solution Engineering Inc (DIC- SE). Engages with undergraduates of LNBTI Japanese IT University in an Insightful Seminar on Job Opportunities and Technological Advancements

**DIC Solution Engineering Inc.** recently visited LNBTI Japanese IT University, where they hosted an insightful seminar aimed at introducing the company's job opportunities to students. The session provided a detailed overview of DIC- SE's work, mission, and the career paths available within the company.

DIC- SE is a leading Japanese company that specializes in providing advanced solutions in the fields of information and communication technology (ICT) and electrical control systems. Founded with the goal of enhancing the quality and reliability of technological systems, the company delivers comprehensive services that span system design, integration, implementation, and ongoing support. Based in Japan, the company focuses on applying cutting-edge technologies to improve social infrastructure and industrial operations. The company supports industries in the design and maintenance of sophisticated control systems for a variety of applications, including energy, transportation, and manufacturing sectors. Through its commitment to excellence, DIC- SE continues to be a key

player in advancing Japan's technological landscape, while also contributing to global technological development.

At the seminar, Students expressed a strong interest in pursuing careers with the company. Their eagerness to learn about the company's role in shaping technological infrastructure and their desire to be part of such innovative work was evident.

By the end of the seminar, numerous students were motivated to take the next step toward joining DIC- SE, with many actively preparing to submit their entry sheets. The company's approach, offering not only technical but also career development opportunities, left a positive impression and fueled excitement among the students for potential future collaborations.

This visit highlights the growing interest among young talent in joining companies that contribute significantly to technological advancements and provide a platform for career growth in the ICT and engineering fields.



# Industrial and consumer electric equipment manufacturer "Kawamura Electric Inc., Japan" conducted the second seminar for LNBTI students

Kawamura Electric Inc., founded in 1919 in Seto, Aichi Prefecture, Japan, is a leading manufacturer and supplier of industrial and consumer electrical equipment. With a workforce of 1,995 employees as of March 2024, the company specializes in products such as distribution boards. control boards, circuit breakers, high voltage substations, and energy conservation equipment. Operating seven factories and a robust sales office network in Japan, Kawamura Electric also extends its reach across East and Southeast Asia. including China, Vietnam, Thailand, and Singapore, providing reliable and innovative electrical solutions to global markets. (https://www.kawamura.co.jp/ global/about/bases/)

Last day, Kawamura Electric Inc. conducted the second online session for our students to provide further information regarding their recruitment process and possible career path for LNBTI students. This industrial seminar session was a valuable opportunity, as the company aims to provide internships and job placements for LNBTI's students.

Professor Ananda Kumara, Vice Chancellor and Mr. Toshiyuki Sadoi, Head of Language Department visited the Head Office of Kawamura Electric in Seto City, Aichi Prefecture to join this session. This company showed a very high interest to recruit LNBTI graduates for their permanent staff, both for both research and new product development related activities. In addition, they also are willing to assist employees to be recruited from LNBTI to pursue higher studies at the Masters Level at a prestigious university in Japan. This session was joined by Professor Yuri Sadoi of Meijo University, who is also a Visiting Professor of LNBTI.



During the Online Session



At the Head Office of Kawamura Electric in Seto City

# Inauguration 2025: A New Journey Begins at LNBTI

As the new academic year kicks off, LNBTI extends a warm and heartfelt welcome to our incoming batches for 2025. As an institute working interactively and believing in active-learning, LNBTI is excited to guide the new young minds who joined with us through the next four years of academic excellence and personal development.

LNBTI understands the importance of this journey in your career, and LNBTI is here to help you excel in every aspect of your education. The knowledge and skills you will acquire here are tailored to prepare you for successful careers in Japan's vibrant and innovative business landscape. The fast-paced and dynamic environment of the Japanese market offers unparalleled opportunities for growth. Throughout your time at LNBTI, the university also emphasizes the importance of practical

experience, ensuring that our students are equipped not only with academic knowledge but also with real-world skills that make them highly sought after by top Japanese companies.

LNBTI's mission is to help you achieve success, not just academically, but in all aspects of life. As you make strides towards your goal of joining Japan's leading businesses, the institute will be cheering you on every step of the way.

LNBTI wishes each one of you the best of luck in your studies. Remember that the road ahead may have its challenges, but with hard work, determination, and the support of LNBTI's dedicated faculty and staff, there are no limits to what you can achieve.

### Welcome to LNBTI!



# LNBTI Students and Staff Participate in JAGCE National Conference

Students and staff from LNBTI recently participated in the Japan Association for Global Competency Education (JAGCE) National Conference, held in Kyushu, Japan, on February 8-9, 2025. The conference aimed to promote global competency education in Japan, providing a platform for international dialogue and exchange.

Prof. Ananda Kumara, Vice Chancellor of LNBTI and current president of JAGCE, led the university's participation. LNBTI

students had the opportunity to engage with their Japanese peers, sharing insights into their leisure activities and cultural experiences, fostering a greater understanding of global perspectives.

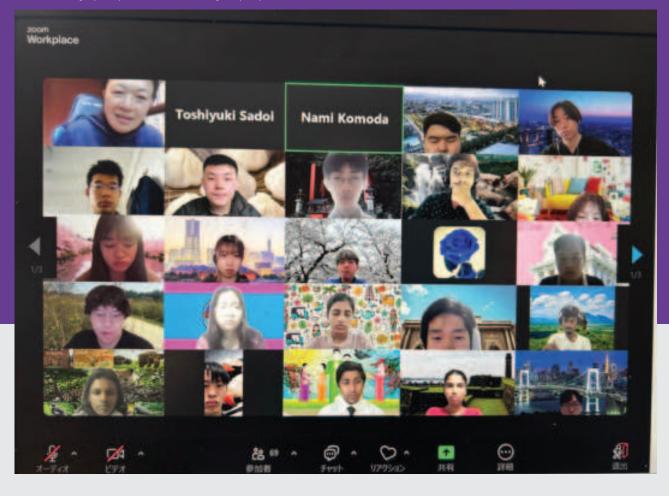
In addition, Mr. Toshiyuki Sadoi, Head of the Japanese Language Department at LNBTI, and Dr. Samanthika Lokugamage, Senior Lecturer at the University of Sri Jayewardenepura, delivered a presentation on the current state of Japanese education in Sri Lanka.





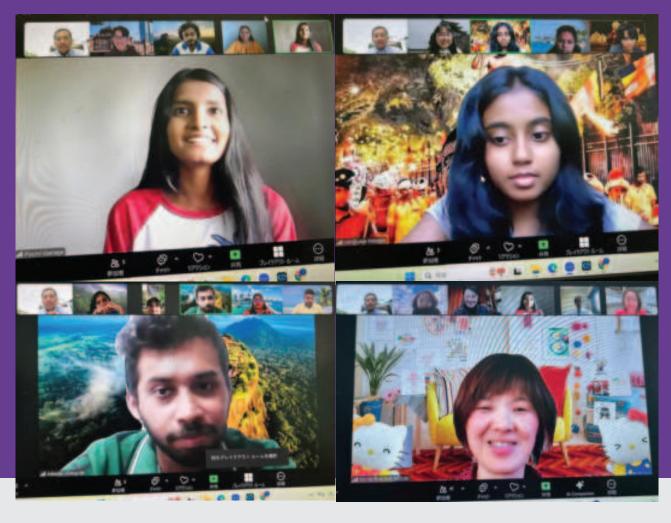
## Global Collaboration Online Workshop Unites Students from Lanka Nippon Biztech Institute (LNBTI), Georgia Tech (USA), Chulalongkorn University (Thailand), Science Tokyo (Japan), and Chulaborn Royal Academy (Thailand)

A unique multicultural collaboration online workshop recently took place, bringing together 100 students from institutions across the globe, including Georgia Tech (GT), Lanka Nippon Biztech Institute (LNBTI), Chulalongkorn University (CU), Science Tokyo (ST), and Chulaborn Royal Academy. The event, held in two sessions on February 18 and 25, 2025, focused on enhancing crosscultural understanding and improving communication within international teams.



## LNBTI and Institute of Science Tokyo Host Online Cultural Exchange Session

On February 20 and 21, 2025, Lanka Nippon Biztech Institute (LNBTI) and the Institute of Science Tokyo (ST) organized a vibrant online cultural exchange session, offering students from Japan and Sri Lanka a unique opportunity to broaden their horizons and foster international connections. The event featured engaging video presentations where students from both universities introduced their institutions and shared insights into their daily lives, leisure activities, and career aspirations. The exchange encouraged cultural understanding and allowed students to discuss similarities and differences in their academic journeys and future goals.



# Unlock the Power of AI for Education! The Key to a successful higher education

Seminar conducted by Professor K.P.
Hewagamage Academic Advisor at LNBTI
– Japanese IT University and Former
Director of the School of Computing,
University of Colombo.

In an insightful seminar led by Professor K.P. Hewagamage, the transformative role of artificial intelligence (AI) in shaping both education and career development was explored in depth. The seminar highlighted the essential tools and strategies that can help students enhance their education and ensure

long-term career success by leveraging the power of Al.

Professor Hewagamage emphasized how AI is revolutionizing the educational landscape by offering personalized learning experiences. With AI-driven platforms, students can receive tailored feedback, adaptive learning paths, and real-time assistance, ensuring that they achieve their full potential. This personalization is key to fostering better understanding and retention, making education more engaging and effective.



# Celebrating a Momentous Occasion!

LNBTI, Sri Lanka's premier Japanese IT University, proudly participated in the grand celebration of His Majesty, the Emperor of Japan's 65<sup>th</sup> Birthday!

As a bridge between Sri Lanka and Japan, we cherish this opportunity to honor the rich traditions, culture, and strong ties

between our nations. This prestigious event reaffirmed our commitment to fostering global connections through education and innovation.

Wishing His Majesty continued prosperity and good health!



# Distinguished academics and industry experts gathered at LNBTI for a special Tech Talk session

The Lanka Nippon BizTech Institute (LNBTI) recently held an insightful and engaging "Tech-Talk" event, with the support of distinguished academic and industry experts. The event was made possible through the collaboration of Professor Yuri Sadoi from Meijo University, Professor Ota Eri from the Science University of Tokyo, and Mr. Taranga Kumara, a Senior IT Consultant at Dirbato Co., Ltd. The central theme of the event was adaptability and global competence, emphasizing the critical skills required in the rapidly evolving world of technology.

Also, LNBTI had the honor of hosting Mrs. Akiko Ikuina, the Honorable Parliamentary Vice Minister for Foreign Affairs of Japan, as well as several senior officials from the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and the Japanese Ambassador to Sri Lanka. Their visit to the institute highlighted the growing importance of LNBTI in fostering closer ties between Sri Lanka and Japan, particularly in the fields of education and technology.

Given the significance of these events, LNBTI's activities are being broadcasted on the national television channel, Eye Channel, allowing a wider audience to engage with and learn from these important discussions. The visibility of these events on national television reflects the growing recognition of LNBTI as a key institution in advancing education and technology, not just within Sri Lanka, but on a global scale.

### **During the "Tech-Talk" event**





https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=lvlvDs\_ Si0&list=PLCG1YF0uWlCCFDNrk7coWENdYn9A9NgwV&index=38

### **During the visit of Japanese Delegation**





https://www.youtube.com/

# The Vice Chancellor's Message



How to Seize Opportunities in Japan: Advice for Students

Recently, we hosted a special lecture featuring a former diplomat from the Sri Lanka Embassy in Japan. Titled "Opportunities Available in Japan Based on the Experience as a Diplomat of the Sri Lanka Embassy in Japan," the session was highly interactive and attended by fresh students.

During the discussion, I observed areas where students could improve their attitudes and behavior-essential elements for future success in professional IT careers. Students provided feedback through forms collected at the end of the lecture.

Given the valuable insights shared, I extend these thoughts to students, staff, and parents. Proper follow-up and guidance from staff and parents will be instrumental in supporting students on their journey toward professional growth, particularly in Japan.

### The Importance of Skill Development for Success in Japan

The students' enthusiasm and engagement during the lecture were

Prof. Ananda Kumara
President/Vice Chancellor, LNBTI
President, Japan Association for Global
Competence Education (JAGCE)

commendable, with many thoughtprovoking questions raised before and after the session. This eagerness to explore opportunities in Japan is promising.

However, success in Japan-or anywhererequires continuous skill development. A review of student feedback revealed two distinct patterns:

#### 1. Minimal Responses with No Depth

- Some students provided brief feedback with little meaningful content, such as "Very good advice. Thank you, sir."
- Such responses indicate passive engagement and a lack of critical thinking or reflection.
- Students should strive to internalize key lessons and express their thoughts effectively.

#### 2. Detailed and Insightful Responses

- Many students provided wellstructured feedback, demonstrating a clear understanding of the lecture and the ability to generate new ideas.
- These students are on the right path to becoming future leaders, not just in Japan but globally.

Students should reflect on their engagement and work on enhancing their analytical and response skills for lectures and discussions.

### Career Prospects in Game Development in Japan

Some questions were there about opportunities in Japan's game development industry. The answer is a resounding yes-Japan is a global leader in gaming, offering excellent career prospects in this field.

For those aspiring to enter the industry, consider the following steps:

- Develop core technical and creative skills through active learning and practical projects.
- Engage in self-learning and hands-on experience in game development.
- Choose a game development-related project for your final year or internship to boost employability.

#### **Key Advice for Students**

To maximize success, students must take charge of their personal and professional development:

#### 1. Enhance Communication Skills

- Improve report writing and public speaking.
- Effective communication is crucial for any professional career, especially in Japan.

### 2. Take Initiative

- Do not wait for step-by-step guidance; proactive learning is essential.
- Identify personal strengths and weaknesses and work on them independently.

#### 3. Be Honest with Yourself

- Regularly assess your progress: Are you taking the right steps in the right way?
- Self-reflection and continuous improvement are key to long-term success.

### 4. Acknowledge the Support of Your Parents and Family

- Parents invest significantly in students' education, both financially and emotionally.
- Their hopes and sacrifices should motivate you to strive for excellence and make them proud.

Success in Japan-or any field-requires a mindset of continuous improvement, critical thinking, and proactive learning. Students who actively engage, develop their skills, and seize opportunities will shape their path to success. Japan offers numerous possibilities, but dedication, perseverance, and a forward-thinking approach are the keys to unlocking them.

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