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Dear subscribers,

It's this time of the year again: the new semester at KGU has just begun. I wish all students among you a great start!

Although the State of Emergency will be lifted tomorrow, many classes will still be held online. Nevertheless, this semester's JMM teaching and other activities promise to be great fun and very insightful.

I would like to invite all of you to join some of our activities this semester, and will introduce some selected few here very briefly here:

Teaching:

共通特論B (214) Entrepreneurship & Innovation in Rural Areas in the EU & Japan / Special Topics B (School of Business Administration)

This is your chance to learn about the many opportunities (and some challenges) running a business in rural areas in Japan and EU countries pose. We will have 6+ speakers from Japan and Germany sharing their insights into

- Starting a tourism business in rural Japan
- Running a farm with the help of foreign labourers in rural Japan
- Developing the countryside through the sale of holiday homes
- Attracting people to the countryside through environmental-friendly policies
- Running a private hospital in the countryside (and doing medical innovation)
- Attempts to make Hyogo's rural more attractive
- Doing remote work from the countryside
- Selling high-quality (food) products in the German countryside

We will also have some guest contributions from people in academia & politics on how revive the countryside.

This class promises to be lots of fun and provides valuable insights from diverse people running a business and/or developing the countryside.

It's not too late to join! Feel free to join this class on Friday, 4th period (online).

Please find the link to our Zoom on LUNA.

Future events:

In addition, we have a **workshop planned for late November/early December** on the same topic of entrepreneurship and rural revitalisation. We hope to have diverse speakers from academia, politics, bureaucracy and entrepreneurs working on reviving the countryside. **If you are interested in joining as a speaker, please email me.**

I will send an invitation to all of you once the date and time have been fixed.

Past events:

Networking event for young researchers

Last week, we had a networking event for early career academics. It was a nice opportunity for young researchers to discuss their current research and to get insights on how to land a job in academia or to receive funding. Prof. Yuko Inada from St. Andrew's University provided a detailed explanation on how to apply for tenured positions, while Mr. Richard Kelner from the Delegation of the European Union to Japan gave a very useful presentation on the many funding opportunities of the EU. The participants were happy to exchange their ideas and get very frank insights into life in academia.

Due to the great success of this event, we created a Facebook group for early career academics in Japan and the EU, where we can all share information and find suitable partners to collaborate with.

You can find the group here:

Connect, share, collaborate!

Network for early career academics (Japan/EU)

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/954631778450035>

If you have any ideas on what else we could do to increase the interaction among Japanese and European young researchers or students, and how to make Japanese and European students meet & mingle more, let me know!

So much from my side. Enjoy the early autumn vibes and see you soon, hopefully.

Best,
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