Open to all students from all departments. A priority is given to the participants in the UMAP Summer Program.

Eligible students

All students, including regular students and exchange students at Niigata University, who want to study Japan's contemporary experiences in certain fields, particularly enterprise management, natural disaster management, international development cooperation, and environmental problems in the rapid economic growth. (The theme of environmental problems is special to this school year. This theme is usually discussed in a separate class.)

The Summer Course at Niigata University: Lessons from Contemporary Japan as a UMAP Special Student Exchange Program usually consists of two classes, i.e., Environmental Problems and Development of Policies in Japan and Japanese Experiences from Various Perspectives. However, because the UMAP Japan has decided to organize a special summer program “UMAP Summer Program 2017 in Japan” combining first week activities organized by Toyo University in Tokyo and the second week class at Niigata University, the Environmental Problems and Development of Policies in Japan is not given this year. Instead the last two days’ activities of the Environmental Problems and Development of Policies in Japan class are attached to this class, the Japanese Experiences from Various Perspectives class as (e) below.

This year’s class has one theme for each of the first four days and another for the fifth and sixth days. Each theme is composed by a lecture in a classroom and a visit to relevant places or meeting with persons:

(a) Experiences from Regional Disaster Prevention by Prof. FUKUOKA Hiroshi, Director, Research Institute for Natural Hazards and Disaster Recovery of Niigata University.

After a lecture, he takes students to natural disaster-related areas, particularly Yamakoshi Village which was seriously hit by an earthquake in 2004. Thus students can learn the reality of natural disasters, how the people who suffered from natural disasters have been making efforts for recovery, and what measures could be taken for prevention or mitigation of impacts of natural disasters.

(b) Japanese companies and their management practices by Prof. SAKIKAWA Takashi, Graduate School for Management of Technology.

In the morning he discusses the Japanese economy, the Japanese style of management, the business culture, and present a few cases of Japanese companies. Participants are required to read part of his book before the class. Here is the class material:

They are required also to choose a company based in their respective countries/regions and to present a short case of the company by proving information of that company, such as its history, products or services, organizations, strategy, and other aspects. Thus, they will need to prepare for their presentation of a short case of their chosen company as well as to read a class material before the class.

In the afternoon participants will visit a nearby industrial museum in order to experience the local industry. They will not only learn its history and observe crafts unique to the region, such as cutlery or tableware, but also have a hands-on experience of manufacturing those products. They will also visit an over-millennium-long local shrine on their way back to the university so that they can understand local culture and tradition — and just have fun!

(c) Civil Society and Civic Movement in Japan by Prof. SAWAMURA Akira, Faculty of Economics.

This lesson is about the civil society and civic movement in Japan, mainly after the World War II.

After a lecture, he takes students to Saito’s Villa in downtown Niigata as a case of preservation of the historical building by civil society movements.
### Japan's Experiences in International Development Cooperation by Prof. MIYATA Haruo, Global Education Center.

After a lecture on an outline of the development cooperation experiences of Japan since it started such activities in 1954, there will be a meeting with one or two former Japan Overseas Cooperation Volunteer (JOCV) to listen to her or his experiences in development cooperation activities in a developing country.

### Environmental Pollution during the 1960s and Efforts Made after That by Prof. MIYATA Haruo, Global Education Center.

After a full-day lecture on the fifth day, on the sixth day, students visit a former chemical plant which released mercury into a river in the morning and listen to a lecture by a Minamata Disease Witness in the Niigata Minamata Disease Museum (in the afternoon).

### Course Objectives

**Specific Learning Objectives**

Students are expected to have working knowledge of the five themes of the class in understanding the reality concerned on completion of the class.

### Prerequisites

This class is given in the English language, using English materials. Therefore, capacities to listen to, speak, read and write English are essential. Also, students must do a few things, especially reading Prof. Sakikawa’s book and research of a company of their country. For specific requirements, please read “Course Outline”.

### Study Advice

It is preferable to have some basic knowledge about the five themes of the class by reading some simple books or other references in advance. In visiting Yamakoshi Village, students should be prepared to slippery unpaved paths on slopes or in paddy fields or ponds, and heat. Wear appropriate shoes, pants, a shirt, a hat, etc. and bring water. Please do not hesitate to contact the professor(s) if you have any question.

### Grading Criteria

Students are requested to submit a short paper for each of the five themes of the class. The quality of the paper, positive attitude in the lecture and visits or meetings will be duly evaluated by each professor of the five themes, and a final evaluation will be made against all of those papers.

### Textbooks

No specific textbooks are used. Reference materials will be provided by each professor.

### URL of syllabus or other information


Japanese Companies and Their Management Practice class’s material. As described earlier, class participants will need to download and read it before the class. [https://he.palgrave.com/resources/sample-chapters/9780230299917_sample.pdf](https://he.palgrave.com/resources/sample-chapters/9780230299917_sample.pdf)


### References

(a) For Experiences from Regional Disaster Prevention

(b) For Japanese companies and their management
(c) For Civil Society and Civic Movement in Japan

(d) For Japan's Experiences in International Development Cooperation

(e) For Environmental Pollution during the 1960s and Efforts Made after That

備考
Remarks

Applications for this program by students of the UMAP member universities must be made through their own universities. Because the program is based on agreement among UMAP member universities, direct applications by individual students other than by students of Niigata University (including exchange students there) are not accepted.

An orientation meeting about the program by Niigata University is scheduled in late afternoon on Sunday, 20 August at Tokimate, a satellite campus next to the Niigata train station.

| <Mo. 21 Aug> |
| Content | 備考 |
| a.m. Lecture "Experiences from Regional Disaster Prevention" by Prof. FUKUOKA Hiroshi; p.m. Visit to natural disaster-related areas: Yamakoshi Village |

| <Tue. 22 Aug> |
| Content | 備考 |
| a.m. Lecture "Japanese Companies and Their Management Practice" by Prof. SAKIKAWA Takashi; p.m. Visit to Tsubame Industrial Materials Museum |

| <Wed. 23 Aug> |
| Content | 備考 |
| a.m. Lecture "Civil Society and Civic Movement in Japan" by Prof. SAWAMURA Akira; p.m. Visit to Saito's Villa |

| <Thu. 24 Aug> |
| Content | 備考 |
| a.m. Lecture "Japan's Experiences in International Development Cooperation" by Prof. MIYATA Haruo; p.m. Meetings with former JOCV(s) (Japan Overseas Cooperation Volunteer) |

| <Fri. 25 August> |
| Content | 備考 |
| Whole day: Lecture "Environmental Pollution during the 1960s and Efforts Made after That" by Prof. MIYATA Haruo; |

| <Sat. 26 August> |
| Content | 備考 |
| Visit to a former chemical plant which released mercury into a river (in the morning) and a lecture by a Minamata Disease Witness in the Niigata Minamata Disease Museum (in the afternoon) |
The order of the professors may be changed in accordance with changes in their availability as well as in the availability of those concerned with the institutions to visit. Also, there may be changes in the modes of each day's class activities in accordance with the number of students taking this class.)