

# Relationships between International Students Local Residents Through Community-based Experience Exchange

## **Abstract**

In this paper, we report our activities and issues on the international student exchange program in 2019, based on the results of a questionnaire of student participants and host residents, as well as the student's final report. All students experienced staying at a host's home without teachers, and did volunteer work as a member of the local community. As a result, students seemed to change their understanding of the community, and improve their motivation for learning Japanese through this program. On the other hand, for local residents, it was also a valuable mind of supporting international students. In conclusion, we consider how this program could an educational experience for international students and strengthen their sense of attachment to local community, as well as the mutual relationship between international students and the community.