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‘DATEntre Tohoku Innovation Human Resources Development Program (Inaugural Class)’
Application Guidelines (tentative)

Regional Creation Course
Entrepreneur Development Course
Global Business Course
1 Object
This program is designed to help international students who are interested in career development in Japan improve their Japanese language skill and understand Japanese culture, and as well as increase their understanding of customs within Japanese companies and also introduce superior international students from Tohoku Gakuin University, Tohoku Institute of Technology, Miyagi Women’s College and Tohoku University to Japanese businesses and promote employment in the Tohoku region and nationwide.

2 Program outline and number of applicants to be accepted
(1) Program overview
We are recruiting international students to study one of the career development courses as below.

① Regional Creation Course
Aim for human resources who will contribute to the development of the local economy immediately after graduation by working at local companies. Collaboration on projects of management know-how at OIT (On the Job Training) through internships, deepens an understanding of Japanese style human resources, production management, procurement of materials and quality control, as well as to plan to develop human resources with SMEs facing the absence of successors, and with companies that are considering or have plans to expand overseas or collaboration to lead companies in the future.

② Entrepreneur Development Course
Actively interact with young entrepreneurs, business owners or investors of venture companies and acquire knowledge, qualities and the skills necessary to succeed as entrepreneurs. Learn the process of establishing a company by developing business plans based on plans that take advantage of specialties and experience. In addition, through experiences of participation in domestic and international business contests and the development of new businesses while still a student, acquire the ability to connect outstanding creative insight and inventiveness to new businesses.

③ Global Business Course
We aim to find employment in major Japanese companies leading the international community, or international companies in Japan. Specialized for international students so they can acquire the knowledge and skills to understand the culture, customs and work style of large Japanese companies, how to execute industry / company research, how to write an entry sheet, and examination measures, interviewing procedures, etc. necessary for job hunting. Learning to act as leader of the organization, after assignment (joining the company), as a mentor to support job hunting activities for program participants.

As a learning activity common to all courses, we aim for students to reach the level of N1 in the Japanese Language Proficiency Test through a high-quality Japanese language education program suited to the needs of each student and for students to thoroughly learn business Japanese. The program will involve work on problem solving (PBL) type collaborative projects with Japanese students and intern at SME businesses.

(2) Number of students to be accepted (all courses) : 50 students

3 Application qualification
(1) Students must be enrolled as a regular student at a university participating in Tohoku Innovation Human Resources Development Consortium (Tohoku Gakuin University, Tohoku Institute of Technology, Tohoku University, Miyagi Gakuin Women’s University) (including expected enrollment from October 1st 2018) as an undergraduate or postgraduate international student
(2) Students who have achieved a score of 65 points or more in the online test “SPOT90: Simple Performance - Oriented Test Ver. 90” (including expected enrollment from October 1st 2018)
(3) Students who can be proactively involved in the lessons and extracurricular activities provided by this program (The estimated time for the program is 4 to 6 hours a week.
(4) Students who intend to obtain work in Japanese businesses after graduation.
(5) Students who intend to participate in mid- to long-term internships and course programs to be implemented in this program.

4 Application period
From Monday 4th September to 17:00 on Thursday, 28th September

5 Application procedure
Download the application form from the Tohoku Innovation Human Resources Development Program website (http://www.ihe.tohoku.ac.jp/?page_id=13544), fill it in and send it to Tohoku University Career Support Office (career-jimu@grp.tohoku.ac.jp) by 17:00 on Thursday, the 28th September. We expect to publish the format on the website at early September. When submitting please write “Tohoku Innovation Human Resources Development Program Application” as the subject.

6 Selection method
Students for the program are selected by a comprehensive analysis of the application documents.

7 Publication of Result
Applicants will be notified of the results by email on Friday, the 29th September.

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<th>Level of Japanese Proficiency</th>
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<td>SPOT90: a score of over 85</td>
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9 Program Information Session
(1) Date: 18:30 on Wednesday the 27th September, 2017
(2) Venue: Tohoku University Main Library (2nd floor), Global Learning Room

10 Orientation
(1) Date and time: 18:30, Friday, 6th October 6
(2) Venue: Tohoku University Main Library (2nd floor), Global Learning Room

11 Certificate of completion of program
Certification will be awarded to those who successfully complete the prescribed curriculum.

12 Program fee
Free of charge  ※ However, payment of fees may be required if transportation and accommodation expenses are incurred.

13 Others
(1) Private paying international students with excellent grades who take this program, may be eligible for learning incentive scholarships. Candidates may be recommended from the “International Student Employment Promotion Program Special Framework”
(2) The procedures for changing the status of residence may be eased in the event that a person completing this program is employed by a participating company.

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