

Overview of Activities in 2025



Some of the notable activities carried out by the Center are as follows:

CMPS Forms – A total of 23 forums were organized in 2025, covering the following themes:

- Climate crisis, nuclear energy, circulation economy and other environmental issues;
- International market and labor issues;
- Support for children of foreign origins in Japan;
- Immigration and multi-culturalism;
- Film screening on consumerism;
- International cooperation;
- African politics;
- World poverty and International economy;
- Women, Peace and Security;
- Interaction with foreign tourists;
- Children's issues.

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Fliers of 2025 CMPS Forums

Publications – Three working papers were published on the following themes:

1. Cross-cultural understanding by two lecturers who have lived and worked in the Czech Republic
2. A Report on thermal insulation workshop
3. A collection of graduation thesis by students



The 2025 Annual Report features two roundtable discussions, one between our faculty members and students about the new Freshman course textbook written by our faculty, and the other among our faculty members discussing recent diversity movement from their perspectives.

Collaborative Events

In July, CMPS collaborated with the organization, Forward to 1985, to host the 13th “Zenkoku Shou-ene Meeting,” a nationwide event promoting household-level energy conservation, which included contests, lectures, presentations, and hands-on learning activities for children.

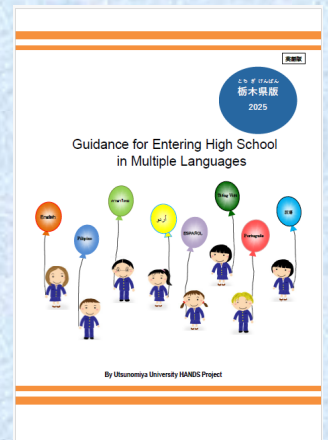
In September, we took part in Collaboration Fair in Utsunomiya City to present our activities to local organizations and explore opportunities for future collaboration.

Project Activities

Significant progress was made on each project under CMPS in their respective areas of activity, as shown below:

HANDS Project

- University and graduate students visited elementary and junior high schools in Tochigi Prefecture to help pupils who were having difficulty with Japanese language.
- In September 2025 and February 2026, conferences were held to discuss matters concerning school children of foreign origin, which included a presentation of the survey results on their post-graduation career paths, and a lecture on their educational experiences.
- The project offered Guidance Sessions on high school admission for students and their parents in multiple languages.



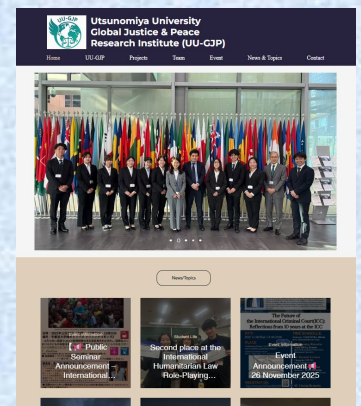
Research Forum on Fukushima Nuclear Disaster

- A total of four open seminars were held, whose topics included nuclear energy policies, the impact of the nuclear disaster on environment and agriculture, the influence of atomic bomb survivors on international politics, and the oral history of the Ashio environmental disaster.
- Activities such as interviews with Fukushima nuclear disaster evacuees and health surveys of participants in thyroid screening programs were carried out.



Utsunomiya University Global Justice & Peace Research Institute (UU-GJP)

UU-GJP (formerly the International Peace and Human Rights/Humanitarian Law Research Group) was established following the signing of the Memorandum of Understanding between the Faculty of International Studies and the International Criminal Court. The team's latest activities and contact information can be found at: <https://www.fujjih.com/>



UU-TEA

- The new project, TEA-TIME, was launched with the aim of developing youth facilitators and organizing after-school programs for children living in tea plantations in Sri Lanka.
- Two former students were dispatched to the Hatton-Dickoya Region as members of Japan International Cooperation Agency (JICA) to work on local youth programs.
- As a part of the university curriculum, members participated in Overseas Fieldwork Seminar and International Career Internship.



Project Activities (continued)

UU3S Project

- The project collaborated with the organization Forward to 1985 energy life to organize a public event to promote energy efficiency. As a part of this event, one of the faculty offices was modified to improve insulation in order to demonstrate the energy-saving effect.
- Media appearances were made to promote the activities, including in newspapers and on radio stations.
- Various seminars were held, focusing on energy efficiency, circular economies and nature-positive approaches.



Co-creation with the Global South

- Surveys on edible plants in Tanzania were carried out and the presentation based on the study was made by the members of the project,
- Guest lecturers gave presentations in the CMPS forums, one on the book reading project and the other on career development in Africa.
- Various papers were published, many of which were in English. For details see [Project Page](#).



Society for the Study of Diverse Learning

- The project was awarded by Tochigi Prefecture for its contribution to the local communities, providing learning opportunities for those who have difficulty accessing regular schools, including school children and overaged students of foreign origin.



Utsunomiya Omotenashi Team

- The students planned various hospitality activities in Utsunomiya Station, including giving tourists the original postcards with their names written in Japanese,
- The members created posters and other promotional materials for the seasonal events.
- The group invited a licensed guide interpreter to learn about tourism business. The seminar included a field trip to the renowned tourist destination, Nikko.

