

KANAGAWA UNIVERSITY
Minato Mirai Campus

Message Tree

このツリーは街中で見かけるクリスマスツリーとは一味違う、「メッセージツリー」です。

もともとの由来であるキリスト教的意味合いを超越し、日本独自の文化となっているツリーをさらに進化させ、みなとみらいキャンパスのグローバル、ダイバーシティの文化がさらに発展する機会になればとの思いが込められています。

特に今年はコロナの影響で完全オンライン授業となったり、留学の予定も立てられなかったりと、学生生活にも大きな影響が出た一年でした。普段であれば何気ないことですが、自分の中の希望や、友人と共に健康に過ごすことなど、思いを寄せる時間も多くあったのではないかと思います。

文化や宗教を超え、みなさんの今の思いと未来への希望を象徴したこのツリーと一緒に灯りを灯しましょう。

This tree is a "Message Tree" and therefore a little different from the Christmas Trees that you see around town. This goes beyond the original link to Christianity and has evolved into a tree that incorporates unique Japanese culture and we feel that this is an opportunity to further develop the spirit of globalism and diversity in Minato Mirai Campus.

The students who study at this campus have written messages representing their feelings and wishes in a number of different languages including English, Spanish, Chinese and Russian and these message cards serve as the main decoration for the tree.

In particular, this year, as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic, for a period of time classes went totally online and students have not been able to make plans for study abroad; this has been a year where student life has been deeply affected by external factors. This means that the kind of things that we normally take for granted such as our personal wishes or leading a healthy life with friends have even more importance and this has been a period in which we have had time to contemplate. By going beyond culture and religion, we would like to light up this tree as a symbol of everyone's feelings and hopes for the future.

Also, we would like to thank the Kanagawa University Supporters Association for their assistance in donating this wonderful, immense tree. Please use this tree to make a wish!