

TMDU's annual *Oshogatsu* Festival was held in the evening of January 10, 2020 in the M&D Tower 2F Lobby. This festival is intended to promote exchange among international and Japanese students of TMDU and Juntendo University. First, representatives from TMDU and Juntendo University together broke the *Kagamibiraki* (sake barrel). Then everybody enjoyed *Ozouni*, which is a kind of Japanese traditional soup containing rice cakes and vegetables, as a way to bring in the New Year.

In addition, international students had a try at *Kakizome* (a special type of calligraphy for the New Year), *Fukuwarai* (a character's face puzzle), a simulation of *Hatsumode* (the first shrine visit of the New Year) and creation of New Year's cards.

It was a wonderful event to experience Japanese New Year's culture.

We would like to express our sincere gratitude to Wadokai for their support in providing *Ozouni* for this event.



All festival attendees in the lobby of M&D Tower



International students wearing *Kimono* (Japanese traditional clothes)



Breaking of *Kagamibiraki*



A student trying *Kakizome* (a special type of calligraphy for the New Year)