Osaka Foundation of International Exchange (OFIX) has been operating Orion International House (the Osaka-fu Sakai Ryugakusei Kaikan), a housing complex for foreign students. This House is part of an overall program for foreign students organized by the Osaka Prefectural Government and OFIX. OFIX is offering rooms in this House to foreign students so that they may live in a comfortable atmosphere conducive to studying. Currently, foreign students from over 10 different countries live in Orion International House. The House also provides counseling and various information for the purpose of promoting friendship between the local residents and foreign students.

We are now accepting applications for rooms available in April 2013 according to the guidelines specified below.

1. Number of rooms available:
   Approximately 17 rooms for males and 11 rooms for females.
   *Female/male rooms may not always be on separate floors

2. Eligibility:
   Occupancy at the house shall be limited to foreign students (designated as “International Student” under the Immigration-Control and Refugee Recognition Act) enrolled at graduate schools, universities or colleges, junior colleges, and technical colleges, as prescribed in Article 1 of the School Education Act; and advanced vocational schools as prescribed in Article 126, paragraph 2 of the same act; or at the Japan Student Services Organization Osaka Japanese Language Education Center (including those scheduled to attend from April 1st 2013), who are diligent and of excellent disposition, and who are having difficulty in securing accommodation.

To give equal opportunity to all international students, those who do not have a history of living in Senri or Orion International House in the past will be prioritized.

3. Outline of the dormitory:
   (1) Location: 2-226 Higashi Uenoshiba-cho, Kita-ku, Sakai City
   (400m walk from Uenoshiba St. on the JR Hanwa line)
   (2) Construction: 85 single rooms (each room is approx.17m²)
   En-suite bathroom, air-conditioner, desk, bed etc. Use of internet possible through private contract.

4. Terms of residence:
   Residence is limited to a two-year term from the beginning of April 2013. However, an extension, at the most 2 years, may be allowed depending on the room availability and reason for extending.
   Rooms may not be available for residency starting April due to cleaning.

5. Housing costs:
   The monthly room charge, including maintenance, is ¥26,000 per month (no deposit required, includes communal area maintenance fee) This does not include electricity costs, water charges, which are to be paid by the residents.
   Please note that daily rates will not be offered to those entering or leaving Orion International House midway through the month. Furthermore, the room charge may rise to accommodate any increases in the cost of living.

6. How to apply:
   Those who wish to reside at Orion International House must fill out the prescribed application forms (2 forms), and together with a certificate of health, submit them by the date stipulated to the foreign student advisors at their respective schools. A recommendation letter from the school is also required.

7. Selection and notification of acceptance:
   This foundation will select dormitory residents based on the recommendations of the schools. All applicants will be notified through their schools.

8. Other:
   (1) Details regarding this system have been determined by OFIX and are based upon the “Orion International House Management Regulations”.
   (2) Each occupant is strongly encouraged to be an active participant in House activities.

9. For further information:
   Please contact your foreign student advisors in your respective schools.

Orion International House Homepage: http://www.ofix.or.jp/shien/index.html