

# Kishiwada City Industrial High School

## Brief History

Kishiwada City Industrial High School is located in Kishiwada City in the southern part of Osaka Prefecture. The school was founded as a small night school by a group of local businessmen and entrepreneurs, called *Shisei-Kai*, in 1907.

Since then, the school has continued to grow in number, and right after World War II it started again as Kishiwada City Industrial (*Sangyou*) High School. It has been called *Kishi-San* by locals since then. This shortened word refers to Kishiwada City Industrial (*Sangyou*) High School (*Koukou*), as “Kishi-San” stands for the Japanese words “*Kishiwada*” and “*Sangyou*”. In 2007, the school celebrated its centennial anniversary. There are over 25,000 graduates (as of April, 2010).

## Daytime school and Night school

Today, our school has a daytime school and a night school. The daytime school has three courses: Design Course, Business Course and Computer Course. The number of the students is 840 (each grade has 7 classes of 40 students) and 70 % of them are girls.

We also have a night school for the students who work in the daytime. The students study business subjects (bookkeeping and word processing) as well as general subjects. The number of the students is 180 on the average every year and 60% of them are girls. Each grade has two classes of about 20 to 40 students.

There are about 100 teachers and school staff in total at the daytime and night schools.

## Making School Unique

The challenge our school faces is to make our school unique in academic performances. Therefore, at the daytime school, we offer our students various kinds of unique academic courses as follows:

**Design Course:** Students study not only general subjects but also graphic design, interior design or dress design to improve their designing skills. Every year, students hold a fashion show, in which they design their own clothes, stage a show and act as models. Most of them go to college or university after graduation.

**Business Course:** Students especially study the subjects needed in business: bookkeeping, computer, a commercial transaction, and other knowledge and skills about business.

**Computer Course:** Students have a lot of lessons to master computer skills. About half of the students in business and computer courses get a job after graduation, and the others go to college and universities.

## Extracurricular Activities (daytime school)

Many students are engaged in extracurricular activities after school: Baseball, Track and Field, Archery, Japanese Archery(*Kyu-Do*), Soccer, Basketball, Volleyball, Tennis, Judo, Handball, Art, Drama, Broadcasting, Brass band, English, Light music, Computer, and Bookkeeping.

## Schedule for the activities of the school year

April:	Entrance Ceremony, First Semester starts
May:	Mid-term Exams
June:	Chorus Competition (daytime school), School Foundation Day
July:	Final Exams
August:	Summer Vacation
September:	Second Semester starts
October:	Mid-term Exams, Cultural Festival and Field Day (daytime school)
November:	Cultural Festival and Field Day (night school)
December:	Final Exams, Winter Vacation
January:	Third Semester starts, School Excursion
February:	Entrance Exams (daytime school)
March:	Final Exams, Graduation Ceremony, Entrance Exams (night school)