## Newsletter from East Asia Institute

Greetings from Tokyo Christian University!

## Homestay

## One of the highlights of EAI Program



Today, we'd like to introduce one of the most exciting destinations of the EAI field trips—a **Japanese home**!

Each fall, TCU invites local families to host EAI students for a two-day weekend homestay, offering them a deeper experience of Japanese culture.

Some families take students to local festivals, some host a tea ceremony, others attend church together, and some explore Chiba City. While students may feel a bit nervous at first, they always return saying, "*I wish I could have spent more time with them!*" Many continue meeting with their host families even after the homestay is over.

Some former EAI students still keep in touch with their host families, forming **beautiful friendships** that transcend language barriers and cultural differences.

A homestay is a perfect opportunity to immerse yourself in Japanese culture, connect with the local community, and create lasting memories during your time at EAI!