## **EXCHANGE PROGRAM OKAYAMA (EPOK)**





# The City and University

### **★** Okayama City:

- The capital city of Okayama Prefecture in the Chugoku region of Japan.
- Population (as of April 2016): 719,302
- · Climate:

Okayama has a mild climate in comparison to most of Japan. It is ranked as the 2<sup>nd</sup> driest as well as sunniest city in the Chuqoku region.

#### Temperature ( $^{\circ}$ C)

Month	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12
AVG High	8	9	12	19	24	27	31	32	28	22	17	11
AVG Low	1	1	3	9	14	19	23	24	21	13	7	2

#### Transportation:

- A. Bicycle; Since Okayama University is located in a flat area, bicycles are popular means of transportation among students. You can buy a bicycle at a shop nearby campus or Co-op shop on campus. (Bicycle registration fee:¥500)
- B. Bus Services; There are frequent bus services between Kuwanoki Dormitory and Okayama station/downtown Okayama. More lines are available from Okayama station to many parts of Okayama as well as to other prefectures (even as far as Tokyo!)
- C. Local Train and Shinkansen; Okayama is a major stop on the Sanyo Shinkansen route. All Shinkansen trains stop at Okayama and some even start or terminate here. The local train services are also available and are conveniently connected to many parts of west Japan.

#### **★** Okayama University:

- Okayama University is one of the largest universities in Japan. It has six campuses. The main Tsushima Campus is located in the suburban area of Okayama city.
- The school was founded in 1870 and it was established as a university in 1949.
- The number of students; approximately 14,000