Global Mixer— Global Tea Party
On February 11, Office of International Education held the second Global Mixer event. The theme of the event was Global Tea Party. We had students, all from different countries, demonstrated the traditional tea making from their own countries. First, Mook, a student from Thailand, presented how to make Thai iced tea and provided a sample for attendants to drink. Then a Japanese student, Kayoko, demonstrated the traditional way to make matcha and the proper way to hold the bowl and drink it. Finally, our Vietnamese representative, Tai, demonstrated how to make Vietnamese iced coffee. He also provided a sample for attendants. They were surprised how Vietnamese use condensed milk to replace the normal half & half milk and sugar. The taste for all three different teas were definitely special and unforgettable. Attendees were all amazed with the different kinds and tastes of teas we provided.

Red Pocket Party
On February 25, the third Global Mixer event was held with the theme of Red Pocket Party. Since this month is the month of celebrating Chinese New Year. Traditionally, a monetary gift in a red envelope which is given during holidays or special occasions such as weddings, the birth of a baby or graduation. This custom exists across parts of South East Asia and many other countries with an ethnic Chinese population. Our international students volunteers also explained how they celebrate their Chinese New Year with their families and the traditional food they eat such as dumpling and brown sugar rice cake. Finally, attendants were taught how to fold a red pocket. For the event, instead of putting real money inside, attendants were recommended to write a lucky sentence on a piece of paper and put it into the red pocket, then exchange it with other attendants.

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International Club Activities
Bowling Event
International Club planned a bowling event on the President’s day holiday. Since midterm was coming up, students needed some activities to relax before the exams. The students also got to enjoy a long three-day weekend together. Overall, students has a great time together. Here are some students’ comment of the event.

“Today we went to bowling event. It was fun to play with other students. Some of them were lucky, they got strike. Some of them threw the ball to hard, and got gutter ball. And everyone will laugh together. That's really fun to hang out with international club.”
(Yenkuan, Taiwan)

“On President's Day, International Club did a bowling event. It was my first time to go bowling in America. When I got a strike, club members were pleased as if it was their own. I enjoyed the event.”
(Kayoko, Japan)

Ohanami Picnic
Since Spring is coming! On March 2, International club planned Ohanami Picnic on the nice, sunny day at Olympic College. The event was in front of the Library under blossom Sakura trees. “Hanami (cherry blossom viewing)” in Japan often involves a picnic party to enjoy cherry blossoms as well as food and drinks. People have a Hana-mi party with friends, family or colleagues under the cherry tree and have fun. This is a Japanese custom of enjoying a beauty of flowers. The Spring, nice and warm weather is coming why not celebrate Spring in the Japanese way!

March Birthday
Loai (Yemen)  Martin (Sweden)  Bowie (Hong Kong)  Fong-Yip (Hong Kong)  Jiakun (China)  Tianyi (China)

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