

# Otaku Club

## Hobby Group Proposal

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## Introduction

A significant part of the Campus junta takes interest in consumption of Anime, Manga/Comics & western animated content, but we lack a platform for people to meet and discuss with similarly interested people. This group will provide an open & inviting environment for these people to develop and express their interests in the said content.

IITK had a similar group by the name IITK Anime Society some years ago whose details can be found in the institute Navya wiki, apparently it died out as it may not have been an official club/hobby group.

Otaku means a person who takes interest in Anime, Manga, Comics, Video Games etc. Anime refers to the animation style originated in Japan. It is characterized by distinctive characters and backgrounds that visually and thematically set it apart from other forms of animation. Manga is Japanese for "comics".

It should be noted that similar student groups are very active in prominent universities around the world for quite some time eg. MIT Anime Club has been active since early 90's. Similar groups have also been noted to be active in Indian Universities for some time. Other IITs like IIT Delhi and IIT Guwahati also have such community, IIT Guwahati organized an Anime Convention this year in their annual cultural fest 'Alcheringa'.

## Benefits

- Increased Creativity
  - Anime/Manga/Comics have a variety of genres, from action, mecha, adventure, sci-fi, drama, to comedy etc. With varying contents, characters, storylines, and plots, viewers are exposed in whole new different worlds.
- Widely appreciated recreational activity.
- Cultural Diversification
  - Eg. Anime/Manga can help in learning about Japanese language and culture.

## Details

- The initial plan for activities of the group in ongoing & next semester are as follows:
- Weekly activities
    - Screenings of anime (episodes/movies/other related content) voted by group members in FMC Room/Hall TV Rooms (based on availability).
    - Discussion on topics decided by members

- Monthly screenings of anime (episodes/movies/other related content) in OAT.
- Competitions(independently or as events in Spectrum)
  - Drawing/sketching/painting on a related theme
  - FanFiction writing
  - Quiz on related topics
- Getting people easier access to Anime, Manga/Comics and related content.
  - Crowd hosting of digital content(Anime, Manga/Comics and related stuff) & institute wide local sharing.
  - Acquiring paperback Manga/Comics depending on funds or through collaboration with Book Club.
- Weekly Marathon/Binge-watching sessions during Winter Break.

## Future Prospects

In the coming year/s following plans (depending on the popularity of group in campus junta, funds and/or conversion into a club) shall be executed:

- Competitions(independently or as events in Spectrum)
  - AMV making (Anime Music Video)
  - Illustration designing
- ‘Antaragni’ Conventions
  - AnimeCon
  - ComiCon
- Getting people easier access to Anime, Manga/Comics and related content.
  - Centralized hosting of digital content(Anime, Manga/Comics and related stuff).
  - Extending and maintaining paperback Manga/Comic library

## Vision

Our vision for the group is that it will serve as a medium for people to indulge in their interests & as a community which will help in bringing different people together through their shared interest.

## Interested Students

1.	Abhimanyu Jain Asati	12016
2.	Shubham Singh	12704
3.	Nishant Rai	13449
4.	Aditya Gajbhiye	14031
5.	Amur Ghose	14092
6.	Apurva Hyanki	14125
7.	Arjit Katare	14131
8.	Atulya Manuraj	14154
9.	Labhansh Agrawal	14348

10.	Mayank Patel	14377
11.	Vinit More	14398
12.	Praful Kumar	14474
13.	Renu Yadav	14545
14.	Rohit Choudhary	14565
15.	Shashidhar Nayak	14639
16.	Shubh Gupta	14670
17.	Abhibhav Garg	150010
18.	Harshadeep Maddali	150270
19.	Nipun Gupta	150458
20.	Saksham Wadhwa	150621
21.	Natti Abhinay	150438

## Nominee for Overall Leader

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