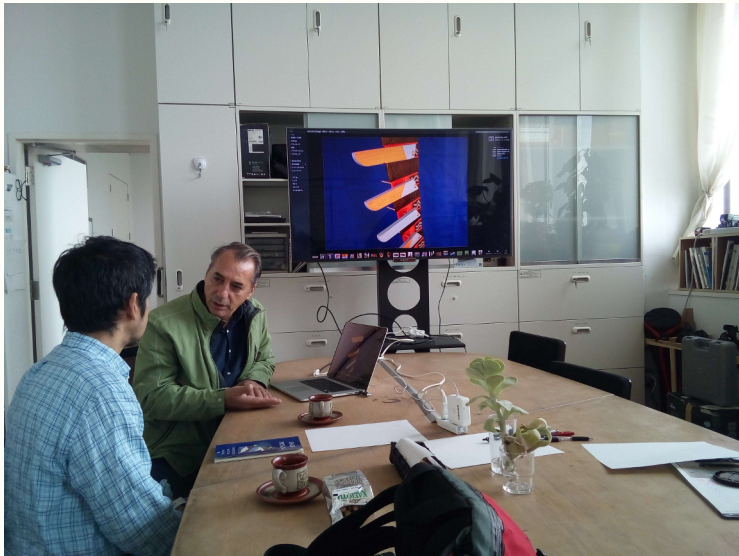


## ERASMUS+/ INTERNATIONAL CREDIT MOBILITY JAPAN



**Tokyo University of the Arts (GEIDAI)** in Japan, is a non - profit public Higher Educational Institution located in the metropolis of Tokyo. It offers courses and programs leading to officially recognized higher education degrees. Its overarching goal is to play a pivotal role in the development of art and culture in Japan, while respecting the spirit of freedom and creativity that has existed since the university was founded. The long-term strong bonds and common research interest between the University of West Attica (UNIWA) and GEDAI University gave the rise to a five year collaboration expansion for the years 2021 - 2025, by introducing the exchange of under- and post-graduate students between the two Universities. In November 2019, Professor Charalampos Pressas, Dean of the Faculty of Applied Arts and Culture, visited GEIDAI University under the Erasmus+ International Credit Mobility Program. His teaching mobility included meetings with colleagues, campus tours and lecture preparations during the first days of arrival; lectures, presentations and cultural activities, technical, theoretical and aesthetic observations during the next days.



**Prof. C. Pressas** is specialized in Sculpture, Constructions, Painting and Fine Art Photography. During his mobility to GEDAI University, he had the opportunity to present his personal work analyzing different and modern techniques using another aesthetic approach. In an eight hour schedule, the presentation of his personal project "Red Night" was the most significant point, which was discussed among the GEIDAI's students who in their turn, presented their own works, including collage, photo painting, fragmented multi-picturing, scenography and space time. Long meetings with Professors took place to explore the possibilities of undertaking common projects and common activities to the field of Fine Arts, so as to continue the perfect team effort the two Universities maintain for over a decade. It is worth noting, that two colleagues have already visited UNIWA last May under the framework of Erasmus+/ICM program and two PhD students, one from each University have already been chosen to spend their next semester to either UNIWA and GEDAI University.

