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Ambassador of India to Japan and Consul General of India Visit the University for Interaction through Rugby as Part of Japan Friendship Ties Programs JENESYS2022

On January 27, 12 players from the Indian Rugby Football Association and several persons concerned visited the Kyotanabe Campus of Doshisha University to interact through sports under Japan Friendship Ties Programs JENESYS2022, organized by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs. They interacted with students of the university by mingling at a reception party and playing rugby together. The reception was also attended by H.E. Mr.



Sibi GEORGE, Ambassador of India to Japan; Mr. Nikhilesh GIRI, Consul General of India; Mr. KAMIMURA Takashi, Mayor of Kyotanabe City; and those concerned with the Japan International Cooperation Agency (JICA) and the Japan Rugby Football Union.

As an interaction program between Japan and other countries and regions in the Asia-Pacific region, Japan Friendship Ties Programs JENESYS2022 is designed to familiarize citizens in the countries and regions with Japanese political, economic, social, cultural, historical, and diplomatic policies through invitation, dispatch, and online interaction of human resources who are influential in terms of disseminating messages and are expected to play the main role in a future society. The program is also intended to make Japan's dissemination of messages even more influential and further consolidate Japan's diplomatic

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foundation by discovering and fostering fans of and experts on Japan and encouraging the program participants to disseminate messages actively on Japan's diplomatic stance, attractive features, and the like. At the reception for interaction, Professor TAKASUGI Naoshi, Vice President of Doshisha University, expressed his warm welcome and his appreciation for the attendees' engagement with the interaction program. Afterwards, Ambassador George stating that interaction in the fields of academy and sports would become even more important for the relationship between India and Japan, showed his expectations on future developments of the program. Mayor. Kamimura also expressed his hope that interaction would also take place at the citizen level in the future by sending the city's officials to India.

In March 2019, Doshisha University signed a memorandum of understanding with JICA, leading to the dispatch of eight members of the university's rugby club to India as overseas cooperation volunteers in February 2020. The members instructed local children and university students in rugby. Although the spread of the new coronavirus forced the suspension of the JICA program of sending rugby players to India, it was resumed in February 2023 after three years.

The reception was attended not only by the rugby club members who would be sent to India, but also students who would participate in regular course fieldwork expected to be resumed this year. All the participants mingled in an amiable atmosphere throughout the reception. At the end of the event, the Ambassador of India to Japan offered paintings and books to Doshisha University as a gift.

The reception was followed by rugby training on the rugby field. The university's rugby club members who would be sent to India as JICA volunteers from February worked up a sweat together with rugby players from India. It was a memorable scene as the Ambassador, Consul General, and Mayor of Kyotanabe City cheered with smiles on their faces as the Japanese and Indian athletes mixed and passed the ball on the



field with snow still lingering on. After the training, the university's rugby club members presented the Indian players with souvenirs, and they promised to have a reunion in India.

Kyotanabe City and Doshisha University aim to continue their cultural, academic, and sports interaction with India, deepen their mutual understanding, and further disseminate the attractive features of the two countries.



Members of the University's Bowling Club Win the Men's and Women's Gold Medals at the All Japan University Individual Bowling Championships! Outstanding Performance by SAITO Sho and TOTSUKA Mayu!

From February 20 to 22, 2023, the 54th All Japan University Individual Bowling Championships were held at Kyo-Ichi Bowl Uji, Kyoto, to determine the No.1 university bowler in each division. Mr. SAITO Sho from the men's division of the university's bowling club (second-year student of the Faculty of Health and Sports Science) and Ms. TOTSUKA Mayu from the women's division of the club (third-year student of the Faculty of Commerce) won the laurels of victory.

In the men's division, Mr. Saito, who had been noted as the winner of the previous championship, achieved the feat of winning successive victories after a hard-fought game. In the women's division, Ms. Totsuka was totally victorious as indicated by her winning both the high games (299) and the high series (783/3 games in total).

At the Minister of Education, Culture, Sports, Science and Technology Cup 60th All Japan University Bowling Championships, held last December, the bowling club won the victory in the women's division (team competition) for the first time in 41 years. The club is marching forward with victory after victory. Please look forward to the bowling club's continued success.



Orientation Session Held for New Residents of the Keishiryō Dormitory!



On March 31, just before the beginning of the new semester, an orientation session for new residents of the Keishiryō Dormitory was held to guide 23 domestic students and 10 international students in starting their new lives in the dormitory.

Intended to provide a multicultural environment and foster individuals who can embody the university's educational philosophy, the Keishiryō Dormitory was established for educational purposes

in 2021. However, the COVID pandemic imposed many difficulties on the dormitory management from the beginning. Domestic students faced various restrictions in their dormitory lives, while international students could not even enter Japan in 2021. Now that most COVID restrictions in the dormitory have

been lifted, it has been decided that not only the conventional form of an orientation session, but also new programs, such as a team building activity involving all new dormitory residents and self-assertion training, will be introduced to improve interpersonal communication skills, which are needed as part of life in the dormitory.

From now on, dormitory residents will engage in the Residential Learning Program (RLP), which will be held in the dormitory. The university will further promote the program toward enhancing its content, including the newly established “Global Business Diversity” program which is to be conducted with the cooperation of alumni working on the front lines of their respective fields.

Doshisha Alpine Club to Make an Expedition to the Himalayas in the Summer of 2023! Striving to Conquer the Unclimbed Peak of Lama (6,527 m) for the First Time in History

In August 2023, Doshisha Alpine Club and its alumni organization will dispatch a mountaineering party to western Nepal to ascend the unclimbed peak of Lama (6,527m) for the first time in history.

The target peak Lama is located in the far western region of Nepal. The peak is so inaccessible that nobody could even reach its foot until a party from Doshisha University did so for the first time in 2017, after a tenacious search on foot and local collection of various information. Currently, the club and its alumni organization are looking for a route to the summit. Since it is expected that the route will require advanced climbing skills, they are undergoing rigorous training every day.

As part of the expedition, they will conduct research on mountain areas in far western Nepal. Doshisha Alpine Club has been deeply associated with Nepal, a country where the club’s tradition is found, to which they have continued to send mountaineering parties for half a century (since the mid-1950s). In 2004, the club performed research on the route that KAWAGUCHI Ekai, a Buddhist monk who smuggled himself alone from Nepal into Tibet



Lama Peak (6,527 m) (Photo by Mr. Uno)



Finding the route to Lama Peak (Photo by Mr. Senda)

during the Meiji Era in search of the original scriptures of Buddhism, had taken when crossing the Himalayas. When they reached the summit of Kubi Kangri (6,721m) successfully for the first time in 2007, the club

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conducted academic research on the retreat of glaciers affected by global warming. When they conquered the unclimbed peaks of Changla (6,563 m) and Aichyn (6,055 m) in western Nepal for the first time in history in 2010 and 2015, respectively, the club also conducted research on the respective mountain areas. Of particular note was the club's expedition to Nepal in 2015 for research on damage caused by a large earthquake that had struck the country. In Khumjung, a village close to the epicenter, the club inspected damage to a school building and confirmed the collapse of its



Climbing a steep route (Photo: by Mr. Uno)

roofs and other parts. This led not only to donation for school building repair costs through the Doshisha Alumni Association, but also to a project for constructing a highly earthquake-resistant school building over several years with the involvement of the architect Ban Shigeru. In the upcoming Himalayan expedition, they will explore the mountain areas of the Seti-Nadi headwaters. After climbing the Raksha Urai peak, they will observe the mountain areas from the summit and check them with a map to identify the mountain ranges.

Overview of the Climbing Plan

1. Mountaineering Party Name:

Doshisha Univ. Far Western Nepal Expedition 2023

2. Dispatching Organizations:

Doshisha Alpine Club and Its Alumni Organization

3. Purposes:

(1) To ascend the unclimbed Lama Peak (6,527 m) for the first time

(2) To conduct research on mountain areas in far western Nepal

I. Exploration of far western mountain areas and trial climbing of the nearby high peak (6,500m class):

Raksha Urai Peak

II. Cultural anthropological exploration of western Nepal

4. Period:

August to October 2023

5. Party Composition:

Four members

Captain: Uno Yuma [Sumitomo Rubber Industries, Ltd.]

Sub Captain: SENDA Hiroki [Chugai Technos Corporation]; KATO Atsushi; and AKITA Hiyori

6. Sponsors:

ARAI TENT, Taniguchi Kei Adventure Fund, finetrack, and MAGIC MOUNTAIN

Report: "Scavenger Hunt on Imadegawa Campus" (presented by SIED)



Hello, we're SIED of Office of International Students!
On Thursday, April 6, we held an event "Scavenger Hunt on Imadegawa Campus"!

In this event, each team completed missions SIED gave to them while getting familiar with facilities on campus. Participants enjoyed international exchange and explored the campus together.

A total of 34 students, 25 international students and 9 local students, participated in the event.

The first mission was "Introduce yourself to your teammates!". Everyone looked a little bit nervous at the beginning, but they got along with each other easily and quickly once they did this mission.

Next, teams started the second mission and went to find places like Learning Commons and International Community Lounge. New students were so excited to know new places on campus, and existing students helped them to remember

locations.

The mission to guess the correct prices of meals on Ryoshinkan cafeteria menu was also fun for participants. New students checked out meals they will eat after. Existing students recommended their favorite meals and introduced other cafeterias on campus. This time, students from various countries participated in the event and had communication in mainly Japanese and English. It seemed like everyone enjoyed international exchange and made new friends!

Teams completed missions early had fun with playing card games until other teams finished. It also helped to deepen the interaction between the participants.

In the questionnaire after the event, there were many comments such as "It was fun to speak Japanese and English!" Many of the participants answered that they had many chances to interact with each other, and we were very happy to hear these comments.

Whether this was your first time coming to a SIED event or you already have attended many times, we really appreciate your participation!

We're going to host more international exchange events in the future, so please join us!



Report: “Let's carve a stone and make an original stamp!” (presented by SIED)



We held a SIED event “Let's carve a stone and make an original stamp!” on June 7th (Wed.) at International Community Lounge (Shigyokan 1F Kyotanabe campus)! 3 international students and 4 local students participated in this event!

At the beginning of the event, students drew the design of the stamp they wanted to carve on a piece of white paper, then used the tracing paper to copy the draft onto the surface of the stone which was sanded with sandpaper. After copying the design onto the stone, they carefully carved the design with a carving knife. All of participants' stamp designs were full of individuality and wonderful patterns, including kanji characters for their own names and illustrations of animals. It was a very fun event, with participants sometimes focusing on making stamps and at other times enjoying conversation with other participants.



In a survey conducted after the event, we received feedback from all participants that they were satisfied with this event! Also, some of them got interested in other SIED events during this event and immediately applied.

We are very happy to see the great original stamps of all participants!

SIED will hold many events you can interact internationally and make wonderful meetings.

We are looking forward to your participation!



Overseas Offices

Doshisha University's overseas offices were established in order to further promote its rapid and effective internationalization. At our overseas offices, we are implementing mainly public relations activities to increase the profile of Doshisha University, while at the same time making the most of the characteristics unique to each office. In addition, we are undertaking various efforts to recruit international students, support Doshisha students while they are studying overseas, and provide on-site support to our faculty members.

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Greetings

Message from the Dean of the Center for Global Education and the Center for Japanese Language and Culture



Greetings from Doshisha University in Kyoto, Japan

It is my honorable duty as the Dean of our two centers to inform you that the Center for Global Education and the Center for Japanese Language and Culture will be structurally and functionally integrated into the Center for Global Education and Japanese Studies from April 2024. This integration will surely contribute to the smooth acceptance and hosting of short-term international students, such as exchange students from partner universities, and provide them with even more attractive educational programs. They will enjoy two more flexible options through either the Global Education Module (GEM) or the Japanese Language and Culture Module (Nichibun) in the new Center, in which they are guaranteed free choice of a wider variety of subjects.

Doshisha is located in Kyoto, one of the most historical and traditional cities in Japan. Surrounded by such rich cultural resources, your study and student life will undoubtedly become vibrant during your stay here and, of course, remain invaluable to you after returning home. I'm looking forward to seeing you soon!

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