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On June 6th (Wed.), SIED hosted "Let's Dance Awa Odori!" at the International Community Lounge on Kyotanabe campus.

In this event, the participants listened to the presentation about Awa Odori, watched the dance performance, and took a mini lesson.

SIED invited two Awa Odori instructors from Tokushima prefecture (the birthplace of Awa Odori) for this event. At first, the participants learned the history of Awa Odori and differences between female dance and male dance. In the subsequent dance performance, the students learned how to find a rhythm and how to move. Although in the beginning they struggled, by the end they performed admirably and also enjoyed it. In the end of the event, we danced Awa Odori in a big circle. All participants felt a sense of unity as if we join a big Awa Odori festival. Through this event, we hope the students deepened their understanding of Japanese tradition. SIED strives to hold various kinds of interesting events. We look forward to seeing you all in our future events!



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