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On June 9th (Sun.), SIED and the International Exchange Association in Kyotanabe City co-hosted "World Kitchen ~Nagashi somen~" at a local café called "Bio Tatara." 30 people including local residents, international students and local students joined to experience local Japanese culture through "nagashi somen," one of Japanese summer traditions. The event start off with the speech from Ms. Merry from the association. She shared with the participants interesting stories about bamboo in Taiwan. After learning much about the bamboo, the participants made their own bamboo cups from the local bamboo. Then, it was time to try "nagashi somen". Many participants seem to be the first time to try "nagashi somen". With bamboo cups full of soup made from soy source and Kyotanabe tea in their hands, they caught the noodle floated down the bamboo lane with chopsticks. They also enjoyed cherry tomato, grape and jelly floated down the bamboo lane. The onigiri (Japanese rice balls) of takenoko (young bamboo) and Japanese traditional sweets known as 'Pon Gashi' or 'Pon Candy', something like pop rice, are also delicious.

After enjoying the taste of Japan, the participants took a tour of the café which still maintains the traditional form of an old Japanese house. Participants listened carefully to the introduction of various ideas such as the entrance and the elaborated garden from Mr. Tanaka.

We hope that the event was meaningful and enjoyable for the participants and became a good memory. Thank you, Bio Tatara and the International Exchange Association, for your help in organizing such successful event!



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