# Support Association for International Students of the University of Aizu (SAISUA) AY 2012 Activity Report

SAISUA provides scholarship and support for students with financial difficulty. Further, we have offered livelihood support service such as opening Japanese class. In addition, campus and local exchange activities were held so that the international students would not be isolated on campus or in the community, and could spend a fun college life in Aizu.

### SAISUA Livelihood Support Project

## ≪Livelihood Support≫

(1) Scholarship:  $1^{st}$  semester – 3 students (20,000 yen × 6 months)

2 students (10,000 yen  $\times$  6 months)

 $2^{\text{nd}}$  semester – 2students (20,000 yen × 6 months)

\* Breakdown: 5 Chinese, 1 Sri Lankan, 1 Tunisian



SAISUA students are required to join on-campus and community events and be in charge of the following activities.

- · Introduction of their countries in local elementary school.
- School tour service for visitors at the university
- Introduction of international exchange activities, etc. at school festival.
- Volunteer for activities from OSIP
- Other



#### SAISUA Events (Campus and Local Exchange Activity)

#### ≪Welcome Hour (Welcome Party) ≫

Day/Time: May 10, 2012 6:00 PM - 7:00 PM

November 2, 2012 6:00 PM - 7:00 PM

Location: Keyaki, 2nd floor of Student Hall

Welcome Party was offered by SAISUA and OSIP in Keyaki to welcome new international students, faculty and staff members. Around 70 people joined this party including UoA President Tsunoyama, SAISUA President Ginsberg, previous SAISUA President Rozycki and a first student from Laos.

The party was held in October as well to welcome new faculty and staff members who entered the university after summer including new international students from Vietnam, Russia, China, Taiwan



and Finland.

Since the people enjoyed socializing so much in each party, they kept talking with each other and didn't leave the place even after the party ended.

#### ≪International Talk≫

Date/Time: The  $15^{th}$  – February 19, 2012 4:30 PM ~

Location: Research Quadrangles building 2F

This event was co-hosted by SAISUA and OSIP, and Arkady Zgonnikov (PhD 2<sup>nd</sup> year student) gave a presentation with a title "Russia: A Country of Opportunity, Contrast and Free Wi-Fi". He explained about history, science technology and current economic situation through IT industry development of Russia.



#### «Cross-cultural Exchange in Elementary School»

Date: May, June, July, September, October

Location: Matsunaga Elementary School, Eiwa Elementary School, Kozashi Elementary School, Nisshin Elementary School

The event was jointly offered by SAISUA and OSIP as a part of international exchange activity, and international students visited elementary schools in Aizu Wakamatsu to interact with the elementary school students.

The international students from the US, Sri Lanka, Russia, China and Vietnam introduced their countries and played English games with the elementary school students. The international students spend a fun time while the elementary school students gave a lot of questions and experience overseas culture through the event.



