

Support Association for International Students of the University of Aizu (SAISUA) AY 2013 Activity Report

SAISUA offers the scholarship program and financial support covering part of the national health insurance for new international students just enrolled at the University of Aizu. SAISUA also encourages international students to interact with UoA students and locals through activities on campus and at local elementary schools, etc. toward their enjoyable lives in Aizu.

SAISUA Scholarship Programs

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Scholarships : First Term - 5 students (@¥20,000×6 months)

Second Term - 5 students (@¥20,000×6 months)

*Recipients : From China: 4 students, Viet Nam: 2 students,

Sri Lanka: 2 students, Tunisia: 2 students (in total)

SAISUA scholarship recipients are required to join some of the following UoA school events and/or local events to promote international exchange;

- visits to local elementary schools to introduce their home countries
- serving as a campus tour guide for visitors
- introduction of international exchange activities, etc. at UoA school festival
- volunteering in the activities planned by the UoA Center for Strategy of Int'l Programs (CSIP)



SAISUA events (on campus and in the local communities)

«Welcome Hour (welcome party)»

Dates : Thursday, May 9, 2013

Wednesday, November 20, 2013

Place : Keyaki Restaurant, 2F, UoA Student Hall

“Welcome Hour” was jointly hosted by SAISUA and CSIP on May 9, 2013, to welcome international students and faculty members newly joined UoA in April.



A total of 44 students, faculty and administrative staff members attended the party with University President Tsunoyama, CSIP Director Iwase, SAISUA President Heo. Among them there were students from Kyrgyz Republic and Germany from where UoA accepted students for the first time. The welcoming performances given by the UoA student chorus, which was formed last year, warmed up the party very much.

About 40 attended the 2nd Welcome Hour held on November 20, 2013, including 15 new international graduate students from China, Viet Nam, Taiwan, exchange students from Rose-Hulman Institute of Technology, as well as Japanese students, faculty members and administrative staff. SAISUA President

Heo was the MC for both parties, where international and Japanese students had fun together.

Welcome Hour parties held in spring and fall brought about such a huge success that participants' conversations continued as if they forgot to leave the site after the party was over.

《Exchange Activities among Int'l and Japanese Students》

Date: Sunday, June 9, 2013

Visit to: Iimori-yama and its vicinities

SAISUA supported one of the exchange activities organized by UoA students to introduce features of the Aizu Region to international students.

They visited Iimori-yama, famous for tragic Byakko-tai incident occurred at the end of Edo period, and "Sazae-dou," a distinctive wooden Buddhist temple designated as a national important cultural property. They learned about the history of Aizu and facets of Japanese culture with Japanese students acting as their tour guide.



《Activities at UoA Festival "Soshō-sai"》

Dates: Saturday, October 12 and Sunday, October 13, 2013

Location: Snack stand and flea market sites

Under the leadership of former SAISUA president Rozycki, his wife and current SAISUA president Heo, and with the help of family members of faculty and international students, SAISUA set up a snack stand at the school festival for the first time to introduce international cuisines, and joined the flea market to sell clothes, books and other articles donated by SAISUA members, etc.



The authentic Indian curry and Korean pancakes were so popular, and international students enjoyed interacting with shoppers. The sales were donated through SAISUA for international students' support.

《Local Elementary School Visit》

Date: Tuesday, March 11, 2014

Visit to: Aizu-Wakamatsu Ikki Elementary School

SAISUA supported one of the international exchange activities organized by CSIP. International students visited Ikki Elementary School and joined an integrated study class for 3rd graders.

UoA Students from China, Sri Lanka, Senegal and Kyrgyz introduced their home countries, and taught how to greet in their mother languages. Elementary school children asked a lot of questions and learned about cultures of other countries. They had a pleasant time together.

