

Support Association for International Students of the University of Aizu (SAISUA) AY 2014 Activity Report

SAISUA offers a 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. to help them lead enjoyable lives in Aizu.

SAISUA Scholarship Program

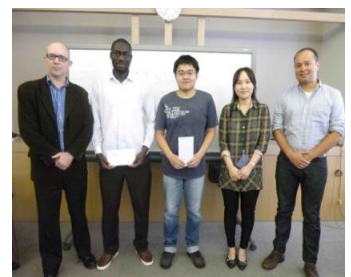
«Scholarship Program»

Scholarships: First Term - 4 students (@¥20,000×6 months)
 Second Term - 1 students (@¥20,000×6 months)

*Recipients: From China: 3 students, Senegal: 2 students

SAISUA scholarship recipients are required to join some UoA school events and /or local events like those listed below to promote international exchanges;

- Vists to local elementary schools to introduce their home countries
- Serving as a campus tour guide for visitors
- Introduction of international exchange activities, etc. at the UoA campus 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 and social mixer)»

Dates: Wednesday, May 14, 2014

Wednesday, November 12, 2014

Place: Keyaki Restaurant, 2F, UoA Student Hall

“Welcome Hour” was jointly hosted by SAISUA and CSIP on May 14, 2014, to welcome international students and faculty members newly joined UoA in April.

A total of 39 students (including French international students), Faculty, and administrative staff members attended the party with University President Oka, CSIP Director Iwase, and SAISUA President Kim.

38 attended the 2nd Welcome Hour held on November 12, 2014, including international students from Belarus and China, as well as Japanese students faculty members and administrative staff.

SAISUA President Kim was the MC for this party, where international and Japanese students had fun together.



The Welcome Hour Parties held in spring and fall were such a huge success that participants' conversations continued long after the party was over.

《Leaning Culture and History of Aizu —The Summer Japanese Cultural Tour—》

Date: Thursday, July 28, 2014~Sunday, August 1, 2014

Place: Iimori-yama and its vicinities

A total of 25 participants including UoA international students, foreign faculty and their families, and faculty members from Fukushima University attended the "Summer Japanese Cultural Tour".

It is intended to make deepen participants' knowledge about Aizu and Japanese culture by getting familiar with them.

During this four-day tour, lectures about the region's history and culture were provided to the participants every day. On the last day, a field trip was held to visit cultural and historic facilities. They visited an Aizu lacquerware factory and were very surprised at the craftsman's detail-oriented techniques. Next, at a sake brewery, the participants received an explanation of the sake brewing process and tasted some sake.

The participants learned a lot about Aizu history and culture, and this tour provided both an enjoyable and valuable learning experience.



《Annual International Festival and Activities at the UoA Campus Festival "Sosho-sai"》

• Annual International Festival

Dates: Saturday, October 4, 2014

Location: Tsurugajo Taiikukan

• UoA Festival "Sosho-sai"

Dates: Saturday, October 11 and Sunday, October 12, 2014

Location: Snack stand (outside) and
flea market sites (Administration Complex Lobby)



Under the leadership of former SAISUA president Rozycki and his wife, SAISUA participated at the Annual International Festival and "Sosho-sai". Thanks to the international students' support, the total sales of both festivals were 60,550 yen, all of which was donated to SAISUA.

«International Communication Tour»

Dates: Sunday, March 29, 2015

Location: Listel Inawashiro

SAISUA held the “International Communication Tour” for UoA international students. Through enjoying skiing and snowboarding, we wanted the students to discover the good parts of the Aizu region.

Also, we wanted them to know more about each other by sharing information on their own countries and how they felt after they came to Japan.

Even the students who had never skied before enjoyed this valuable experience. After lunch, each student gave a three-minute speech about their home country in order to understand each other's background and deepen their friendship.

