

Support Association for International Students of the University of Aizu (SAISUA) AY 2015 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 - 2 students (@¥35,000×6 months)
 Second Term - 3 students (@¥35,000×6 months)

*Recipients: From Nigeria: 1 student, Sri Lanka: 2 students,
 Vietnam: 1 student, Taiwan: 1 student



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 13, 2015

Wednesday, November 18, 2015

Place: Keyaki Restaurant, 2F, UoA Student Hall

“Welcome Hour” jointly hosted by SAISUA and the Center for Globalization was held on May 13 (Wednesday), 2015, to welcome new international students and faculty members who joined the UoA in April.

56 students, faculty, and administrative staff members had a good time to develop their friendship at the party with University President Oka, Vice-university President Tei (Director of the Center for Globalization), and SAISUA President Rockell.

A total of 45 people attended the 2nd Welcome Hour held on November 18, 2015, including international students from Vietnam, Nigeria, China, Taiwan and Russia as well as Japanese students, faculty members and administrative staff who are interested in international activities.



These two parties in spring and fall offered participants a great opportunity to deepen friendship between new and old members, and some of them exchanged their contact information.

《Activities at the UoA Campus Festival “Soshō-sai”》

Dates: Saturday, October 10 and Sunday, October 11, 2015

Location: Snack stand (outside) and flea market sites

(Administration Complex Lobby)

At the UoA campus festival “Soshō-sai”, SAISUA sold a “Sri Lankan Curry”. All of the five students from Sri Lanka in the UoA cooperated in cooking the “Sri Lankan Curry”.

Together with the Sri Lankan students, Japanese and international students from Vietnam and China were of great help in selling curry and running the SAISUA stand.

The curry was very popular and sold out within 30 minutes on both days. A lot of visitors requested for more curry next year. Running the stand at the campus festival promotes communication among students, faculty and administration staff members related to SAISUA. It also provides a very good opportunity for visitors to take a glimpse of part of activities of our international students.



《International Talk》

Dates: Wednesday, December 2, 2015

Tuesday, February 16 and Wednesday, February 17, 2016

Location: Research Quadrangles Conference Room 128 (Dec.)

Research Quadrangles Lecture Room S8 (Feb.)

Three sessions of the International Talk were held in December and February, cosponsored by SAISUA and the Office for Strategy of International Programs (OSIP) of the Center for Globalization.

In the December session, Japanese students who had studied abroad told about their experiences, and international students introduced their own culture. At the tea party following their presentations, the participants enjoyed sharing their experiences related to international exchange.

For the sessions of the International Talk in February, Mr. Takao Aoyama, the director of Aizu Wakamatsu International Association was invited to provide a lecture on “Aizu gaku (Aizu-logy)”. Japanese as well as international students deepened their knowledge of “Aizu,” where the UoA is located. After the lecture, international students gained firsthand experience of calligraphy with Japanese students giving them advice.

The International Talk has become an important opportunity for UoA students to deepen not only their international understanding but also their knowledge of Aizu and Japan.

SAISUA also supported various other international exchange activities organized by the OSIP, international students’ visit to local elementary schools, for example.

