

Support Association for International Students of the University of Aizu (SAISUA)

AY 2007 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»

Scholarship : 7 students (120,000 yen×7)

※Breakdown : 3 Chinese, 1 Bangladesh, 1 Sri Lankan, 1 Hungary

Support for living expenses : 2 students (1st semester) (@20,000 yen×2)

※Breakdown : 2 Sri Lankan

«Japanese Class»

Day/Time : April 24, 2007 – January 16, 2007

*All 20 lessons 6:10 PM – 7:40 PM

Location : Research Quadrangles Lounge on 2nd floor, Lounge for International Exchange

Participant : International students and faculty members, and family members



Classes by four different levels (all 10 lessons) were held in collaboration with OSIP. In total, 18 new people from China, Russia, Sri Lanka, the US, etc. participated in the class.

SAISUA Event (Campus/Community Exchange Activities)

«Regional Contribution Project at Museum»

Day/Time : June 22, 2007

Location : Fukushima Prefectural Museum Exhibition Room

The multiple translation project for exhibition content at Fukushima Prefectural Museum started. In this project, SAISUA, 3rd and 4th year students from International Cultural Communication Class translate the exhibition content.

The purpose of this project is to provide translation service for overseas visitors and encourage UoA students to learn Japanese culture.

The students from International Cultural Class translate from Japanese to English, and the international students translate the English version into each language as a SAISUA's activity. 先ず、



《The 4th International Talk》

Day/Time : June 27, 2007 6:00 PM – 7:30 PM

Location : Conference Room on 2nd floor of Research Quadrangles,
Lounge



International Talk was co-hosted by SAISUA and OSIP with a theme “What is Overseas Campus Life?”, and a total of 22 people including faculty members joined the event.

Takaharu Machino (1st year master student) who went to University of Dublin for 3-week study abroad program and Fumiko Ohori (4th year undergraduate student) who went to Rose-Hulman for 2-week study abroad program gave a presentation. The presentation content was about the college class and life such as discussion with local students in lab and campus accommodation. The participants gave a lot of questions to the students who experienced overseas campus life.

《Informal Meeting of “Town Development with Overseas Tourists”》

Day/Time : July 4, 2007 1:30 PM – 3:00 PM

Location : Conference Room on 1st floor of Research Quadrangles, #128

In cooperation with SAISUA, the information meeting was held. 8 international students and 3 faculty members from USA, Nigeria, England, Columbia, Sri Lanka, China, India, Korea exchanged and shared their ideas with “Town Development Research Group” of Aizu Wakamatsu Construction Office and Aizu Wakamatsu City Hall Construction Department. With a viewpoint of overseas tourists, they discussed how to improve sightseeing and road maps which are necessary for Aizu as an international sightseeing spot, comparing the difference between Japan and their countries. The ideas of the informal meeting will be taken into consideration for promoting Aizu in the future.



《Happy Hour (Welcome Party)》

Day/Time : October 18, 2007 6:00 PM – 7:00 PM

Location : Keyaki, 2nd floor of Student Hall

The Party was offered by SAISUA and OSIP for new international students and faculty members in Keyaki, and a total of 42 people joined and deepened their friendship.



Starting from greeting words from SAISUA President Jerold DeHart and UoA President Tsunoyama, the new students and faculty members introduced themselves. Afterward, they spent a fun time to chat with new people.

※This project is implemented with not SAISUA's budget but membership fees.

《Ski Lesson》

Day/Time : January 12, January 26, February 2, 2008 (±)

Location : Inawashiro Ski Resort

The ski lesson was offered by Inawashiro International Association, OSIP and SAISUA. There was a total of 50 people including 20 UoA international students, Japanese students, volunteers, ski instructors and staff members from Inawashiro International Association. They socialized with children from local junior sport-club and enjoyed skiing and playing English game.

※Since the objective of this event was to encourage the students to understand Aizu through ski experience and to provide opportunities for the local people to understand cross-cultural exchange, SAISUA's budget didn't cover the expenses.