

The Intschool Network News

International School Network News from Japan

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UNAFEI Conference



On June 16, 2014, high school students from Saint Maur International School, Seisen International School, Yamate Gakuin, and Yokohama Minato High School went to UNAFEI (United Nations Asia and Far East Institute for the Prevention of Crime and the Treatment of Offenders) to learn about the institute and to perform speeches at the conference room. At first, we went to the hall to watch an introductory DVD about UNAFEI. After the brief introduction, we went upstairs to the conference hall and watched a presentation by a Canadian psychologist, and a discussion afterwards regarding the presentation.



After lunch, we went upstairs to the conference hall to present. We sat around the tables as two students went to the interpreter booth. They translated the conference from English to Japanese for the students who are not fluent in English.



As the narrator, I first announced the rules of the presentations. When each group of presenters came up to the front, Karen Nishina introduced everyone one by one, stating their names, ages, nationalities, and quick facts about them.



(Yamate Gakuin)



(Yokohama Minato Sohgo Gakkou)
Yokohama Minato Sohgo Gakkou performed a play at the beginning of their presentation demonstrating a conversation by multicultural exchange students who meet at a school.



Next, we went to eat lunch at the cafeteria. A few students brought their own lunch, but most ordered the cafeteria lunch. The cafeteria lunch was healthy and delicious. Here, the students talked and relaxed as they prepared for the presentation.



There were four groups of presenters. The presenting groups from Yamate Gakuin, Yokohama Minato Sohgo Gakkou, and Saint Maur International School (Team B) made presentations about education. The second group from Saint Maur International School (Team A) presented about the convenience and beauty of cities and streets. All groups presented in English, and the presentations were well done.



(Saint Maur International School)



(Seisen International School)

Kanagawa International School

Kindergarten Class Age : from 2 years old
Regular Class : Monday to Friday 9:00-14:30
Saturday Kindergarten Class : Saturday 9:00-14:00
Elementary Class Age : 5 to 12 years old
Sunday Elementary Class : Sunday 9:00-15:00
Middle school Class Age : 11 to 15 years old Sunday



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Czech Republic Embassy

The International School Network went to the Embassy of the Czech Republic in Tokyo. We interviewed the Ambassador, Ms. Katerina Fialkova. She kindly answered our questions about the geography, culture, economy, and education of the Czech Republic. She also told us about the country's relations with Japan.



The Czech Republic is a landlocked country, with few natural barriers separating the country from the rest of Central Europe. Therefore the country is very close to its neighbors.

The Czech people are very open minded and are interested in going abroad.



The people of the Czech Republic value individuality. Education, club activities, and the age of starting work are all up to each individual and their families. Tourist attractions of the country include beautiful cities, mountains, rivers, lakes, the countryside, and architectural sites.

Bahrain Embassy Interview

The International School Network went to the Embassy of Bahrain and interviewed the Ambassador, Dr. Khalil Hassan about his country, Bahrain. He also kindly presented books to us.



The Kingdom of Bahrain is located in the central southern shores of the Arabian Gulf and on the western shores of the Persian Gulf. "Bahrain" means "two seas" in Arabic. One theory of the two seas of Bahrain is that the two seas represent the pure water on the island and the seawater around it. The pure water allows the country to be very green. Some consider that Bahrain was the location of the Garden of Eden. The ancient land of Bahrain was a trading point between the Mesopotamian and Indus civilization.

Now the Kingdom of Bahrain plays an important role in financial banking in the Gulf region, balancing act in foreign affairs among its neighbors. Bahrain is a beautiful and harmonious country of a diverse community.



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Honduras Embassy Interview

The International School Network went to the Embassy of Honduras in Tokyo on July 2, 2014. We interviewed the Ambassador, Ms. Marlene Villela-Talbott. She kindly answered our questions after showing us a presentation that introduced the country of Honduras. We received Honduran coffee t-shirts as a gift.



The five stars of the Honduran flag show the unity of the countries of Central America. Honduras borders 3 countries and has several islands. Because Honduras is near many countries, the people are used to traveling and trading.



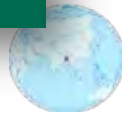
The people of Honduras are very open to other cultures. Honduran people value friendliness and hospitality.

Honduras is a great producer of coffee, with about 100,000 family producers in the country. The main ingredient of Honduran meals is corn, similar to the Mayan culture. People eat tortillas, grinded and cooked corn patty, more than bread. Seafood is eaten in the North and Pacific Coast.



Bangladesh Embassy Interview

The International School Network interviewed Ms. Baby Rani Karmakar about Bangladesh. Bangladesh is geographically close to several countries, allowing tolerance to diversity. The Bangladeshi culture is combines diverse religions, tribal groups, and social activities. This combination makes Bangladesh full of festivities around the year.



Traditional Bangladeshi music and even the attitudes of the people are tuned and soft, with a delicate relationship with nature. The social structure of Bangladesh is very family-oriented as well, which is similar to Japan.

Fiji Embassy Interview

The International School Network interviewed Ms. Korovou about Fiji. Fiji is an island country located in the South Pacific Ocean with more than 330 islands. However, only one third of the islands in Fiji are inhabited by people.



Fiji is a beautiful country, home to numerous species of endemic animals, such as types of iguanas and parrots. Fiji is also a producer of delicious natural water. The people in Fiji value respectfulness towards others, and they express history and culture through generations by traditional dances and poems.



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Chile Embassy Interview

The International School Network went to the Embassy of Chile in Tokyo. We interviewed the Ambassador, Mr. Patricio Torres. The Embassy of Chile was the 16th embassy to arrive in Japan in 1899. The relationship between Japan and Chile is very long and meaningful.



Chile developed separately from the rest of South America because of its geographical barriers. The geography of Chile ranges from jungles, lakes, and volcanoes in the south, to deserts in the north where remains of prehistoric cultures are found. Nature and environmental situations are very important to the people of Chile.



The people of Chile value personal freedom and opportunities to succeed. Recently, the government has been working to improve the education in Chile. A system was made that allows students to apply to graduate schools around the world for free.



Soccer is the most popular sport in Chile. The Chilean team played in the World Cup, and the president of Chile postponed her visit to the United States to greet the soccer team. This shows that the Chileans are proud of their soccer team, and how important soccer is in their lives.



After the interview, we went to a flute and piano concert hosted by the Ambassador of Chile. The Ambassador invited us to the concert of flutist Ms. Viviana Guzmán and pianist Ms. Mahani Teave.



The concert was held at Sogetsu Hall in Tokyo. Songs performed include world classics such as J.S. Bach's Ave Maria and Beethoven's Sonata, and Chilean songs such as S. Berchenko's Dar y Recibir Son Lo Mismo and a traditional song from Easter Island, Himno Rapa Nui. Ms. Viviana also introduced various flutes from all over the world.



Ms. Mahani established the first music school in Easter Island, her homeland. Because there were no music schools in the island, she had to leave the island at a young age to study music. With the support of the Chilean embassy, her school has helped children of the island to study music.



Later we were invited to interview Ms. Viviana and Ms. Mahani at the Ambassador's residence.



(Photo with Ambassador Mr. Torres, Mrs. Cecilia Diez, Ms. Viviana, Ms. Mahani, and the members of the Intschool Network at the Ambassador's residence.)