



International Criminal Court (ICC) Judge

Ms. Tomoko Akane

By Madoka Nishina



On February 2nd, 2018, the International School Network interviewed Ms. Tomoko Akane, a judge in the International Criminal Court (ICC) and previously the Ambassador for International Judicial Cooperation and Public Prosecutor of Supreme Public Prosecutors Office of Japan. Because each judge in the ICC comes from a different background, the work environment is very international. Ms. Akane explained that it is vital that everyone respects the cultures and traditions of all countries for cooperation and support. Through such mindset, Ms. Akane believes that when performing her duty as a judge, she can be fair and impartial.

Ms. Akane was nominated as a candidate for the election for judges of the ICC in 2016 by the government of Japan. Despite her surprise towards the sudden nomination, she viewed this rare work as a precious opportunity and new challenge. Ms. Akane commented that this election had been a tough but essential experience for her in which she called back her memory of her prosecutor days and her priorities in her career. Ms. Akane now feels a very strong sense of responsibility in becoming a judge of the ICC, as she was chosen to deal with serious international crimes.



Ms. Akane expressed to us that she hopes young people can be “ambitious”. She commented that students should stay hard working and open minded, and that even if they face hardships,

they should not give up but find new ways (including new people) to achieve their goals and bring themselves to the next level. Ms. Akane explained that despite the hindrances that women faced at the time, she feels fortunate and grateful to have people who helped her. Yet at the same time, she believes that she was helped because she had strong ambitions. Especially now that the world is going through the transitional era of globalization, Ms. Akane hopes that students can actively learn and think about how to be the driving force for creating a bright future.

Furthermore, Ms. Akane shared to us that she is confident that young Japanese people will contribute to the development, prosperity and stability of the world. She believes that we can count on the vision, creativity, and energy of youth. “Please encourage and inspire them to keep up their efforts for the future”



UNICEF United Nations Children's Fund

By Rino Ishisone



On September 22, 2017, the International School Network visited the UNICEF Tokyo Office to interview the Director, Mr. Yasumasa Kimura. Mr. Kimura, as the director of UNICEF Tokyo Office, places focus on maintaining partnership with the Japanese government. As Japan is the 6th largest donor of UNICEF, he explained that the government is an important partner of UNICEF and that it is important to exchange ideas of how they can work together for the future of children. UNICEF is not only cooperating with governments but also working with public firms.



Mr. Kimura explained to us about an ongoing project in which the organization is discussing with drone companies on how to provide material aid to remote areas. He believes that that education is “a vehicle for lifting children out of poverty” and that education “allows them to participate in society”. He also emphasized the importance of providing a safe and sanitary environment for children, especially girls, to receive education such as by implementing gender-separated bathrooms. Schools are particularly essential for refugee children in war zones, as learning facilities can reduce psychological damages and allow students to recover their normal states of mind by providing schooling and opportunities to socialize.

His passion as the director of UNICEF is to do whatever that can help children in need, as he thinks that children carry the future of the world. Mr. Kimura commented that working with people from all over the world and hearing various perspectives on political and social issues is a good opportunity for growing communication skills, especially in negotiation. As a message for students, Mr. Kimura mentioned three pieces of advice: “Find what you are interested in or passionate about, try whatever you found interesting, and learn”. He considers meeting many kinds of people by going abroad as a vital method of broadening perspectives, which will eventually contribute to building a peaceful world.



Republic of the Sudan Embassy Interview

By Nanami Watanabe



On March 26, 2018, the International School Network visited the Embassy of Sudan to interview the ambassador, His Excellency Mr. Yasir Abdalla Abdelsalam Ahmed. H.E. Mr. Ahmed first introduced us the geographical location of Sudan, adding that it is located in the “heart of Africa” which pumps “blood to all parts of Africa”. Sudan used to be the largest country in Africa, until South Sudan seceded in 2011. Today, it shares national borders with seven countries, which is why Sudan is composed of many different ethnic groups who migrated into the region thousands of years ago. Every ethnic group residing in Sudan have different values but they all have strong

relationships within their extended families. They are accustomed to look after their neighbors and friends, and also welcome new guests into their own homes and treat them with kindness and respect. H.E. Mr. Ahmed had mentioned that Sudan and Japan shares many of these norms based on acts of politeness and sincerity. When our network sat down for the interview, the embassy had generously offered each member a plate of delicious specialties of the country. These acts of goodwill in Sudan could be seen in other aspects; for instance, after the great earthquake struck northeast Japan in 2011, Sudan had donated approximately \$100,000 USD, which Japan took as a highly appreciated gesture of kindness. As an ambassador of Sudan to Japan, H.E. Mr. Ahmed wishes to learn from the Japanese culture as well.



He was quite inspired by the resilience of the Japanese people and how they had built an entire nation from ashes after the second World War. His goals consist of strengthening their relationship in economic and social aspects, for both countries have a lot to offer in terms of natural resources, culture, language, and commodities. H.E. Mr. Ahmed has achieved his childhood dream of becoming a diplomat, and he aspires to improve international relations without prejudice. H.E. Mr. Ahmed emphasized the importance of education and the ability to understand differences within this diverse human population. It is encouraged that everybody keep their hearts open and communicate with one another to understand and appreciate our differences.



Poland Embassy Interview

By Kokoro Nakamura



On April 6, 2018, the International School Network visited the Embassy of Poland to interview the Ambassador, His Excellency Jacek Izydorczyk, and the First Secretary, Mrs. Urszula Osmycka. Poland is a country with a very high literacy and school enrolment rate. H.E. Mr. Jacek Izydorczyk explained to us the significance of education in Poland. He commented that students in Poland are very studious since centuries ago.



H.E. Mr. Izydorczyk listed four aspects to his goals as an Ambassador: the improvement of the political, economic, cultural, and scientific relations between Poland and Japan. He explained that all four of these aspects are closely related to one another, henceforth each being significant for achieving further excellent relations between the two countries. The Ambassador assures that Polish people value world peace as a very important aspect of living. He explained to us that “everyone wants to live in peace”, and that it is important for all people to understand each other and have a sound education. He shared to us his belief that education is a tool that can help people and henceforth political activities to become “wiser”. “We don’t have any gender problems. The status of women is always high” H.E. Mr. Izydorczyk said, as he stated that gender equality in Poland is related to its history.

Furthermore, in 1918, after World War, a law was passed that gave equal rights for both women and men. Therefore, even now, women in Poland play an important role. H.E. Mr. Izydorczyk mentioned that some of the cultural values he sees in the people of Poland is hospitality and politeness. Although Japan and Poland have different religions, cultures, and histories, both peoples share similar cultural values. The Ambassador’s message towards Japanese students is to study more and discover more. He wishes for Japanese students and people to visit Poland as well as the rest of the world. H.E. Mr. Izydorczyk commented that Japanese people are curious and like to learn, so he would like more people to learn about Poland’s history, land and culture. He wants “more Japanese people to discover Poland.”



General Mission of Palestine Interview

By Madoka Nishina



The International School Network visited the Permanent General Mission of Palestine to interview the Ambassador, His Excellency Mr. Waleed A. Siam.

H.E. Mr. Siam explained to us the current critical situation of Palestine; Palestine is losing much of its land through wars, which are fought not for religion but for homeland. Palestinians have therefore become refugees in their own country. Even H.E. Mr. Siam grandfather's homeland is located 7 minutes away from where his family lives.



He noted that despite the hardships, Palestine has a 99% literacy rate, with people who excel in education as the most valuable resource of society. H.E. Mr. Siam desires for Palestine to become more widely recognized as a sovereign country with its own sea and borders. As his main goal as the Ambassador of Palestine in Japan, H.E. Mr. Siam is working towards the recognition of Palestine as a sovereign country by Japan. Japan is yet to realize this, despite having voted for its recognition in the General Assembly of the United Nations.

H.E. Mr. Siam explained that the term "peace" has been misused in many occasions. He believes that peace is attained through the price of wars, as wars are easy to start but peace is hard to rebuild. For mankind to become more peaceful than violent,

H.E. Mr. Siam believes that it is crucial for the mentalities of large countries and corporations to change its focus from profiting from weapons to spending money on factors that help people survive, such as security, food, and health. H.E. Mr. Siam strongly hopes for peace, as he believes "it is the only way to enjoy life".

As a message towards students, H.E. Mr. Siam explained to us the importance of reading and traveling. H.E. Mr. Siam noted that such influences can help open minds, whilst electronic devices provide people with too much information that a lot of it is wasted and forgotten. Henceforth, he hopes young people can get off their phones to enjoy life and nature as it is, and to engage in more human communication.



Intl. School Network PROJECT



The International School Network will be taking on a project that aims to increase the literacy rate of children in developing countries through the means of teaching across borders. We have derived that the most important step towards world peace would be

to raise the implementation of elementary education for increasing future opportunities for children, and to facilitate more communication between children from different cultures in order to promote understanding and friendship from a young age. To realize this, our project proposes

children in developed countries to teach children in developing countries through online communication as a part of their educational curriculum. Please visit our website for details. We hope you can cooperate with us on this new project and journey.



APOSTOLIC NUNCIATURE

Vatican City

Embassy Interview

By Madoka Nishina



On July 26, 2017, the International School Network visited the Apostolic Nuncio, Embassy of Vatican City, to interview the nuncio His Excellency Archbishop Mr. Joseph Chennoth.

The Vatican City state represents the Holy See as an independent state leading the universal Catholic church. H.E. Archbishop Chennoth explained to us that Vatican cultural values and Japanese values are similar in the way that people value life, family, education and knowledge. He believes in the importance of being “open to the entire world”, and considers humanity to be one big family of brothers and sisters.



H.E. Archbishop Chennoth considers peace as being a gift from God, yet also noted that peace is the “work of man”. Peace is not just the absence of wars, but it is also the work of justice and equal treatment of all people. H.E. Archbishop Chennoth quoted Paul VI; “Development is the new name for peace”. With the development of the many aspects of humanity, including equal rights and life necessities, peace can be found. Furthermore, H.E. Archbishop Chennoth hopes for more people in the world to interact with others across borders, especially the children, as they have not yet developed prejudices. H.E. Archbishop Chennoth believes that friendships can be found through dialogue and not disputes, even if an agreement is not reached. He explained, “cultural differences should not stand in the way of friendships.”

H.E. Archbishop Chennoth considers his largest lifetime achievement to be his encounters with people from across the world. He feels that his meeting with people from different backgrounds have enriched him as a person.

As a message towards students, H.E. Archbishop Chennoth hopes that students can share thoughts, opinions, and cultures with each other not from a superiority point of view but from a friendly standard. He wishes for students to be courageous even during times of difficulties, and to never forget the correct attitude towards life. H.E. Archbishop Chennoth quoted the proverb, “Your attitude determines your altitude”. H.E. Archbishop Chennoth also hopes for students to treasure their peers, and to always believe in themselves. He assured to us that with the right attitude, energy, attention, and courage to try, anything can be accomplished. He hopes that humans can do good, avoid evil, and live in harmony with each other and with nature.



The Republic of the Union of Myanmar Embassy Interview

By Karen Nishina



On September 1, 2017, the International School Network visited the Embassy of Myanmar and interviewed His Excellency Mr. Thurain Thant Zin, the Ambassador of Myanmar. His Excellency Mr. Zin explained that like Japan, Myanmar has had a high focus on literacy from a long time ago. Myanmar had educational institutions similar to Japan’s ‘teragoya’ system, established since the 11th century. H.E. Mr. Zin also explained to us that people from Myanmar value religious teachings, such as reincarnation. 89% of Myanmar citizens are Buddhist and holidays are related to religion. An example of a similarity between Japanese and Myanmar teachings is the respect for parents and love for grandparents.



H.E. Mr. Zin told us about his impressions on Japan. He was amazed about how Japan keeps their traditions such as the custom of wearing Kimono and Yukata. The ambassador said that Myanmar also holds a custom of wearing traditional clothes called longyi.

After World War II, Myanmar’s relations with Japan got closer. H.E. Mr. Zin believes that peace can be found through forgiveness. For instance, despite the harsh things that Japan had done to Myanmar, Myanmar was able to forgive us and we were able to achieve friendship and peace. The Ambassador’s goal is to make the world peaceful to the limits of his power and to treasure his religion.



H.E. Mr. Zin expressed message towards Japanese students to keep their culture, to travel around the world, and to learn and communicate with people with different backgrounds.

H.E. Mr. Zin kindly invited us to the Reception on the occasion of the 70th Anniversary on the Independence Day of Myanmar on January 25, 2018. The reception was held at Ayeyawady Hall at the Myanmar Embassy in Shinagawa. Myanmar Embassy staffs were all wearing longyi. The guest of honors, the minister of Justice Ms. Yoko Kamikawa addressed congratulations. We enjoyed Burmese cuisine and traditional dances.



United Kingdom Embassy Interview

By Nanami Watanabe



On April 20th, 2018, the International School Network visited the British Embassy to interview Mr. Matthew Phillips, the political counsellor. Mr. Phillips described the UK as a diverse region consisting of four different countries, each of them rich in history and tradition. Today, these countries have strong financial centers and several industries in innovative technologies leading the world economy, and the British education systems have also shown great academic results in their students. However, Mr. Phillips admitted that the UK must focus on quite a few issues such as gender inequality, environmental destruction, and the latest topic of the world, Brexit.



Mr. Matthew Phillips had realistic and optimistic views on Brexit, saying that there will definitely be challenges along the way but it will ultimately create great results. He first emphasized that it is important for the people to know that the goal for this movement is not towards economic or political isolation; although the UK will no longer have legal ties to the European Union, they will continue to work with a variety of countries both inside and outside of Europe. Brexit will officially begin their processes next March, and there are definitely uncertainty about its future regarding citizenship, trade, businesses, etc. but there is also a huge wave of excitement and many are eager to see how this will affect the world. Mr. Phillips characterized the British as resilient people and that these changes will bring about a fresh start for Britain on the global stage.

With exciting waves of political movements in today's society, Mr. Phillips emphasized that countries must have strong diplomatic leaders who can efficiently guide its citizens through change. As a diplomat, one of the beauty of his job is that he faces different challenges everyday, and keeps an optimistic view to try to build stronger relations between the UK and Japan. His message towards the Japanese people who are looking forward to the 2020 Tokyo Olympics is to remind the world why Japan is such a "vibrant, modern, and interesting" country. While the world spotlight is on Japan, he expressed that the country should share their futuristic scenes as well as their deeply rooted traditions.



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Republic of the Philippines Embassy Interview

By Kokoro Nakamura



On September 21st, 2017, the International School Network visited the Embassy of the Philippines to interview the Ambassador, His Excellency Jose Castillo Laurel V. The Ambassador first talked about the origin of the country as it first consisted of tribal families who lived in the respect of nature. However, this certain lifestyle is becoming less common as many people have adjusted to the modern times in hopes for an easier life.



H.E. Mr. Laurel V mentioned that the Philippines have similar cultural values with that of Japan as the people respect their families and the elderly. The people are taught to honor their parents and grandparents while the elderly take care of the young as they are the ones that hold the future of the Philippines. One quality he would like to bring awareness to the people of Japan is to display more love to one another. He has noticed that Japanese people, especially women, are very shy whereas the people in the Philippines show their affection more visibly. Moreover, H.E. Mr. Laurel V hopes for Japanese people to have show more character and think for themselves.

Although this could have both positive and negative aspects to, it brings out the creativity from within the person. He had expressed his strong feelings towards this value by stating that we must “love [ourselves] first and then love one another.” Finally, the Ambassador commented on how he believes that literacy is a strong tool that must be emphasized more. Those who have the ability to read and write must teach those who do not, especially about communication and understanding, which is a life skill that we all need.



UNFPA Interview

By Nanami Watanabe



On April 11th, 2018, the International School Network visited United Nations Population Fund (UNFPA) to interview Ms. Mariko Sato, the director of the Tokyo Office. Ms. Sato’s main focus as a director for this organization is to bring attention to child marriages and early childbirth in young girls in several developing countries.

In certain regions, girls as young as ten are being pulled out of school and forced into marriage to give their much older husbands children by the time they are teenagers. The main issue with this cycle in addition to poverty is the high mortality rates of infants and maternal death, and therefore UNFPA is working to eliminate this culture. Approximately 47,000 girls are forced into marriage every day, and the UNFPA fights for those who are helpless and without a voice. These young girls are denied of basic human rights and the UNFPA believes that implementing infrastructures for hospitals medical facilities could temporarily decrease the number of preventable deaths.

Ms. Sato is a strong advocate for basic human rights for young girls and wishes to give them opportunities to live their lives freely in pursuit of their own happiness.



IMF Interview

By Kokoro Nakamura



On September 15th, 2017, the International School Network visited the International Monetary Fund (IMF) to interview Ms. Naoko Miake, an economist in the Regional Office for Asia and the Pacific. Firstly, Ms. Miake had expressed her hopes for students to study abroad and be fluent in a second language.

Such skill is needed when conversing in international institutions such as the IMF where communication involves a diverse population. She also emphasized how as a female, it is important to find a workplace where females and males are treated equally in terms of respect and pay. Through her career she has experienced gender inequality in the workplace. However, with Madame Christine Lagarde as the Managing Director of the IMF, Ms. Miake believes that the IMF is an institution where the voice of women is heard and passed on directly to the Executive Board.

She addressed the relevance of performing to your best and having a career sponsor who pushes you so you can move others and change. She believes that it is not the status or quality of education but the inner voice of a person that truly brings out their best qualities; as long as we voice our opinions, there is always somebody who would listen.



The Republic of Colombia Embassy Interview

By Rino Ishisone



On August 18, 2017, the International School Network visited the Embassy of Colombia to Japan to interview the Ambassador, His Excellency Mr. Gabriel Duque. H.E. Mr. Duque showed us the map of Colombia and explained how the country's geography greatly influences the culture. People's lifestyles are very different depending on where they live within Colombia. For instance, the Andean mountains make it difficult to build infrastructures on many areas of the country, allowing for the indigenous culture to be well preserved in Colombia. The mixture of the culture of the indigenous people and the Spanish created the rich and diverse culture of today's Colombia, which can also be seen in music that greatly differs depending on the areas of the country.



H.E. Mr. Duque stated that some of Colombia's cultural values include the strong bond between families as well as extended families and following the teachings of one's respective religious beliefs. Although there are people coming from different cultural backgrounds due to Colombia's distinct geography and long history of immigrants, 90% of the people in the country are Christian. Accordingly, many cultural values and festivities are related to Christianity. As Colombia embraces a high biodiversity and is rich in resources, the country exports a wide range of products such as coffee, emeralds, flowers, and many more.



Trade between Colombia and Japan plays an important role in the relationship between the two countries, with around half of Colombia exports to Japan is coffee. H.E. Mr. Duque commented that globalization is one of his favorite topics as he himself was part of the World Trade Organization (WTO) in which their main motive is to discuss rules and regulations in trade across borders. He believes that technology and communication has made the world smaller where we can easily come in contact with other nations to consider relevant issues. Since we are all global citizens, there is an importance for all of us to be concerned by our neighboring countries and be united as a whole. He commented that he wants to encourage Japanese students to always be curious, and to learn about the world with clear and updated information. He concluded that he wishes for the bilateral relations between Colombia and Japan to strengthen through active technical and cultural interactions.



The Republic of Singapore Embassy Interview

By Madoka Nishina



On August 17, 2017, the International School Network visited the Embassy of Singapore to Japan to interview the Ambassador, His Excellency Mr. Lui Tuck Yew. The national motto of Singapore is "Onwards, Singapore". H.E. Mr. Lui explained to us that Singapore, as a young nation, continues to strive without resting with the recognition that its best days are still ahead. An important cultural value of Singapore that H.E. Mr. Lui highlighted is meritocracy. He explained that regardless of family or background, if people can prove themselves, they can move forwards. He believes in the importance of rounded individuals; he sees that each person has strengths in different forms. His message towards students is therefore to "do what you love" and "love what you do".



Diversity is another important cultural value in Singapore. H.E. Mr. Lui described Singapore as being a multicultural nation, as Singaporeans come from various origins such as Chinese, Malay, and Indian. H.E. Mr. Lui hopes that children from across the globe can be appreciative of how differently people live and be thankful for their own backgrounds. H.E. Mr. Lui recalled that he grew up during the era before Singaporean independence, when only about 5% of the population were fortunate enough to attend university. Now, the country has changed into an industrialized environment with insurmountable opportunities.

H.E. Mr. Lui emphasized that people from fortunate backgrounds should be appreciative of their opportunities and actively engage in contributions to help others. As the Ambassador of Singapore to Japan, H.E. Mr. Lui's goal is to further strengthen the relationship between the two countries through the nations' shared values of trade, law, and cultural appreciation. Although Singapore is a small country in terms of area and population, the country is the largest Asian investor in Japan. H.E. Mr. Lui introduced to us a recent program, Japan Exchange and Teaching Programme (JET), in which 38 Singaporeans were invited to various parts of Japan, especially the rural areas, for a year or two. H.E. Mr. Lui hopes that those Singaporeans can act as "little ambassadors" who can interact and live forever in the memories of the local Japanese people.



The Kingdom of Belgium Embassy Interview

By Madoka Nishina



On March 22, 2018, the International School Network visited the Embassy of Belgium to interview the Ambassador, His Excellency Mr. Gunther Sleeuwagen. H.E. Mr. Sleeuwagen explained that Belgium is a nation full of diversity, due to its open borders surrounded by large countries. He notes that the culture of Belgium is one that mixes the two different mentalities of Europe; German and Latin, as showcased by their national motto, "Unity makes strength". H.E. Mr. Sleeuwagen commented that Belgian people value the respect for individuals, prominently in the form of democracy.



H.E. Mr. Sleeuwagen's message for students is to become more open and tolerant. Globalization is making the world smaller every day and has been leading people into wars and terrorism. H.E. Mr. Sleeuwagen explained that traveling, both physically and mentally, can lead to open mindedness and the ability to accept and listen to others. Moreover, H.E. Mr. Sleeuwagen explained that people do not necessarily have to copy or assimilate with others in order to be open and listening; they should keep their own identity and own minds. He hopes that people can continue their interactions with different cultures to exchange information that can lead to mutual respect and understanding, as H.E. Mr. Sleeuwagen noted, everyone has dreams and emotions, "all the same".

Since a young age, H.E. Mr. Sleeuwagen had always wanted to become a traveler. He shared with us his passion for initiating new ideas and events, and emphasized the importance to stick to ambitions whilst keeping an open mind. Furthermore, H.E. Mr. Sleeuwagen expressed his gratefulness for working in Japan, a country with good relations with Belgium including the connection between the royal families. H.E. Mr. Sleeuwagen has the impression that Japan is a nation with kind, cultured, and welcoming people, and he enjoys the fact that Tokyo is not just a place of excitement but can also be a quiet area. As the Ambassador, H.E. Mr. Sleeuwagen hopes that the good relations between Belgium and Japan, which has been advancing for over four centuries, can continue to flourish.



The Italian Republic Embassy Interview

By Arisa Sasaki



On April 23rd, 2018, the International School Network was welcomed to the Italian Embassy for an interview meeting. Our questions were answered by His Excellency Mr. Giorgio Starace, Ambassador of Italy to Japan, who helped us gain a deeper understanding of the many aspects of Italy and its relationship with Japan. In regard to how Italy promotes gender equality and female empowerment, H.E. Mr. Starace explained that in Italy this social issue is a popular topic and the gender balance of the cabinet is often a focus of attention. Although Italy used to be a male dominant society, female empowerment has advanced to the point where female ministers consisted half of the previous government



and the role of the minister of defense is filled by a woman. The country has invented new political formula over the years and today, there is a completely new parliament with not only more women but also younger politicians. Italy is indeed "a laboratory of innovation" in politics. While former leader Silvio Berlusconi made use of television for his political campaign, social media was used effectively and at a great extent in the recent election as a means to connect with the younger population. This change denotes how the ruling class is adjusting to the changes in society. Although Italy and Japan face similar challenges,

H.E. Mr. Starace believes Japan is overlooking the gigantic contribution that women could give to the economy. He also suggests that Japan can learn from how Italy is promoting its beautiful territory. There is a network of agritourism in Italy where agricultural workers invest some of their resources and time into tourism. The development of tourism in smaller areas encourages young people to stay and invest in their hometowns instead of leaving to bigger cities. There is a lot Japan can learn from this experience in order to prevent further rural depopulation.

H.E. Mr. Starace expressed to us that he hopes to see his efforts in shaping the relation between Italy and Japan bear fruit. He also hopes the partnership between the two countries will flourish through achieving further cooperation in as many fields as possible.

