



International Student Report

A new international student from the Federal Republic of Nigeria has arrived in Japan!



Made friends at school. A fulfilling start to school life.

On April 25th, Ms. Olanrewaju Zainab Abidemi, a new international student from Nigeria, arrived in Japan. She enrolled as a freshman at SEISA Kokusai High School Shonan and joined the girls' basketball team. Over the next three years, she will strive to balance her studies and athletics.

This is the first time an international student has come from Nigeria, and also the first time the girls' basketball team has welcomed an international student. Since her arrival coincided with the spring tournament, she immediately began practicing with the team.



Taking on her first sports test!

In Japanese class, she is learning how to construct sentences and write hiragana and katakana. In addition, in the "Life in Japan" class, she is learning about daily manners and rules. Japanese culture is quite different from that of her home country, Nigeria, and sometimes surprises her. However, with support from her teachers and classmates, she is gradually getting used to daily life.

We will do our best to support her so that she can enjoy a safe and fulfilling school life. We wish her productive and rewarding years in her studies, daily life, and basketball.



In Japanese class with her teacher.

Mr. Alame, an international student from the Republic of Mali, has been promoted to his third year of high school



Alame playing in the spring tournament
pass the JLPT N3 exam this summer.

Alame Salif Doumbia, an international student from Mali, has entered his final year as a third-year student at SEISA Kokusai High School Shonan.

Until now, most of his classes, including Japanese, were taught one-on-one. However, with his improved Japanese, he is now gradually joining regular classes at the Shonan Learning Center. In his "information" class, he is learning computer skills such as typing and using Excel. He has also started a class on "theory of physical education".

Although the number of Japanese classes has been reduced, FGC staff are continuing to support his studies to help him

Since this is his final year of high school, every basketball opportunity is precious, and he is practicing with even greater focus. Although Alame's team was narrowly defeated in the quarterfinals of the Kanagawa Spring Tournament by the strong Shonan Institute of Technology High School, his performance stood out. Alame is now practicing even harder in preparation for future tournaments.

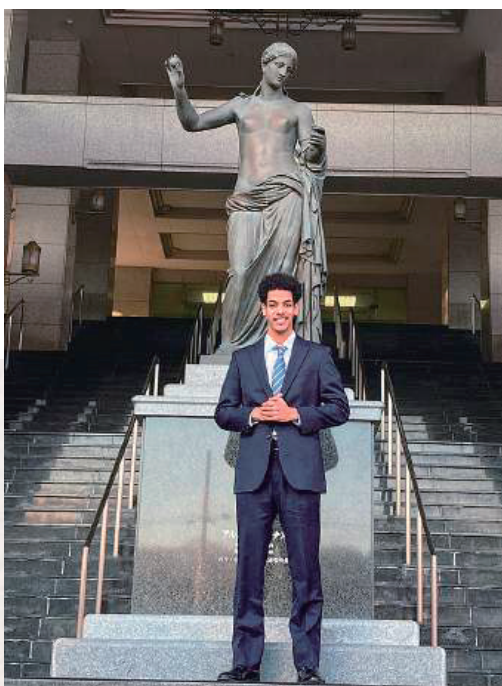




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Congratulations to Natnael on Graduating from SEISA Dohto University!



Taking a commemorative photo with a bright smile



Natnael and his fellow international students



With his teachers at SEISA Dohto University

Natnael came to Japan from Eritrea six years ago on a sports scholarship. After graduating from SEISA Kokusai High School Shonan, he enrolled at SEISA Dohto University in Hokkaido. He proudly celebrated his graduation on March 14th.

Although an injury prevented him from fully dedicating himself to track and field, he faced the challenges with resilience. His natural positivity and dedication to learning helped him make the most of his university life. After graduation, he plans to stay in Japan and pursue a career in the corporate world. We look forward to seeing all he will accomplish in the next chapter of his life. Congratulations on your graduation, Natnael!

Reflecting on his six years at SEISA, Natnael shared the following:

Graduating brings up a lot of emotions. I'm relieved to have graduated, and excited for what's ahead. But at the same time, I feel a little sad that this chapter of my school life is ending.

Six years have felt long, but looking back, they passed in the blink of an eye. SEISA provided an environment where I was encouraged to take on new challenges. The teachers were incredibly kind and always supported me. They valued each student's individuality, which allowed me to grow in my own way.

Every moment spent with friends in high school and university was special. I remember hanging out after class and participating in school festivals and events.

University gave me more free time, which allowed me to try new things — and I really enjoyed that.

The most valuable lesson I've learned is the ability to think for myself and take action. Studying abroad especially helped me become more independent. I've become more adaptable and more determined not to give up. I learned how to overcome language and cultural barriers. In high school, I learned to keep going and never give up, even during tough times.

Finally, I would like to express my heartfelt gratitude to Mr. Miyazawa, the former Chairperson. Thank you very much for giving me such a valuable opportunity. I'm also deeply grateful to everyone who has supported me along the way.

Thank you all — I couldn't have come this far without you.

Mr. Daimon Participated in the Hokkaido Intercollegiate Championships



Like Mr. Natnael, After coming to Japan from Eritrea, Mr. Daimon continued his track and field activities at SEISA Dohto University, following his graduation from SEISA Kokusai High School Shonan. We've received an encouraging update from him.

In May, he competed in the 77th Hokkaido Intercollegiate Track and Field Championships. Although he unfortunately did not place in the top rankings, he advanced to the finals in both the 5,000m and 1,500m events, finishing 11th and 10th respectively—a commendable effort.

This spring, Daimon entered his fourth and final year at university, marking the last chapter of his long student life in Japan. His academic progress is going smoothly as he works toward graduation. We will continue to support him as he begins preparing for the next stage of his journey.



Daimon competing at the Hokkaido Intercollegiate Championships

[Osaka Expo] Attending the Kingdom of Bhutan's National Day



Scenes from the Kingdom of Bhutan's National Day

At the ongoing Expo 2025 Osaka, Kansai, Japan, each of the 158 participating countries and regions is assigned a "National Day" to showcase their unique traditions and culture. On May 2nd, the Kingdom of Bhutan celebrated its National Day with a grand official ceremony attended by numerous dignitaries, including the Minister of Industry, Commerce, and Employment, Mr. Namgyal Dorji.

Members of the Bhutanese community living in Japan, as well as many visitors interested in Bhutan, also participated in the ceremony and cultural events, creating a warm and engaging atmosphere for international exchange. In recognition of its past contributions—such as educational support and sports exchange with Bhutan—the Foundation for Global Children (FGC) was honored to be officially invited to the ceremony and gladly attended.



The Bhutan Pavilion exhibitions attracted many visitors

During the event, a traditional dance and music performance by a troupe dressed in vibrant ethnic costumes captivated the audience. Inside the Bhutan Pavilion, exhibitions highlighted the country's rich natural beauty, religion, history, education, and unique philosophy of Gross National Happiness (GNH), drawing much attention and interest from attendees.

Through this participation in Bhutan's National Day, we were once again reminded of the depth of our friendship with the Kingdom of Bhutan and the potential for even deeper collaboration in the future. FGC remains committed to serving as a bridge between Bhutan and Japan, continuing to promote international cooperation through education, culture, and sports.

A carp-shaped streamer designed by FGC staff member Kesete decorated Tokyo Midtown!



With the koinobori he designed himself

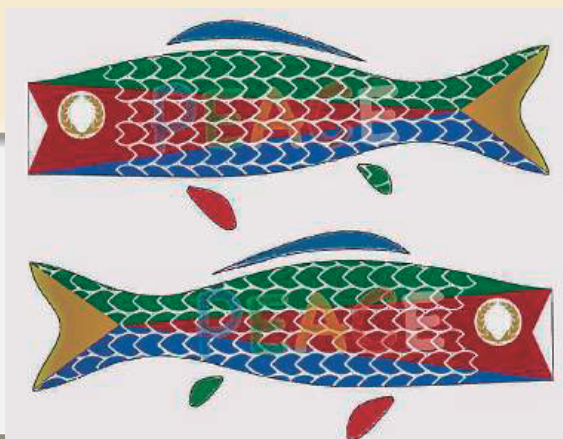
From April 25th to May 11th, a koinobori (carp-shaped streamer) designed by Mr. Kesete Habtesion, a staff member of FGC, was featured in the "Koinobori Gallery" at MIDTOWN OPEN THE PARK 2025, held at Tokyo Midtown.

In the Koinobori Gallery, 101 original streamers created by artists, designers, and art enthusiasts from Japan and around the world were displayed under the theme "Wishing for Children's Growth," beautifully adorning the lush greenery of Midtown Garden. Originally from Eritrea, Kesete designed his koinobori with the theme "Eritrea and Peace," expressing his heartfelt wishes for his home country. The design was created with the cooperation of the Embassy of Eritrea in Japan.

Wish peace for the child who inherits the next generation

Let us sow the seeds of peace so that our children may walk in its shade. May they never see war or hear its cries, but live in laughter, not fear. As guardians of peace, we must nurture love over hatred, unity over division. Let peace guide them toward a future where harmony is not a dream, but reality.

Kesete Habtesion Berhane



Thank you very much for your support for the Myanmar Earthquake Emergency Relief Fund



Myanmar has long had a close relationship with the SEISA Group, including through medical aid provided by the Foundation for Global Children (FGC) and the acceptance of international students. In light of this strong connection, FGC launched an emergency fundraising campaign immediately after the earthquake to support those affected.

We have received generous donations directly to FGC, as well as contributions through donation boxes placed in schools across the SEISA Group.

We sincerely thank everyone who contributed.

The collected donations will be carefully tallied and delivered to the affected areas. Currently, in coordination with local partners in Myanmar, we are planning to deliver support to an orphanage on the outskirts of Naypyidaw, which we have supported in the past. The aid will be used to help with reconstruction and to support the children's daily lives and education.

We will continue to provide updates on how your support is being used. Thank you again for your continued cooperation and compassion.



Children studying at an orphanage in Myanmar

From the Office

Future for the World's Children Thank you for your support!

We invite you to join us in reaching out to children around the world. Last year, 441 individual members and 90 corporate members and cooperating companies supported our activities. Please join us in creating a better future for our children.

● Supporting Members

Individual	Annual Fee	6,000 yen/share
Corporate	Annual Fee	120,000 yen/share

● Donations

We accept donations of any amount at any time.

● Request for installation of donation vending machines

Currently, FGC is partnering with various beverage manufacturers to actively promote the installation of "donation-type vending machines." A portion of the proceeds from the drinks purchased is donated to our foundation, which is linked to the children's future. There are no installation costs or management and operation fees for vending machines.

If you are at all interested or willing to install one, please feel free to contact us.

For more information, please visit the FGC website or feel free to contact our office.



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