

A new year has begun.

In 2023, FGC will continue to work together to ensure that support reaches children and youth around the world.
We look forward to your continued support this year.

SEISA Africa Asia Bridge 2022

Event report

Under the theme of Chikei (“To know and to connect”), the SEISA Group’s largest event “SEISA Africa Asia Bridge 2022 (commonly known as SAAB)” was held on Saturday, November 12, 2022 for the purpose of international exchange in Africa and Asia. This time, we welcomed guests to the venue for the first time in three years and continued to implement a hybrid format that connects all programs online. We were able to expand our circle of learning and relationships with about 40,000 people from more than 31 countries, mainly in Africa and Asia.

SAAB, which has continued to evolve every year and celebrated its 8th event, this year, seven channels were distributed simultaneously. In the Chikei Project Ch. (4ch) “Bhutan, Eritrea, Myanmar Cultural Exchange”, we connected with a Japanese language school in Myanmar and deepened exchanges with local students. In addition to students from Eritrea and Bhutan studying at SEISA, Su Myat Myat Naing and Kaung Khant Oo, who came to Japan from Myanmar in 2019 and graduated from SEISA Kokusai Shonan in March 2022, also participated online from Myanmar. In this program, Dejen from Eritrea and Penjor from Bhutan who are both studying at SEISA University summarized their visits to Enoshima and Kamakura and introduced themselves to Myanmar students.

There was also a scene where they enjoyed a Japanese drum performance by SEISA Japanese drum group “Dako-on”. It was the first time for SEISA’s international students to experience Japanese drums, and they danced their hearts out to the strong yet comfortable and powerful sounds and reverberations.

In addition, on Sports Ch. (5ch), SAAB’s first attempt at a charity marathon, “Let’s connect the sash of smile” project. Six runners completed the 50km distance from Ninomiya-machi, Naka-gun to the Yokohama venue (SEISA High School) by handing the sash. The final runner was Kesete, a staff member of FGC who has been working as a bridge between Eritrea and Japan. He cut the finishing tape at the Yokohama venue among a lively and loud cheering crowd. After the race, he said, “I really appreciate former Chairperson Yasuo Miyazawa and that I am now able to fulfill my mission as a bridge between the two countries. I am sincerely grateful. I will continue to do what I can do in my own way to fulfill my role in the future.”

SAAB will continue to move forward in order to realize the philosophy of “Kyosei” that we cherish in various ways.

(FGC Shota Miyagawa)



Comments from international students who participated in SAAB2022

Penjor (SEISA University)

Every country has its own culture and traditions, but through SAAB we can share that special feeling with each other. I believe that this is "Chikei". I introduced Japanese temples and shrines in the "Chikei Project". It was a great opportunity to show other foreigners living abroad what Japan is like. Getting to know each other, communicating and learning through SAAB has given us a broader perspective on everyday things.

Dejen (SEISA University)

SAAB is an event where many countries participate, get to know each other, care for each other, connect in this way, and have fun for everyone. I am very happy to have such an event.

Esey (SEISA Kokusai Shonan)

At SAAB, I had the opportunity to meet people from African embassies. I also experienced Japanese drums for the first time in my life. It was a lot of fun.

Nazrawi (SEISA Kokusai Shonan)

I made new friends and learned a lot. I was particularly impressed by being able to play Japanese drums and listening to Dr. Baruna's talk. I learned a lot from listening about Dr. Baruna's life.

Also, I was very excited to have the opportunity to meet people from many countries. We were able to share our cultures with each other. It was also very interesting to be able to play a game with the Japanese professional basketball team.

Biniam (SEISA Kokusai Shonan)

The content of the program was wonderful. I was able to interact with people from Africa and Asia, and I was able to experience Japanese drums. It's been a really fun day. Thank you very much.

Senay (SEISA Kokusai Shonan)

I enjoyed the Japanese drums that I experienced in the "Chikei Project". There were many times when I couldn't understand Japanese, but it was great to meet people from many countries.

Sebah (SEISA Kokusai Shonan)

I had a lot of fun playing Japanese drums, and I really enjoyed talking with Dr. Baruna. I also made friends. I am very grateful to be able to participate in SAAB.

Ariam (SEISA Kokusai Shonan)

It was a lot of fun. It was a great experience to play Japanese drums for the first time. Thank you very much.



Participated in the SEIHIN Festival

FGC participated in the "SEIHIN Festival" held on Saturday, October 22, 2022, in collaboration with SEISA Kokusai Hamamatsu and the local "Southern Cross Shopping Street".

This time, for the first time, FGC provided the original recipe "Kesete's Curry" by Kesete, who graduated from SEISA Dohto University as a sports scholarship student and is currently working together as an FGC staff. The curry was very popular and everyone in Hamamatsu enjoyed the taste.

Six sports scholarship students from Eritrea who belong to SEISA Kokusai Shonan also participated in the SEIHIN Festival.

They helped us selling curry by calling out loudly like "Would you like some delicious curry?" They also interacted with local residents and received many questions about Eritrea. They also made the most of their daily Japanese language studies!

Also, at the festival, the members of Dako-on were invited by FGC to liven up the venue with their Japanese drum performances.

The powerful sound of Japanese drums echoed throughout the shopping street.

It was a rare opportunity for us to thank our members in Hamamatsu who support FGC's activities, the staff of SEISA Kokusai Hamamatsu, students, parents and local residents. FGC will continue to strive for the development of children and youth with the support of many people. We appreciate your continued support.

(FGC Michiyo Inoue)



Kesete cooking curry
"Kesete's Curry" was very popular



Challenged customer service in Japanese!
From the left, Sebah and Biniam



International student Nazrawi also enjoyed the taste of Eritrea



The performance of Dako-on livens up the venue!



2022 Eritrea track and field training camp report

I'm Dejen, a fourth-year student at SEISA University. In the summer of 2022, I joined a track and field training camp in Asmara, Eritrea. I would like to report about the camp.

First, my friend picked me up after arriving at Asmara airport, Eritrea. I was very happy. The next day, I met fellow track and field athletes, and of course, everyone was very happy. And I was able to practice at the stadium while communicating with the athletes of the World Championships Representatives.

Summer in Eritrea is not as humid as in Japan, and the temperature is stable, so we can practice comfortably. I was able to get up early every morning and gather with Eritrean athletes to practice together for the first time in a long time.

In Japan, I always practice by myself, so I was very happy that I was able to train at the best level at the training camp, which increased my motivation. I thought that training with athletes in a different category than myself was also part of KYOSEI. I once again realize that it was a very good experience.

Also, this summer's training camp in Eritrea has been a long-term training camp after a long time, as we were unable to do it for two and a half years due to the COVID-19 pandemic. It was also an opportunity to learn the importance of connecting with people through the training camp.

We were able to train in Asmara, at a high altitude, and in many different places as well as track practice. In Eritrea, there are many training grounds that are perfect for long-distance which we can run without any worries and also cross-country fields, which are not hard on the legs.

After practice, all track and field athletes gathered, and we were able to go to a restaurant and eat three times a week with the support of local companies in Asmara who took care of us like the professional athletes' team. During my stay at the training camp, there were various problems and hardships. However, I am very glad that I was able to solve the problem with the support of these local companies.

It has been six years since I came to Japan. Thanks to everyone's support, I and other international students are able to stay in Japan. And I am very happy to be able to do track and field, and study.

In particular, I would like to express my heartfelt gratitude to former Chairperson Yasuo Miyazawa for his sympathy, compassion, and kindness toward us. And I would like to thank all the readers of the FGC newsletter for their warm support, encouragement and understanding. Thank you very much for your continued support.

Dejen Tesfalem Weldu (SEISA University)



December 14, 2022 FGC activity report meeting was held

An activity report meeting of FGC was held at the Yumoto Fujiya Hotel in Hakone.

The meeting was attended by about 60 people, mainly corporate members and cooperating companies. In addition to introducing the activities of FGC, Chairperson Keizaburo Tsuchiya and Director Shin Katsumata also gave greetings. Also, on behalf of the supporting companies, Mr. Yasuhiko Okudera, a legend in the football world, spoke about his long relationship with FGC, SEISA, and former chairperson Yasuo Miyazawa.

The international students also expressed their gratitude in Japanese. Kesete was in charge of moderating the introduction of international students.

Once again, the activity report meeting made us realize that our activities are truly supported by many people.

Because this invitation was mainly for corporations and organizations, individual members were not able to participate. However, in the future, we would like to create opportunities for individuals to learn more about our activities using online platforms and other means.



SoftBank "Tsunagaru Bokin (Fundraising to connect)" is started!

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From the Office

Distribution of "FGC Mail Magazine" has started!

From November 2022, we have started distributing the "FGC Mail Magazine". We have been announcing the activities of FGC through the "FGC News," on our website, and on our SNS medias. However, we will now distribute information in order to reach out to more people and inform them about our activities in a more timely manner.

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