

FGC's First Crowdfunding Project

"For the scholarship students from Bhutan who participated in the judo world championship, we want to invite their family from Bhutan to their university graduation ceremony in Japan!"

Thank you for your cooperation

Tandin and Kinley, who came to Japan from the Kingdom of Bhutan as judo exchange students on the "SEISA-BOC Sports Scholarship" in March 2019, completed four years of study at SEISA Dohto University's Faculty of Business Administration and on March 15, 2023, they attended the graduation ceremony.

A crowdfunding project was launched from their desire to have their families in Bhutan see how they have grown up. Many people have sent support and warm messages of encouragement to them. Crowdfunding was the first attempt for FGC, but thanks to you, we were able to achieve the target amount, and the family could come to Japan.



Crowdfunding campaign page.
We really appreciate all the support we have received.

The two families, Tandin's mother and Kinley's brother, arrived at New Chitose Airport on March 13th. They were excited to be reunited with their families after a long absence. On the first day, Tandin's mother prepared home-cooked meals, and the family was able to spend time together. The next day, they visited SEISA Dohto University's final judo practice session for fourth-year students. Then, on March 15th, the graduation ceremony was held. The families were overwhelmed with joy as they were able to witness the big milestone in their lives, graduation, and see how strong they had grown in Japan.



At SEISA Dohto University Graduation Ceremony
Kinley (second from left), Tandin (right) and their families



Reunion with family at the airport for the first time in four years

During their time at university, they overcame various difficulties and adversities, and with the support of their friends and coaches, they persevered through these four years. At the graduation ceremony, they were presented with the "Dean's Award" as proof of their commitment to both in academics and sports.

On March 19th, Tandin and Kinley left Japan with their families and returned to Bhutan safely. In Bhutan, they will spread judo while teaching

juniors, and continue to train themselves as judo-kas.

They immediately started a new stage of activities, such as providing interpreting services for judo officials from Japan visiting Bhutan.

We look forward to their future activities. We would like to continue to introduce their achievements in their home countries. Thank you very much to everyone who supported this crowdfunding and to everyone who supported their growth.

Message from Tandin and Kinley

Four years went by in the blink of an eye. From our second year onwards, we were stuck by the COVID-19 pandemic, and there were times when I couldn't take online classes or practice as much as we wanted, but we were able to overcome it with the support of teachers and friends around us. We are really thankful to all of them. We will do our best even when we return to Bhutan.



After the last practice in Japan, with members of the Judo Club of SEISA Dohto University

FGC's program for JICA trainees for Nikkei community: "Education Through Empathic Understanding and Japanese Cultural Activities"

In January 2023, Mr. Kanji Ujita, a second-generation Japanese-Brazilian from Brazil, came to Japan.

He participated in the "Education Through Empathic Understanding and Japanese Cultural Activities" program proposed by FGC as a program to accept trainees from Japan International Cooperation Agency (JICA) for Nikkei communities and conducted training for about five weeks.

Mr. Ujita is also active as a representative of the youth group of the Wakayama Kenjinkai in Brazil. With the cooperation of SEISA Group, he visited nearby educational institutions and experienced Japanese culture, and a variety of programs. During the second half of the program, he stayed at SEISA Takao Campus and deepened his friendship with students, staff and teachers, and members of Shinseisakuza Theater Company.

On February 16th, he presented the results of his training at JICA Yokohama and received a certificate of completion.

Mr. Ujita, who loves the culture of Japan, his roots, and is attending

a physical education college in Brazil where he is also doing an internship in education, returned to Brazil with a burning desire to bring back the education and culture he learned and experienced at SEISA and to help boost the activities of the Nikkei communities.

This was the first time for FGC to host a JICA trainee from Nikkei community. We were able to implement a fulfilling program with the cooperation of many people.

In addition, Mr. Ujita's positive approach to everything and his cheerful attitude were very helpful to us as a host. We would like to continue this initiative in the future.



Mr. Kanji Ujita, a trainee, holding a JICA certificate of completion



A presentation on Brazilian culture and Nikkei community



Experienced Japanese drums with members of Dako-on



At SEISA Takao Campus, with members of Shinseisakuza Theater Company

Message from Mr. Ujita after training

Thank you very much to everyone at FGC and SEISA Group. I really enjoyed spending every day at 200%. I am really thankful that I woke up every day energetically and have no hardships. I was able to make many friends at Takao Campus where I stayed in the second half of the training, and through the training, I was able to understand SEISA's Empathic Understanding Education through experience. I was very happy. Thank you very much to everyone at SEISA. Thank you very much for your help during these 30 days. Let's meet again!

What is Nikkei community training? (Excerpt from JICA website)

- There are an estimated 3.6 million people of Japanese descent worldwide (including 2.13 million in Central and South America). In many cases, Nikkei people form a Nikkei community in their country of residence, and actively working to pass on Japanese language education and Japanese culture to the next generation.
- The purpose of the Nikkei Community Training Program is to contribute to the development of the Nikkei community and the nation-building of the country of destination through technical assistance to those who (not limited Nikkei people) play a leading role in the collaboration between Japan and Nikkei communities in South and Central America, and to promote and encourage broad participation in these programs by the public at large.

Schedule			January 15 - February 17, 2023
Main Training Contents	Introductory Course	SEISA Studies / KYOSEI Society Lecture	
	Cultural Activities	Kamakura, Enoshima, Asakusa, Shibuya, Mt. Takao, Imperial Palace, Kodokan, Kamaboko Village, Wakayama Kishukan, Ghibli Museum, SHIBUYA SKY, Tachikawa MANGA Park, Japanese drum experience (Dako-on)	
	Facilities and Events Visited	SEISA Kokusai High School Shonan (SEC class, international students' Japanese and science classes, women's soccer practice) Chido-kan (karate practice), SEISA Gakuen Shonan, Mikan school building Twinkle Seya Nursery School, SEISA High School, SEISA Kokusai High School Tachikawa, SEISA Kokusai High School Hachioji Shonan Magic Wave (radio appearance), SKY Project (Hakone Kindergarten) SEISA University Japanese teaching practice	
	Practical Training at SEISA Takao Campus	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Presentations: "About São Paulo, Brazil", "About the Brazilian Economy" • Seminars Participated: body make-up seminar, Bhutan studies, sweets seminar, micro project seminar, drone, handmade Udon experience (Tachikawa), etc. • Japanese Culture Experience Class by Shinseisakuza: Dressing in Kimono, Japanese Songs, Ikebana, Tea Ceremony 	

Thank you very much for your cooperation

Eritrean student Biniam graduated and went on to university, to a new stage



After the entrance ceremony. With Mr. Biniam (right), Musashino Gakuin University track and field club coach Kazu Sakata (left), FGC staff Kesete (second from left)

Biniam is a track and field scholarship student from Eritrea. On March 3, 2023, the graduation ceremony of SEISA Kokusai Shonan was held.

After coming to Japan, Biniam improved his track and field results significantly, and received an offer from Musashino Gakuin University as a scholarship student.

As soon as spring break began, he entered the Musashino Gakuin University track and field club's "Kofu Dormitory". With his new friends and seniors, he started preparing for university life.

Then, on April 8th, the entrance ceremony was held under the warm spring sunshine.

From now on, Biniam will continue his path with the aim of becoming a top athlete while studying at the Faculty of International Communication at Musashino Gakuin University. Please look forward to his future activities.



With new friends at the Musashino Gakuin University's "Kofu Dormitory", who will work hard together in athletics.

Please cooperate with Turkey-Syria earthquake reconstruction support!

The earthquake that occurred on February 6th, 2023 with its epicenter in southeastern Turkey caused devastating damage in the Republic of Turkey and the neighboring Syrian Arab Republic. As of March 20th, more than 56,000 people have died in both countries, more than 20 million people have been affected, and millions have been displaced.

Although governments and various organizations have been conducting emergency relief activities, the impact of the earthquake is still immeasurable, and

there is no doubt that the lives, education, and emotional care of the affected people, especially children, will continue to be in need.

FGC would like to cooperate by accepting donations to support the affected areas.

The donations received from all of you will be delivered to the affected areas through international aid organizations, etc., so that they can be useful in the lives and education of the affected children.

How to donate

1 To the donation box set up in each division of SEISA Group

2 Remittance

[From post office] Japan Post Bank Account number: 00240-1-116684
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* Please write "Turkey/Syria earthquake relief" in the "Message to the organization" area

3 To donate by credit card

You can donate through Syncable.

FGC website -> "Donation/Membership"

or access from this QR code



* When making a remittance, please write "Turkey/Syria earthquake relief" in the "Message to the organization" area

We appreciate your understanding and cooperation.

We would like to extend our deepest sympathies to the people of Turkey and Syria who have been affected by the disaster, and we hope that the affected areas will recover as soon as possible.



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