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Alumni Achievement

SEISA Graduate Mr. Dejen Makes Great Strides in Kagoshima!



A stunning second consecutive victory at the Kagoshima Marathon 2025!

Then, two weeks later, on March 2nd, he achieved his second consecutive victory at the Kagoshima Marathon 2025! A stunning second consecutive victory at the Kagoshima Marathon 2025! He won his first marathon last year and competed this year as the defending champion. He won the race in a time of 2 hours, 15 minutes and 9 seconds. Although he achieved the amazing result of winning two consecutive races, he

Mr. Dejen Tesfalem Weldu from Eritrea, who graduated from SEISA Kokusai High School and SEISA University as a sports scholarship student from FGC, continues to make great strides in Kagoshima.

First up is the 72nd Kagoshima Prefecture Lower Round Relay Race. He participated in this race, which was held from February 15th to 19th, 2025, as a member of Kawabe District / Nansatsu Tokyosha. He showed brilliant running over three districts: District 1 on the first day, District 3 on the third day, and District 10 on the final day. In particular, in District 1 on the first day, he set a new district record and won the district prize in a fierce battle where the top runners from each district gathered.



Won the section prize at the Kagoshima Prefectural Ekiden Race!



SEISA graduate Mr. Biniam also came to support Mr. Deien



Scene from the award ceremony



In front of a celebratory bouquet

said in an interview, "I'm not particularly satisfied with this result. I would also like to aim for the world."

Mr. Dejen, who achieved outstanding results in the historic Kagoshima Ekiden race and the Kagoshima Marathon, has once again brought energy and smiles to us. After the Kagoshima Ekiden race, we visited Nansatsu Tokyosha where he works. It was heartwarming to see him diligently completing his daily works, and to see him being loved by everyone in his company and the local community, and approaching his work and athletics with humility. We would like to continue to support him so that he can continue to be loved by many people and be successful.





International-student activity report

Mr. Almame passed the Japanese Language Proficiency Test N4!

Mr. Almame, an international student from the Republic of Mali (SEISA Kokusai High School Shonan, men's basketball major), came to Japan in May 2023 and is already entering his third year here.

In 2024, as a second-year student, he took the Japanese Proficiency Test N5 in July to test his Japanese language ability, and he passed with flying colors. Furthermore, in December, he attempted the N4 test and also passed it. In preparation for the test, he not only studied hard in his Japanese classes, but also continued to study late into the night after basketball practice at his dormitory, and his efforts paid off.

In addition to studying and basketball, he also actively part in a skiing class at SEISA Kokusai High School,

where he is participated in extracurricular activities. In January, he took enrolled, and made rapid progress by utilizing his natural athletic ability.

April 2025, will be the start of his final year. His goal as a third-year student is to compete in the national tournament with his fellow basketball teammates, and also to take the Japanese Language Proficiency Test N3 to further deepen his understanding of the Japanese language.



Saw snow for the first time in his life





N4 exam results in hand with coach Komura

Plays an active role in games





Domestic Activities

Soma Soccer Exchange "SEISA Okudera Cup" was Held

Since the Great East Japan Earthquake, SEISA Group and FGC have been continuing support and exchange activities, mainly in Fukushima Prefecture. As part of this, the annual "SEISA Okudera Cup" was held on January 11, 2025.

This tournament was held in collaboration with the Soma City Football Association, NPO Dream Soccer Soma, and Kokusai Gakuen Education Institute. The event was held at Koyo Soccer Stadium in Soma, Fukushima Prefecture, and was attended by 93 players from eight U-10 (under 10) teams from Soma and Minami soma cities.

Heavy snow had been forecast for the Tohoku region, but the day was blessed with calm, sunny skies, perfect for playing soccer. The matches were divided into two blocks, with a league match and a deciding match, and in the final, FC Haraichi beat Soma SC Jr. They won the match 2-0 and took the championship. The MVP and Green Award winners were awarded certificates and commemorative gifts.

Now in its 14th year, this tournament was well received by children and those involved, with many saying they were looking forward to next year. We hope to continue these kinds of exchange activities together with the local community.



Players chasing the ball



The winning FC Haraichi players





Bhutan Support Activities

"Mountain Dentist" Dr. Tenzin Dorji Completed the Tokyo Marathon!

Dr. Tenzin Dorji, who founded "Project Mountain Dentist" (PMD) in Bhutan to provide dental care to people in mountainous area, completed the 42.195km Tokyo Marathon 2025 as a charity runner with the support of FGC. He has previously taken part in the Berlin and London marathons, and this time he also made a donation to the areas affected by the Noto Peninsula earthquake through the Tokyo Marathon.

His visit to Japan was not just to take part in the marathon, but also to learn that even armatures can take on the challenge while working, and to spread this knowledge in Bhutan. Through his experiences in Japan, he also learned about the importance of maintaining health through running and promotion of dental health education, which increased his desire to put these into practice when he returns home.

Dr. Tenzin left his job as a government dentist to found PMD, which uses state-of-the-art portable equipment to provide dental care to underserved areas. They are particularly focused on providing medical care to areas far from dental clinics, people with physical disabilities, and tsams (monks and nuns) who are restricted from going out for religious reasons. They are also actively involved in promoting oral hygiene education.

"I want to expand the circle of support through running," says Dr. Tenzin, who continues to work with PMD supporters both in Bhutan and abroad. After completing the 42.195km course in the Tokyo Marathon, he said "Marathons teach me the importance of perseverance and challenges. There are many similarities with dental care work in mountainous areas." He also made a donation to the areas affected by the Noto Peninsula Earthquake through the Tokyo Marathon 2025 Charity and said "My visit to



First Bhutanese to compete



Joint practice with the SEISA Kokusai High School Shonan Athletics Club

Japan was made possible thanks to the cooperation of FGC and the SEISA Group. Bhutan has received a lot of



Dr. Tenzin responds to the cheers of the crowd



It was a splendid finish!

support from the people of Japan. There is little I can do, but I want to give back in some small way. I hope that those affected by the disaster can return to their normal lives as soon as possible."

He said, "I would like to use my experience in Japan to create an environment in Bhutan where people can easily try sports while working." After returning to Bhutan, with the cooperation of BOC, he plans to hold a Dental Hygiene & Running Clinic for the children of Bhutan, spreading awareness of the importance of dental health and exercise to children.





Bhutan Report

Bhutan takes part in Winter Asian Games for the first time!



The Bhutan Olympic Committee (BOC) sent Mr. Chencho Dorji, an alpine skier, to compete in the slalom event for the first time at the 9th Asian Winter Games held in Harbin, China from 7 to 14 February 2025. He is from Thimphu and currently lives in France. As a ski instructor, he aims to contribute to the development of winter sports in Bhutan. As a pioneer of winter sports in Bhutan, he is preparing to compete in the 2026 Milan-Cortina Olympic Games.

FGC Activity Report Meeting

2024 FGC Activity Report Meeting was Held



Greeting from Chairperson Tsuchiya

Biniam, an international student from Eritrea who went on to study at Musashino Gakuin University after graduating from SEISA Kokusai High School Shonan and is an active member of the track and field club. They both expressed their gratitude for the support.

This meeting was a valuable opportunity to reflect on the accomplishments of the past year and reaffirm our enthusiasm for the coming year. We will continue to work to make our activities known as many as possible.

Thanks to your generous support, FGC has reached its 15th year since its establishment.

Evey year, we hold an activity report meeting, inviting corporate members and cooperating companies as an opportunity to report on our activities and to directly convey our gratitude to them. The 2024 activity report meeting was held on Friday, December, 6th, 2024 at the Yumoto Fujiya Hotel in Hakone, with approximately 50 people in attendance.

At the meeting, following a greeting from Chairperson Keizaburo Tsuchiya, there was a report on this year's main activities, including the "Build a Bridge in Uganda!" project. Also in attendance were Mr. Almame, an international student from the Republic of Mali who is enrolled in the men's basketball major at SEISA Kokusai High School Shonan, and Mr.



Approx. 50 people attended the meeting

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