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Domestic Activities

Conducted a "Global Understanding Education" class at Minato Ward Shirokane Elementary School!





Education" class was held at Minato Ward Shirokane Elementary School on June 25 as part of the Eritrean Embassy's program in Tokyo. Shirokane Elementary School, located near the Embassy of Eritrea, once again requested a visit from the embassy this year. Mr. Kesete Habtesion, an Eritrean staff member of FGC, gave the lecture.

Following last year's event, this year's "Global Understanding

This year, a total of 115 children from four 3rd-grade classes participated. Last year, the event was held in the library, but this year, due to the increased number of participants, it was held in the larger gymnasium. On the day, the principal of Shirokane Elementary School, the homeroom teachers, and the international exchange officer from Minato Ward Office also visited the event.

During the class, Kesete introduced the culture and life of Eritrea, and the children were very interested in.

The class was a great success in a friendly atmosphere. Later, we received letters from 60 children who participated in the class through the Eritrean Embassy.

- "It was great to learn so much about the Eritrean language."
- "I wanted to ride the train in Eritrea."
- "I use Ciao to tell my friends what goodbye means."

Each of them wrote about what they learned about Eritrea and asked questions. We are truly grateful for this opportunity to foster international understanding and exchange.

We hope that more people will learn about Eritrea through such opportunities in the future.



At the Africa Lounge during TICAD9, FGC staff introduced Eritrea



TICAD exhibition hall

The 9th Tokyo International Conference on African Development (TICAD 9) was held in Minato Mirai, Yokohama, for three days from August 20 to 22. TICAD is an international conference on the theme of African development, and many people, including heads of state of African countries, visited Japan.

The venue, Pacifico Yokohama, also hosted an exhibition event called the "TICAD Business Expo & Conference," where many Japanese companies shared their technologies with African countries, and in an area called the "Africa Lounge," African countries set up booths to introduce their respective industries and businesses.



Introducing Eritrea's industries

Eritrea also had a booth, and this time, FGC staff member Kesete was asked by the Eritrean Embassy to assist with its management. During the three days, he was given the opportunity to introduce the Eritrean industry to visitors and interact with many of them.



Overseas Activities Bhutan Official Visit Report

Donated 5 Sports Wheelchairs to the Bhutan Paralympic Committee



In August 2025, FGC visited the Kingdom of Bhutan for the first time since the COVID-19 pandemic. One of the main purposes of this visit was to deliver five sports wheelchairs for wheelchair basketball to the Bhutan Paralympic Committee (BPC). These wheelchairs were donated in 2020 through Nippon TV's '24-Hour Television' program to provide young people with disabilities in Bhutan with opportunities to challenge themselves through sports. Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, delivering the wheelchairs proved to be a challenging process. Nevertheless, after repeated adjustments to keep our promise, we were finally able to deliver the wheelchairs to Bhutan after five years.

In Bhutan, sports wheelchairs are extremely limited, and at competitions, athletes often have to borrow equipment from overseas organizations or friendly countries, which has been a major barrier to athlete development and improving competitive performance. At the presentation ceremony, a BPC official remarked, "This will be a great encouragement for the athletes to continue pursuing their dreams," and local media described it as "a gift of hope that will pave the way for the future."

We hope that this donation of wheelchairs will not remain merely material support, but will also encourage future para-athletes to compete in a safe and professional environment, while providing an opportunity to promote inclusion within Bhutanese society. Wheelchair basketball is a sport that can be enjoyed by both people with disabilities and those without. By promoting it in schools and local communities, opportunities for interaction will increase, deepening understanding of disabilities and serving as a symbolic initiative toward building an inclusive society.

During our stay, we also visited the Bhutan Olympic Committee (BOC) and several national athletic federations to discuss the upcoming program. Guided by the principle of "patiently, steadily, and enduringly" and



cherishing the vision of FGC, we will implement each program together with the people of Bhutan. We will continue our activities to foster a society that respects diversity through sports and education.



Wheelchairs presented to BPC



Visited the Rifle Shooting Federation



diversity through sports Welfare vehicles donated in 2019, Still in use today

About the Bhutan Paralympic Committee (BPC)

FGC and the SEISA Group have long promoted cooperation with local communities in Bhutan, focusing on education, sports, and international exchange. One of its most symbolic achievements was the establishment of the Bhutan Paralympic Committee (BPC). The BPC was officially launched in 2017, following collaboration with the Bhutan Olympic Committee (BOC) on institutional design and the procedures for international recognition. This enabled Bhutan to establish a framework for promoting sports for people with disabilities and to take steps onto the international parasports stage.



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SEISA's learning and Spirit of KYOSEI - Spreading the Future of Sports from Bhutan





Mr. Penjor, BOC Technical Assistant

During this visit to Bhutan, Mr. Tshering Penjor, who studied at high school and university at SEISA, and after graduation joined the Bhutan Olympic Committee (BOC), played an important role as a bridge with FGC.

He explained the current state of change in sports in Bhutan and the three projects he is working on at the center of this change.

Furthermore, he told us that these initiatives put into practice SEISA's core principle of "KYOSEI, living together in harmony," which means "creating a place where people support each other and grow together." They are being promoted under the direct leadership of His Royal Highness Prince Jigyel, Chairman of the BOC, as a strategic measure to promote sports across the country.

Regarding the three projects, the first one, the "Sports in School Program," aims to integrate sports naturally into school education, helping students not only experience the joy of physical activity but also develop life skills such as cooperation, independence, and creativity.

These are student-led activities that promote the

appeal of sports and initiatives where students express the value of sports in their own words through drawings and other forms of artistic expression.

Next, "BEAST for Athletic Excellence" is a strategic support program to achieve results in international competitions. The BOC identifies young talent at an early stage and provides a system that combines scientific training, professional coaching, and mentoring. In collaboration with national sports federations and the government, it has also established a continuous evaluation framework led by the Technical Committee.

The third project, "Junior Giants of Bhutan," is a program that was newly launched this summer.

It is the first initiative of its kind in Bhutan, providing tall young people with opportunities to make use of their physical

attributes and take on sports such as basketball, volleyball, athletics, and archery.

From registration, selection was conducted online and in person, and in the capital, Thimphu, specialized training and skills assessments were carried out.

Participants received certificates, and in the future, opportunities will be open for them to succeed in both domestic and international competitions.

What these three initiatives have in common is the direction of "creating an environment where everyone is respected and supports each other," which aligns with SEISA's philosophy of "KYOSEI."

By connecting the three programs—activities in educational settings, athletes' international achievements, and creating opportunities where tall children can take on challenges with pride—and continuing these efforts, Mr. Penjor puts into action the SEIA philosophy of "KYOSEI" that he learned at SEISA.

Furthermore, Mr. Penjor has participated in the NCDA-ICCE Coach Developer Course held at Nippon Sport Science University in Japan to further refine his skills, and in the future, he will take on the responsibility of developing coaches nationwide as a Coach Developer.

When he becomes a guiding figure for coaches, these initiatives led by BOC are expected to take root even more deeply and broadly, becoming a cornerstone of Bhutanese society.



SEISA graduate Mr. Kinley, at the BOC office



Mr. Sonam Karma Tshering, Secretary General of the BOC, and Mr. Penjor

Overseas Activities

Republic of Uganda: Commemorative Monument for the Completion of "SEISA Africa Asia Bridge" Has Been Installed!



In 2023, FGC launched activities in the Republic of Uganda, Africa, to support "KOMOREBI Primary School," which was established through the collaboration of Japanese and Ugandan people, as well as the children attending the school. To address the issue of flooding during the rainy season, which made it unsafe for children to commute to school, a bridge was constructed along the school route. The bridge was completed last year, in 2024, and was named the "SEISA Africa Asia Bridge."

Recently, a commemorative monument was installed at the bridge.

The monument bears the name of the bridge, along with the names of the companies, organizations, and individuals who made generous donations, engraved as "Co-Founders."

FGC will continue to support KOMOREBI Primary School even after the completion of the bridge, including assistance for adding more classrooms. We sincerely appreciate your continued support.



Commemorative monument for the completion of the bridge



Children crossing the bridge on their way to school

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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.

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

Donations

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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

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