# Support Association for International Students of the University of Aizu (SAISUA) AY 2008 Activity Report

SAISUA provides scholarship and support for students with financial difficulty. Further, we have offered livelihood support service such as opening Japanese class. In addition, campus and local exchange activities were held so that the international students would not be isolated on campus or in the community, and could spend a fun college life in Aizu.

# SAISUA Livelihood Support Project

## «Livelihood Support»

(1) Scholarship: 1st semester – 4 students

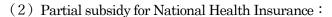
 $2^{nd}$  semester – 6 students

 $(20,000 \text{ yen} \times 6 \text{ months})$ 

\* Breakdown: 6 Sri Lankan, 2 Chinese, 2 Korean

#### <Message for the students>

We are glad to be selected as a SAISUA scholarship student. This scholarship will support our life in Aizu and research at the University. We highly appreciate receiving the scholarship this



13 students (@10,000 yen)

\* Breakdown: 3 Chinese/ Sri Lankan, 2 Korean/ Taiwanese,

1 Indian/ Hungarian/ Bangladeshi

(3) Support for living expenses: 1 student (@21,000 yen)

\* Breakdown : 1 Sri Lankan

#### ≪Japanese Class≫

Day/Time: From May 13, 2008 to July 16, 2008 (10 lessons in the

first semester)

Class hour: From 6:10 PM to 7:40 PM

Location: Research Quadrangles Lounge on 2nd floor, Lounge for

International Exchange

Participant: International students and faculty members, and

family members







Classes by four different levels (all 10 lessons) were held in collaboration with OSIP. In total, 45 new people from the US, Russia, China, Columbia, Korea, Vietnam, Egypt, Sri Lanka, etc. joined the classes.

# SAISUA Events (Campus and Local Exchange Activity)

## ≪Happy Hour (Welcome Party) ≫

Day/Time: May 14, 2008 from 6:00 PM to 7:00 PM

October 23, 2008 from 6:00 PM to 7:00 PM

Location: Keyaki, 2nd floor of Student Hall

The party was jointly hosted by SAISUA and OSIP in Ketyaki to

welcome new international students and faculty members, and they deepened their friendship there.

#### ≪International Talk≫

Day/Time: The 5th-June 5, from 6:00 PM to 8:00 PM

The 6th - July 17, from 6:00 PM to 7:30 PM

The 7th - December 18, from 6:00 PM to 7:30 PM

Location: Conference Room on 2nd floor of Research Quadrangles,

Lounge

International Talk was co-hosted by SAISUA and OSIP, and

students who had joined a short-term study abroad program reported the program and international students introduced their countries, which built a deep friendship between them.

## ≪Experience Projects in Aizu≫

Takasato-machi

Day/Time: September 6, 2008

Location: Takasato-machi, Kitakata City

In collaboration between Kitakata International Association, OSIP and SAISUA, the experience project was implemented. In this project, UoA international students visited Takasato-machi and experienced harvest of summer vegetables, making soba (Japanese buckwheat noodle) and park golf with local elementary school students.

Around 40 people participated in this event, including 15 international students from China, Sri Lanka, Korea and Hungary, faculty and staff members, the local elementary school students and the volunteer members.







Day/Time: January 10 and 24, 2009

Location: Inawashiro-machi

Ski activities were jointly offered by OSIP and Inawashiro International Association. 20 international students from Vietnam, Korea and China joined the activity, and there was a





total of 40 people including student assistants, faculty and staff members.

On January 10, the students tried cross-country through the instruction by the instructors and the local

sport-club association members. Most of the students enjoyed winter sports for the first time in their life. On January 24, they experienced Alpen skiing in ski area in Inawashiro and socialized with the local people.

