



1 Messages From The Head Teacher

The cherry blossom season will soon be upon us. In Japan, the cherry blossom season is the time when the fiscal year changes, and it is the season of farewells and encounters.

On February 28 (Wednesday), students from all graduating classes gathered together for a speech contest. Representatives from each class gave a magnificent presentation in front of more than 150 people, and the unity of the class was also seen as they cheered for their representatives.

The venue was the Ikebukuro campus of Tokyo International University, which was just completed last September, and we were able to take place this event in the new facilities with the participation of Principal Kurata.

Graduation exam was held on February 29 (Thursday) and the graduation ceremony was held on March 11 (Monday). The graduation ceremony was solemn and moving. There were speeches by representatives from all classes and some awards for those who had studied hard during the school year, those who represented their classes well, and those who attended school without an absence. From this day forward, the graduates will go their separate ways. I hope that each and every one of you will make steady progress toward the realization of what you want to do.

On March 15 (Friday) the March test for current students was held and conversation test was also held in each class. Based on the results of this March test as well as the daily learning situation, the classes from April have been decided. From Tuesday, April 9, please set new goals and continue your studies with specific plans. We believe that you will grow even more as you meet new classmates.

2 Messages from the Career Counseling Room

On March 11 (Monday), all 2023 students had the graduation ceremony and left the school for their new career paths.

Students who will graduate next spring only have a bit more than 11 months until graduation. It would be a problem if they haven't found their career path by that time, so they have even shorter time till they choose school (university, vocational school etc.), take entrance exams and pass the exams. At the beginning of the school year, we would like to inform you about the contents of career guidance until next spring.

☆☆Career guidance☆☆

We will decide on a theme, gather students, and explain it in the classroom. All the materials are the original data from the Career Guidance Office. The examination data for the past several years are analyzed in detail, and then explained in an easy-to-understand way. We will try to explain "What you need to do now" at the most appropriate time, so if the student attends each guidance session, they would be able to spend an ideal exam preparation year. This year, we have already conducted a career guidance session for students who are



scheduled to graduate in March 2025, with the theme “How to spend the year preparing for the exam”.

For your reference, the following career guidance was held last year. This year, we will continue to conduct sessions based on this, but will also be flexible depending on the needs.

Part 1: Preparation for the EJU exam and selection of basic subjects

Part 2: Introduction of the in-school career guidance session (held on July 5, 2023) and participation in the open campus of the school of your choice

Part 3: Introduction of designated recommendation schools (universities and vocational schools) and in-school selection

Part 4 : Necessary preparations during the summer vacation for entrance examinations

☆☆Personal interview☆☆

"Career guidance" is for everyone, so it's a general explanation, but we provide advice according to individual situations in individual interviews. As a basic policy of the Career Guidance Office, we do not recommend only one school, but always provide multiple school choices and instruct students to ultimately decide on their own. For example, in the case of a student wishing to go on to a university, the degree of difficulty, test subjects, and weight of subject points allotted differs depending on the university, even if the name of faculty is the same, so we introduce universities taking various conditions into account. In addition, since each vocational school has its own characteristics (school color, curriculum, etc.), even if the course is the same, we give additional explanations. We accept personal consultation in lunch breaks and after school.

☆☆Issuance of Career Counseling Office Communication☆☆

We support the selection of the school of choice by providing examination data that we feel is necessary from the results of guidance and interviews, or data that is appropriate for the time. You can download it from the Japanese language school website (Japanese language only), so please take a look.

At the Career Guidance Office, the above three points are the pillars of guidance, and we will provide guidance while maintaining close contact with the homeroom teachers of each class. If you have any questions, concerns, or candid opinions, please feel free to contact us at any time.

Finally, I will add comments to the juniors that the graduates left for them. The comments are posted in the school, so everyone can read them. We will guide your children, who will become the “next graduates”, so that they can have even more fulfilling days.

○My experience at the Japanese Language School was wonderful. The passion of the teachers and the interaction with my classmates enriched my life. To my juniors : Study hard and don't be afraid of challenge. Learning Japanese may be difficult, but you will grow a lot! Do your best. (Proceed to university)

○It was like riding a roller coaster. I am very grateful to the teachers who were patient and understood what



we lacked. I am grateful for everything I learned and experienced . (Proceed to university)

○I am truly grateful for the kind guidance of the teachers. It is true that there are a lot of tests and homework here, but I think that is essential to improve my Japanese language skills. Also, it is rare for Japanese language schools to have club activities, so I recommend that you participate in these clubs. You will not only get to learn Japanese, but you also get to experience a lot of culture. Please enjoy your study abroad experience fully (Proceed to working in Japan)

③ ~~~From January to March / Campus Life for Three-month Period~~~

January: “Disaster Prevention Experience for 2023 Fall New Students”

On January 12 and 17, students who enrolled in July and October 2023 participated in the Disaster Prevention Experience Tour at the Ikebukuro Life Safety Learning Center.

The students learned the importance of disaster prevention by experiencing the shaking of an earthquake at the "Earthquake Corner," evacuation behavior during smoke at the "Smoke Corner," and fire extinguish at the "Fire Extinguishing Corner".

They also experienced simulation of earthquake, fire, and flood at the "VR Disaster Prevention Experience Corner", using the special VR goggles. The students seemed to enjoy learning through these experiences, as they are not easy to experience in their daily lives.

It was a very valuable experience for students who have never experienced earthquakes or fire.





Club activities

■ Flower Arrangement Club ■

The flower arrangement club held a total of 10 classes over a six-month period from October to February, each time practicing various techniques to arrange seasonal flowers delivered by the flower shop.



■ Tea ceremony club ■

Last year's April students and new October students practiced together, and on the last day, a graduation tea ceremony was held for the first time in four years since Corona as a presentation of their achievements.

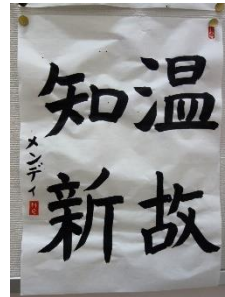
Last year's October students will become seniors this spring and will practice with the final goal of having a graduation tea ceremony next year.





■ Calligraphy Club ■

In the calligraphy club, Miyaji-sensei, the instructor, wrote a word representing the season each time as a model, and the students practiced both kanji and hiragana based on the model.



■ Kimono Dressing Club ■

With the goal of becoming able to put on a kimono by themselves, the students were taught how to fold a kimono and how to behave while wearing a kimono.

A kimono beauty was born, with her manners.



Feb. 7 "Japanese Language Examination Excellence Scholarship (2nd EJU in 2023)"

In the 2nd Examination for Japanese University Admission for International Students (EJU) in 2023, we awarded our own scholarship "Japanese Language Examination Excellence Scholarship" to the top three students in the school ranking.

1st place: KUO YI FAN (Taiwan),

2nd place: PUN PAK HEI (Hong Kong),

3rd place: SHARAFINA TUKIMIN (Singapore).

Congratulations!



This scholarship awards students who had good results in The Japanese Language Proficiency Test (JLPT) and the Examination for Japanese University Admission for International Students (EJU), which are held twice a year. Each awardee receives 30,000 yen for 1st place, 20,000 yen for 2nd place, and 10,000 yen for 3rd place.

We encourage students to take these exams and get the scholarship.



Feb. 11 " The 48th Japan Grand Sumo Tournament"

On Sunday, February 11, students watched the 48th Japan Grand Sumo Tournament at Ryogoku Kokugikan.

Even though the students did not know the rules of sumo, they got attracted to it immediately, turning an enthusiastic eye to the unique sumo ring space and powerful matches between the big wrestlers. They cheered even louder when a smaller wrestler defeated a larger one.

In between the tournament matches, there were "Sumo Jinku," songs performed by the wrestlers, and "Shokkiri," a funny demonstration of sumo. It was a fun experience different from the actual sumo matches.

It was the first time for the students to watch sumo, but they thoroughly enjoyed the form beauty of sumo and sumo as a sport.



February 16 "School Scholarships for Japanese Exam Excellence (JLPT)"

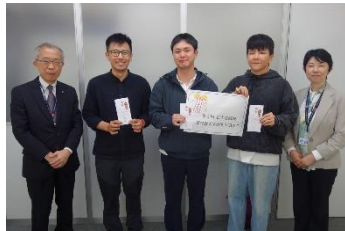
We have granted School Scholarships for Japanese Exam Excellence to the top 3 students in our school for the 2nd JLPT N1 in 2023.

First place: YOON JOONGSOO (Korea)

Second place: LIU HO (Taiwan)

Third place: HSIEH ERIC CHEN F (Taiwan).

Congratulations to all of you.



We give out School Scholarships for Japanese Exam Excellence twice every year for each exam, to students who score top 3 in EJU and JLPT within our school. For the first place 30,000 yen, second place 20,000 yen, and third place 10,000 yen.

We encourage students to take these exams and get the scholarship.

February 28 "2023 Speech Contest by Graduating Students"

On February 28, a speech contest was held at Tokyo International University's Ikebukuro campus.

Following the opening speech by Chancellor and Chair of the Board of Trustees, Principal Kurata, 11 representing students from graduating classes presented their speeches about their study in Japan.

Even though there was tension in the air, the atmosphere got so lively with the excellent speeches of each representing students, who had practiced hard, with the cheering by their classmates. The experience of giving speeches in Japanese in front of a large audience must have given the students a lot of confidence.

After the competition, the First-Place Award, Excellence Award, Superiority Award, and Special Award were selected by voting and were given to the winners.

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First-Place Award : ALADA IVAN JERRELL OBIAL (Philippines) 【Journey of growth and effort as an exchange student】

Excellence Award : LOPRAKHONG DUANGMON (Thailand) 【Seasons and Life】

Superiority Award : KANG NAYEON (Korea) 【New Experience, New Me】

Special Award : HAMASE MARINA (Japan) 【Why don't you give it a try?】

The days when the class worked together for the speech contest must have been a good memory for the students.



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● Schedule for April to June ●

- 3/21～ Spring break (~ 4/8)
- 4/9 Beginning of the course
Application of The Japan Student Services Organization (JASSO) scholarship
Career counseling interview
- 5/2 Interaction event for spring semester students
- 5/7～ Start of university preparatory class and EJU preparatory class
- 5/16 Health checkup for spring semester students
- 6/5 EJU mock test (Japanese)
- 6/6 EJU mock test (basic subjects)
- 6/16 1st EJU Exam
- 6/18 JLPT mock test
- 6/20 School field trip (Noh play)
- 6/24 School-wide June test
- 6/28 Class replacement announcement
- June Career Guidance sessions