

Newsletter

NPO Nagoya Ryugakusei Net

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Emergency Short-term Assistance Program and the Fundraising Campaign in May

Sudden and unforeseeable difficulties may make the study and research of international graduate students difficult. Nagoya Ryugakusei Net has a program to provide emergency short-term assistance in such cases ("Emergency Short-Term Program"). However, we do not have enough funds to cover this activity, and our program remains insufficient.

An international graduate student consulted us in the spring of 2023 about unexpected cancer treatment and the way to cover medical expenses. We immediately provided support through the "Emergency Short-Term Program." We are aware, however, that the medical costs for cancer treatment, including surgery, hospitalization, and radiation therapy, will be high even if National Health Insurance applies. The student was about to return home in March and was not ready to cover the costs of an extended stay after March.

For the student, peer graduate students initiated a fundraising campaign. The university provided financial support for the graduate students as well.

We conducted a fundraising campaign to raise 300,000 yen to subsidize necessary treatment-related expenses in May. We reached our fundraising goal in May and promptly transferred the fund to the student's bank account. We later received a very polite thank-you

letter from the student. Donations continued to come in in June, reaching a total of 453,000 yen.

In early June, the international student suddenly received a government order to return home by June 17. The student visited our office to say farewell. When we told the student that we had collected enough donations to subsidize the full cost of treatment, the student replied, "I have received enough, so I don't need any more. I never thought I would receive this kind of support. I really thank you all."

The student quickly took the diagnosis test of the side effects of the treatment in Japan and returned home on the 17th to work for the former workplace.

We will use the remainder of the donation to enhance the "Short-Term Emergency Scholarship" program that fits the donation campaign purpose in May.

We would like to take this opportunity to thank all of our donors for their contributions.

Matsuura Itsuko (Member)



Aiming to become a certified NPO

Since its inaugural meeting in December 2020, NPO Nagoya Ryugakusei Net has steadily continued its activities to support international students under the unprecedented difficulties of the Corona disaster. We are applying to become a certified non-profit organization (NPO) to develop our activities further.

NPOs are certified if they meet high public interest accreditation standards. Certification enhances public trust and leads to robust and more sustainable

organizational operations. Tax benefits make it easier for us to accept donations.

We are working hard to fulfill the requirements of certified NPOs to make our future activities more stable and sustainable. There is one more step left to complete the requirements. We would like to ask for your further support.

NPO Nagoya Ryugakusei Net Secretariat

Notice and Request

- * Nagoya Ryugakusei Net is planning to organize many more events in the future. Please let us know what you would like to do and where you would like to go.
- * We also look forward to your comments and suggestions on this newsletter.

See the last page for contact information.

"Explore Japan Program" supported by the Red Feather Community Chest



Nagoya Ryuakusei Net started the "Explore Japan Program" in December 2022 with the support of the Red Feather Community Chest. This program aims to provide opportunities for international graduate students to understand the true image of Japanese society and to have an enriching experience. So far, we have organized nine events, and each time we have had approximately 20 graduate students from various countries and diverse fields of expertise participating.

The conducted events include the "Regional Mochi Pounding Event" in December 2022, the visit to the "Gifu Kakamigahara Aerospace Museum" in March 2023, and series projects such as "Nagoya's Waterworks." In the "Nagoya's Waterworks" event, international graduate students visited water purification and sewage facilities, listened to experts' explanations, and observed how Nagoya purifies the water from the Kiso River and treats sewage.

Many of these events are one-day bus tours. Thanks to the support of the Red Feather Community Chest, we can provide transportation by bus, greatly expanding the opportunities for participants to experience Japan beyond university campuses. Host institutions kindly provided us with assistance in waiving entrance fees, providing expert explanations, and accompanying staff members. Matsuura Yoshiharu (Member)

空と宇宙博 岐阜かかみがはら航空宇宙博物館 GIFU-KAKAMIGAHARA AIR AND SPACE MUSEUM

Mar 16, 2023
Apr 10, 2023

Learn about the history of Japan's aviation business



the advancements in space technology. Despite the language barriers, we transcended them to immerse ourselves in the experience of diverse cultures and were deeply inspired by the world's richness. I firmly believe that this invaluable experience has left a lasting impression on my heart and will significantly shape my future learning and personal growth.

Radiant Aviation and Aspirations for the Future ~Exploring the Gifu Kakamigahara Aerospace Museum~

In the early spring of 2023, I had the privilege of visiting the Gifu Kakamigahara Aerospace Museum alongside fellow international students from various countries. This grand museum stands as a magnificent hall, showcasing the rich history of Japan's aviation industry and the glory of space exploration. The aircraft wings gleamed in silver, while the presence of rockets and Mars rovers evoked a sense of anticipation for the future. Accompanied by the distinguished professor from Nagoya University and my fellow students, we engaged in conversations about our shared dreams and aspirations. This visit was a truly enlightening experience that has significantly shaped my perspective on aviation and space exploration. I firmly believe that this invaluable experience has left a lasting impression on my heart and will significantly shape my future learning and personal growth.

Yaguang Luo (Grad Sch. of Med., Nagoya Univ.)

Water and Sewerage of Nagoya Part I Water History Museum

Mar 25, 2023 tie-in with *Walk and Talk*

visiting a water purification plant filled with the wisdom of our forerunners



— Excerpts from feedback received after the event —

I was surprised when my seniors told me that the water in Nagoya is extremely clean and that I could drink it straight from the tap. Then, through a visit to the Nabeya-Ueno Water Filtration Plant, I found out why. Under the Waterworks Law, the Nabeya-Ueno Water Filtration Plant uses natural methods to produce safe tap water from the Kiso River and delivers the delicious water we use every day in our daily lives. Water is purified in a top-to-bottom flow using sand, stones, and bricks. The idea of washing the water purification facility in an upward flow from bottom to top is fascinating and very modern. But this facility was not built in modern times; it was established 110 years ago and has been responsible (along with two other facilities) for Nagoya's safe tap water for many years. So, we wanted to contribute to solving the water problem, which has become a social issue in Mongolia.

Khulan Dashnyam (Grad Sch. of Law., Nagoya Univ.)

It was amazing to see how Nagoya's water storage, purification and re-distribution system was originated, and it was really informative.

The main reason for my interest is that we are carrying out waste water separation and recycling operations. Thank you very much for a very beneficial trip. I have not been able to do it at the National level yet, but it gives me ideas on how I can do beneficial things for my environment. This trip has given me a lot of knowledge.

Sandar Moe(Grad Sch of Bioagric Sci, Nagoya Univ.)

Water and Sewerage of Nagoya Part II Nabeya-Ueno Water Purification Plant & Metawater Sewerage

Apr 19, 2023

Water and Sewerage of Nagoya Part III Visiting Nagoya's water sources Scheduled on Aug 7, 2023.

Thank you so much for organizing wonderful events to see Water and Sewerage management systems in Nagoya. I have learned a lot and it was a great experience for me.

Razia Joya (GSID, Nagoya Univ.)

Urban Planning & Townscape Preservation Townscape in Narumi

May 27, 2023

Nagoya Urban Institute & Townscape in Arimatsu

Jun 8, 2023



In front of the float warehouse in Narumi

Experience Arimatsu-shibori with a self-made "shibori"

Learning from the experience of Yokkaichi

Jul 28, 2023



I was a JDS fellow batch 2019-2021 and graduated from the Master Course of Comparative Law, Program in Law and Political Science at Nagoya University (NU). After returning, I continue working as a Principal Examiner for the Directorate of Civil Judgment Enforcement (CJE), MoJ of Vietnam. My duty is to advise the leaders about international legal cooperation (ILC) and judicial and administrative reform in the CJE field.

Currently, Vietnam attracts many developed countries and organizations to ILC. The MoJ has to specify the priority issues in each field of law appropriate to the aim and strength of each partner or project. The recent popular topics are related to building up a comprehensive, unified, and feasible legal system and implementing the law effectively according to the requirements of improving the socialist rule-of-law State of Vietnam in the period 2030-2045. These issues are core requirements of judicial and administrative reform. Therefore, I can take full advantage of my work simultaneously. Besides, we need to design cooperation activities to utilize the support resources. For example, we research and write reports, host or attend international conferences to exchange knowledge and experiences or comment on policy or legal bills. We can organize study tours or training courses for legal officials to raise awareness and enhance capacity, etc. The most grateful and precious thing in my work is that I can keep working with many NU professors and Japanese experts involved in the JICA projects. I also can apply my knowledge of comparative law that I studied at NU to my job.

The challenge in my job is that because the CJE is a practical field, there are not many profound and detailed academic papers in English that I can find and learn. For example, I found little information on the efficiency

In the first lecture at the Nagoya Urban Institute, I was impressed by the policy of restructuring and developing the city after World War II. The lecture concisely conveyed important urban development policies such as land adjustment (for example, industrial and green areas) and enhancing infrastructure. The remarkable outcomes of the Project, with the doubling of roads and parks compared to the pre-reconstruction period, left a lasting impact on me. Moreover, I had the chance to observe detailed models of city development right at the institute's headquarters, further enriching my understanding of the process.

Vu Thi Hien (Grad Sch. of Law., Nagoya Univ.)

It provided insights into Nagoya's urban development while preserving its cultural heritage. The tie-dye "shibori" workshop was particularly captivating, allowing me to engage in this traditional art form. The organizers at the Nagoya Ryugakusei Net, Nagoya Urban Institute, and Arimatsu town were incredibly welcoming and passionate about preserving their heritage. I am grateful for the opportunity and look forward to future events to further explore Japan's rich history and traditions.

Quen Tran Thi (Grad Sch. of Law., Nagoya Univ.)

※ Water and Sewerage of Nagoya Part III: "Visiting Nagoya's water sources" and "Learning from the Experience of Yokkaichi" will be reported in the next issue of the Newsletter.

My work after returning

indicators in CJE in other countries. In the network of the NPO, if anyone is interested in CJE, please do not hesitate to contact me and then we can learn from each other. My email is ngannt.moj@gmail.com. I will be very grateful.

Nguyen Thi Ngan

(GS of Law JDS fellow batch 2019-2021)



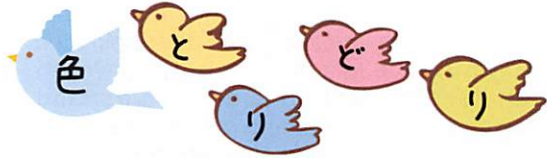
Prof. Kokubun, author, Prof. Murakami, Ms. Thu Hien after a technical meeting in the MoJ of Vietnam in March 2023



A bicycle is available for rent.

A bicycle was donated. If you need a bicycle, please feel free to use it. Long-term rental is also possible. Please contact the NPO office if you wish to borrow the bicycle.





In this column, we invite supporters and international students of Nagoya Ryugakusei Net to share their thoughts, opinions, and personalities with us. Each issue will be filled with a variety of colorful content. Please look forward to it. The No.4 features Mr Nakashima Ken who is a supporting member of the NPO Nagoya Ryugakusei Net.

Within a limited range of words

I am a supporting member of Nagoya Ryugakusei Net, but I am not very good at listening to or speaking English. Therefore, I interact with international students with limited expressions and vocabulary. However, interactions with a limited scope can leave a lasting impression.

When I participated in an event to explore the Narumijuku (Narumi Post Station Town) area in early summer, I was able to have various conversations with a Vietnamese graduate student who was quite proficient in Japanese. The conversation was going smoothly, and in the flow of the conversation, I dared to ask her, "Do people in Vietnam study about the Vietnam War?" She paused for a moment, seemingly considering what to say within the limited range of our language comprehension. Then she explained to me in effect, "Opinions about the Vietnam War differ not only among individuals but also among Vietnam and neighboring countries. So, it requires some caution to discuss that topic."

When I heard that, I felt like she taught me something I hadn't realized while living in an island country, Japan, in peace. In this way, even in the limited interactions with international students, there are many things that make me aware of my blind spots.

I want to continue participating in events with the intention of both learning and studying.

Nakashima Ken (member)



at the Manganji Temple in Narumi town
author second from the right in the back row

Activities 2023.3.1 to the present

◆Management◆

7/3 Submission of notification of change of officers, etc. to the City of Nagoya

◆Permanent Programs◆

Japanese Language Support Program for Graduate School Student

4/27 Contacted by VOLAS, the Volunteer Action Space of the Volunteer Response Department of TUFS.

After discussing preparations for the NPO's activities and support, we received a response that they would like to cooperate in recruiting volunteers from outside university students, and we decided to begin designing a system. In charge: Abe, Shibata, and Matsuura

◆Special Programs◆

See articles on pages 2 and 3.

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●Access

7 minutes west along the Green Belt from Exit 1 of Nagoya University Subway Station on the Meijo Line.

◆Improvement of activity environment◆

4/28 Consulted with the Nagoya City Citizen's Activity Center to obtain ordinance individual designation and become a certified NPO.

5/11 A publicity sign was installed on the outside wall of the NPO office.

Editor's Note

Freed from the coronavirus measures, we are gradually free to carry out our activities. Now we can visit facilities with international students and talk directly with them at the NPO office more than ever. We hope the fourth issue of the Newsletter will convey this change in the air as well.

(Shibata Yuki, Kozaki Kazuko)

●Map

