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Why don't you!? Go to Global Festa!

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What is Global Festa? Editor: Chika Takasu

Global Festa 2023, which first started in 2005, was held in the Tokyo International Forum from September 31st (Sat.) to October 1st (Sun). This year, 21,000 people came to this event.

The main theme of this year is "International Cooperation to Build the World – The More Friends the better!" According to its official homepage, Global Festa Japan is one of Japan's largest public and private sector organization gatherings for forwarding international cooperation, social contribution and SDGs. Many organizations

such as embassies, NGOs, and international organizations participated. Also, they held their booths and explained their activities to the guests.

The purpose of this event is to raise awareness of the need for international cooperation. There were groups to help refugees and promote vaccines. Also, there were many organizations which are devoted to solving various environmental issues. As you read our newspaper, you will have a better understanding of international cooperation and organizations which make our society a great place to live.



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Akira Ikegami Talks about ODA Editor: Chika Takasu

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Akira Ikegami, a famous Japanese journalist, gave a special class on the main stage of Global Festa 2023 on September 30th, the first day of this year's Global Festa.

This special class talked about ODA. ODA stands for Official Development Assistance. It is to help the economic and social development of developing countries. The government provides financial and technical assistance.

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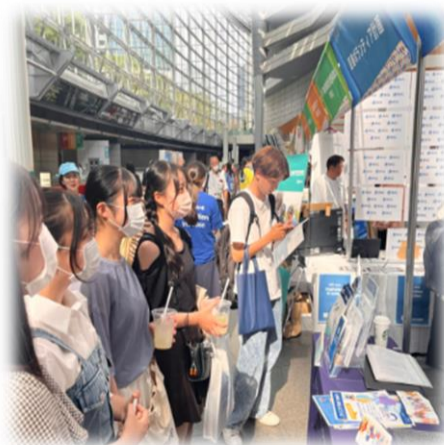


For example, a school was built in Laos with Japanese support. This initiative will help developing countries become self-reliant. Also, ODA activities not only support other countries but also have a good effect on Japan. It can enhance Japan's credibility in the international community.

 Aoyama Gakuin University won in the 100th Hakone Ekiden, extending their lead in each stage to set a new course record and took their 7th overall win in it's long history.

ITTO(International Tropical Timber Organization)'s Activities

Editor: Chika Takasu



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Deforestation has become a problem in recent years. Forests continue to decrease around the world, mainly due to the expansion of agricultural land, illegal logging, mining and urbanization. The ITTO developed a strategic action plan for the period from 2022 to 2026 — the promotion of tropical timber trade and the enhancement of the resilience of forest ecosystems. Also, these activities are deeply related to SDGs No. 15, which is

about protecting and regenerating the richness of the land.

I will introduce one of the international organizations — ITTO. ITTO is an organization that promotes the conservation and sustainable use of tropical forest resources. There are seventy member countries: Japan, Australia, Canada and so on. It is also their mission to maintain our forests and our water supply.

Sustainable Forest Management, which is also called SFM, is essential to achieving these goals. SFM is maintaining and managing the forest environment. ITTO provides the foundation for SFM for tropical forests. SFM prevents forest fires and helps forests in case of disaster. These activities are playing an important role in the Asia-Pacific and Africa regions to protect our environment.

The State of the World at Global Festa.

There were a lot of other organizations participating in the Global Festa 2023. I will introduce you to some of these organizations.

Firstly, have you heard of the UNDP? It is the abbreviation of the United Nations Development Program. UNDP is an organization that works to prevent violent extremism and eliminate conflicts in Africa. I felt that because of this organization, we were inspired to have an interest in the conflicts taking place in the world.

Secondly, NICE, an international volunteer NGO, is an organization that is being implemented overseas for international volunteer activities.

In this organization, you can engage in activities rooted in the needs of local people with various nationalities. For example, there are volunteer activities such as spending summer vacation with children from poor families and single-parent households in Turkey, and grape picking at a vineyard in Italy.



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The International Monetary Fund (IMF) supports economic

policy that promotes financial stability and international monetary cooperation, which are essential to a healthy economy. The IMF has 190 member countries now. In addition to financial assistance, the IMF prevents technical assistance for capacity building, training, and curbing of policies that undermine a country's prosperity. In fact, a lot of countries are getting loans from the IMF because their economies are not functioning well. Incidentally, Japan has never received financial assistance from the IMF. We have learned that the economies of countries around the world are suffering from the pandemic — COVID-19, the invasion of Ukraine, and so on. From these, we

Editor: Mio Nemoto



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realized it was important for all countries to deepen international cooperation toward common property.

Besides, the organizations we just introduced, there are still many other organizations that are active internationally.

Fund-raising Activity Has Started from Global Festa!!

Editor: Mio Nemoto

On the day of Global Festa 2023, the International Monetary Fund held a quiz event in which we could learn about the IMF. We actually participated and received notebooks and files as prizes. Also, our classroom teacher, Mr. Oda, got an IMF original mug. We use this mug for fundraising activities in our class now. So far, we have raised 2,211 yen. We are going to donate this money as a token of our prayer

for world peace to Médecins Sans Frontières (MSF), translated to Doctors without Borders, which sent their staff to the terrible battlefield in Gaza Strip, Palestine to save the lives of the victims and the wounds.

You may even send money of heart-warming assistance from the nearest post office in your town or from a convenience store!

If you are interested in raising money and donating it to MSF, go visit their website below:
<<https://www.msf.or.jp/donate/>>



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Fund-raising Campaign for Noto Peninsula

Editor: Mio Nemoto

Recently, our school has started a fund-raising campaign for the Noto Peninsula earthquake that occurred on January 1st, led by the student council chairman. Hiyori Aoyagi, the president of the student council, responded to our thoughts on the fund-raising.

“I’m Aoyagi Hiyori, the student council president. At the beginning of the new year, a major earthquake occurred in the Noto Peninsula. After thinking about what we can do without looking the other way,

we decided to hold a fund-raising activity for the Noto Peninsula area affected by the earthquake. I can’t actually go and do anything, but I hope each person’s feelings will lead to recovery.”



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Aomori Yamada H.S. beat Omi H.S. three to one to win the championship for the first time in two tournaments on January 8th.

Delicious Hamburgers at "Shake Shack" Editor: Fuka Numata

When we joined Global Festa on September 30, 2023, I had a hamburger with my friends at the nearest restaurant, which was called "Shake Shack", and their hamburgers were very delicious! If the next Global Festa is held in Tokyo next year, I recommend you go there and enjoy their food. My recommendation is the cheese burger. Their website is <<< <https://shakeshack.jp/> >>>.



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Exchanges between Japan and Yunnan

Editor: Fuka Numata

Global Festa also features ethnic minority neighborhoods and diverse cultures, languages and crafts. We had a chance to have an interview with a man working for *The Japan Yunnan Friendship Association* at the Yunnan booth on the day of Global Festa 2023. I would like many people to know more about Yunnan this time.

Do you know a province in China called Yunnan? Yunnan is located in southwest China. The Yunnan minority culture and Japanese culture share commonalities in terms of history and nature. However, this fact is not well known in Japan. So, I decided to write about Yunnan in this article.

The Japan Yunnan Friendship Association was a bridge for the people of Japan and Yunnan don't need this to learn from and support each other. The Japan Yunnan Friendship Association prompts exchange projects with the aim of realizing a better world.

The Secret of "Living Hieroglyphs"



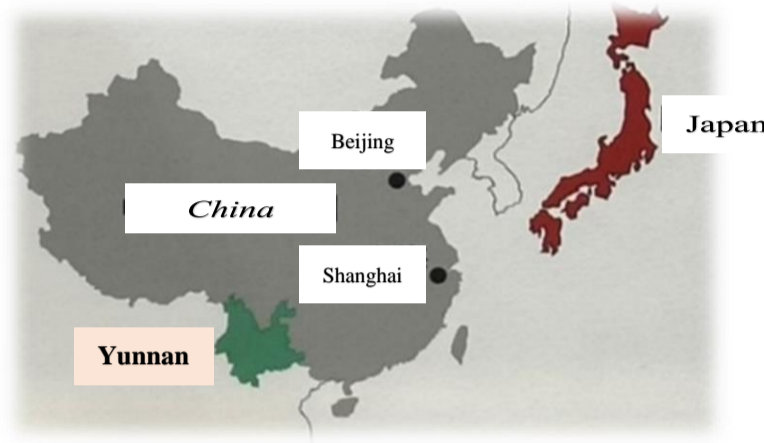
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Do you know "living hieroglyphs"? Living hieroglyphs are also called "Tompas characters".

Tompas characters are used in the religious ceremonies of the Nashi people living in Yunnan Province. They are named living hieroglyphs because they are still used in daily life today. Living hieroglyphs are characters that use pictures so we can understand what they represent. As a result, I feel that they are similar to the Pictograms known around the world.



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We Love Kashima! We love ANTLERS!!

Editor: Minami Ichimura

Kashima City is located in the south east part of Ibaraki Prefecture, Japan. This city is now known as a town of soccer. Many kids play soccer in school, on a team, and with their families. They also enjoy watching soccer games held at Kashima Soccer Stadium. Kashima City, with other small towns around, has a professional soccer team of J-League called the Kashima Antlers. This team started as Honda FC in 1947. When there is a game in Kashima Soccer Stadium, roads in the town will have a heavy traffic jam.

The Kashima Antlers Play for Kashima

The town we live in has a soccer team called the Kashima Antlers. The name of the team, "the Antlers", refers to deer antlers. Deer antlers, with the sharp branch angle, represent bravery and the team's aim for victory. They won fifth place in the 2023 Meiji Yasuda Life Insurance J 1 League. They won three titles in the same year: J-1 League, Yamazaki Nabisco Cup and the Emperor's Cup. So, the Kashima Antlers is a very strong team.



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The Kashima Antlers has three popular mascots: Shikao, Shikako and Anton. Come and hug them!

The Secret of the Uniforms

The uniform color of the Antlers is deep red. This color was inspired by their passion for football and the color of roses, which is the flower of Ibaraki Prefecture. The design has been changed every year since 2010. There are two big stars for ten titles on the emblem on the left chest. If the Antlers win one more title, they will have won thirty titles in total. This means they will have another big star on the left chest of the uniform. On the right sleeve of this uniform, they wear the "Hometown Mark" featuring the five cities of this area.



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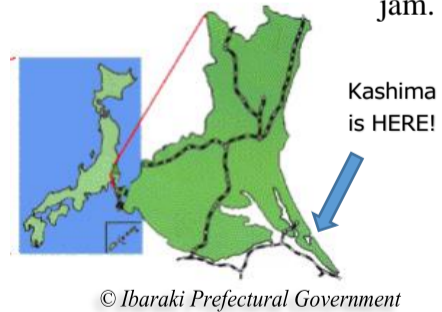
Kashima's Legend, Zico

The team song of the Kashima Antlers, "SUCESSO-OBRIGADO!! ZICO!", was composed by a famous singer, Kome Kome Club. "SUCESSO" means success in Portuguese; also, "OBRIGADO" means "Thank you."

By the way, who is Zico? The Kashima Antlers had a world famous player named "Zico" long time ago. He is now the coach and technical director of Kashima Antlers. In 2023, Zico also received the Ibaraki Prefectural Honor Award.



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Editors' Note

- Writing this newspaper gave us a good opportunity to learn about international issues and problems.
- It turns out that children as old as we are also participating in the event—Global Festa and promoting their understanding of international issues.
- We want many people to be interested in international issues through our newspaper.

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