

名古屋大学留学生会

NUFSA

What is NUFSA?

NUFSA is short for Nagoya University International Student Association (名古屋大学留学生会). The reason and passion for NUFSA to exist is to support international students in Nagoya University as well as to promote international awareness and cooperation. NUFSA is also working to enhance the cultural diversity and dialogue between international and Japanese students.

NUFSA aims to reach these goals by organizing events and activities for international students, with Japanese students being welcome to join as well! The events are done in collaboration with several other associations and clubs, which allows for NUFSA members not only to experience international ways of working but also a touch of Japanese way of organizing and working. Cooperation with other associations offers a brilliant platform for members to make new friends, regardless of nationality, and thus support the cultural exchange.

NUFSA is an association with long history. The association was established in 1985 and has held the passion for the international students ever since.



What year 2015 meant for NUFSA?

For NUFSA, the year 2015 was a year of reformation. NUFSA has a long history and we as members want the legacy of NUFSA to continue for years to come. Therefore, we felt there was a need for change, for refresh.

The world is rapidly changing, and to answer to this change, we accepted the challenge to keep up with the times. This required us to look back at the starting days of NUFSA and review the purpose of the association. During the review process, all members came to appreciate the association more, and to relish the long history and successful years and events of NUFSA.

Nagoya University is becoming more and more international and there are more international students than before. NUFSA, which stands for Nagoya University Foreign Student Association, felt that the word "foreign" does not represent the global population on campus and thus, entered the talks of, what if we address to the changing attitudes and instead of referring to students with various cultural backgrounds as "foreign", we use the word "international". After long and careful thinking, it was decided that the association would carry the name Nagoya University International Student Association in order to embrace the global and international student base we have on campus. However, the abbreviation would still remain NUFSA, as this name is well known and familiar at the university.

We took a look at the previous constitutions and felt that it is time for an update. So, members gathered to discuss the constitution and gave suggestions, debated, made changes and finally, came to a conclusion. Thanks to everyone's active participation, the new constitution was written and a new era came to be.



EVENTS of 2015

SPRING BAZAAR

Every spring, on the 2nd Saturday of April, NUFSA holds a bazaar for international students. This event is done in collaboration with ACE, Tomodachikai and YWCA.

The purpose of this event is to help international students to start up their lives in Nagoya University. Daily items needed for convenient daily life are sold for student-friendly prices. These daily items include pots, knives, stationery, plates, bowls, futons, furniture and electrical appliances. This spring we had some extraordinary items, such as samurai doll!



This event is very popular as most international students do not have furniture and other daily items when they come to Japan and this is a good chance to buy what they need. Bazaar is however, not only a place for buying frenzy, it is also a social gathering where students can meet new people and chat.

Sometimes, items are auctioned in the bazaar. This spring, bazaar received large TVs as donation from Kondo Sanko and in order to be fair for the buyers, NUFSA decided to auction the televisions.

WELCOME PARTY

Welcome party was a week after the spring bazaar. The party is to welcome new students and create a place for new meetings and new friends. NUFSA offers the students a chance to have fun and enjoy snacks and some finger food while socializing and having fun.

NUFSA room cleaning

This autumn, NUFSA members gathered together and spent some time together to clean NUFSA's headquarters. The cleaning process was part of the reformation. Old and unnecessary items were discarded, and some treasures from the old days were found. Pictures of the previous years of the association brought smile on the current members' faces. Those pictures represent the long standing history of NUFSA and give the members the motivation to keep the association nice and shining.



AUTUMN BAZAAR



Autumn bazaar is held every year on 2nd Saturday of October. Just like spring bazaar, this event is very popular among new students. Many people participate and leave the event happy. NUFSA holds a lottery for bicycles during the bazaar and the lucky ones can cycle home!

Autumn bazaar 2015 was very successful event thanks to the close cooperation between several associations and clubs, not to forget the customers who made it fun for members as well!

OTSUKARESAMA PARTY

NUFSA organized a thank you party for ACE members for always helping NUFSA and providing support for the members. In this party, NUFSA and ACE members became closer through fun games and chatting.



JAPANESE COURSES



Japanese language courses are organized for Nagoya University students and their family members as part of supporting the integration process of the international residents of Nagoya University.

The Japanese courses are supported by Nagoya Lions club, they generously purchase the textbooks used in the class as well as provide the language teachers. In order for the family members of the Nagoya University students to truly being able to concentrate on the language studies, baby sitters are playing with the children in another room to allow for full concentration during class time.

BONENKAI PARTY

This autumn, NUFSA decided to hold a bonenkai party instead of Welcome party. In the bonenkai party snacks, finger food and drinks were offered. It was a fun party, where both the members of NUFSA as well as the customers were able to enjoy good music and open socializing.



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We will start recruiting new members in 2016!

