名古屋大学留学生会

Nagoya University International Student Association (NUFSA) 2020

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1. About NUFSA 名古屋大学留学生会について



Nagoya University International Student Association (NUFSA) is a diverse and cultural student led organization founded by Nagoya University in 1985. Primary objective is to bring together all international students enrolled in Nagoya University and visiting scholars. Our mission is to create a sense of community by facilitating intellectual, cultural, and social exchanges among international

students, faculty and staff. We also foster understanding of diverse cultures and help to develop a cosmopolitan outlook among foreign students, and between foreign students and Japanese students. Finally, we serve as support to incoming international students in adjusting to their new cultural setting in Nagoya and creating opportunities for networking.

NUFSA is short for Nagoya University International Student Association (名古屋大学留学生会). It originally stood for Nagoya University *Foreign* Student Association. However, in 2015, it was decided that the association would be renamed to Nagoya University *International* Student Association (while keeping its initial abbreviation – NUFSA) to embrace the global and international student base of Nagoya University.

2. Exective Board

- President: Hai Nguyen (Vietnam)
- Vice President: Jerry Wang (China)
- Treasurer: Hui Hui Gan (Malaysia)
- Secretary: Raissa Medea Alunjani (Indonesia)
- PR Head: Putri Gifta Desyanmi Santosa (Indonesia)
- HR Head: Anny Lai (Wan-Ching Lai) (Taiwan ROC)

3. Membership

NUFSA membership is free of charge and can be granted to any international students (foreign and Japanese) enrolled in Nagoya University, regardless of their nationality, major, schools, degrees, etc. To be able to join the group and participate discussion for existing events or to bring new ideas all is necessary to do is register at nufsa.nagoya@gmail.com

Facebook: https://www.facebook.com/nufsajp/

Instagram: https://instagram.com/nufsa.nagoya_university/

Email: nufsa.nagoya@gmail.com

4. Support

NUFSA is receiving support from various organizations. We are financially supported by Nagoya University Foreign Student Support Association and we regularly receive technical or organizational support from Nagoya University International Student Advisor Office. We also collaborate with volunteer groups (ACE, YWCA, Tomodachi-kai) for organizing activities such as bazaars, welcome parties, etc.

5. Weekly Meeting

NUFSA members have meetings every week. This year, the weekly meeting is held every Monday evening from 18:30 to 19:45 on Zoom due to the pandemic. During meetings, members discuss potential activities and plan them out together. The minutes of meetings are written down and uploaded by the secretary every week.

6. Activities

❖ Orientations for Incoming International Students (Online due to COVID-19)

NUFSA participates in orientations for incoming international students held in student residences (International Residence Higashiyama, International Ohmeikan House, International Residence Yamate, Ishida Memorial International Residence Myoken, International Residence Daiko). The purpose is to introduce ourselves to newcomers and give them first necessary information and tips for daily living and university activities.

❖ Tandem (Online due to COVID-19)

Since 2016 we have launched a new project called Tandem, which is an opportunity for those who are willing to master a language (or two) and even get accustomed with cultural nuances by communicating with native speakers. Tandem, basically, means having two or more individuals with skills they can share with one another. Just fill out the questionnaire form providing information about the languages they know and the languages they are wishing to excel at. NUFSA will connect you with the partners they best match with.

❖ Academic Activities (Online due to COVID-19)

Japanese Language & Culture course for international students' family members, sponsored by Nagoya SAKAE Lions Club.



Zoom Q&A Session on Student Life and Mental Health with Associate Professor Sakai

Under this current pandemic, we understand that a lot of students (both Japanese and International students) suffered a lot because of the social-distancing, online classes, and more. NUFSA held this Q&A session with the support of associate professor Sakai to help answer students' questions and concerns related to student life and mental health anonymously through Google form and also during the zoom call.



Quiz and Music Night

Because of the pandemic, NUFSA's Live Music Session cannot be held on campus. Instead, NUFSA holds Quiz and Music Night on zoom, providing awesome musical performance by students. There are also small quizzes about the university and common knowledge. The winners get to win some amazon gift cards.

***** Halloween Competition

Because of COVID-19, we could only hold a halloween event online, through Instagram. Students sent us pictures of their Halloween make-up and costumes and are featured in both NUFSA's instagram and facebook account. Through voting between NUFSA members, the winners of this competition were chosen and given prizes, such as Amazon gift cards.



❖ Presentation Hour 2.0

NUFSA collaborates with Advising & Counseling Services, IEEC - ACS and Presentation Hour Student Team for the Presentation Hour 2.0. Two student speakers make presentations every session and the speakers show 20 slides, each for 20 seconds in English. The main language used in English, but questions can be asked in Japanese.

Regular Events but Cancelled due to COVID-19

Bazaar (Cancelled due to COVID-19)

Every year in April and October, NUFSA, in collaboration with ACE, Tomodachi-kai and YWCA, holds a bazaar at Nagoya University International Residence Higashiyama. The bi-annual NUFSA International Students' Bazaar is an absolute goldmine of quality second hand home necessities (tableware, furniture, electrical appliances) at extremely cheap prices.

• Welcome party (Cancelled due to COVID-19)

We organize welcome parties, which is a platform for old students to welcome new students and it is also an avenue for interaction, networking and social exchange of ideas, experiences and culture. This is the first foundation towards building strong lasting friendships in most cases. We offer not only delicious food and drinks but also live music with great performances.

• Live Music Session (Cancelled due to COVID-19)

NUFSA invites students to perform and chill at Craig's Cafe in the university every 2 months. NUFSA also provides some snacks to the participants and performers. The event is totally free and students can sign up to perform through NUFSA's Facebook and Instagram.