

名古屋大学留学生会  
Nagoya University International Student Association (NUFSA)  
Academic Year 2023 Activity Report

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## 1. About NUFSA

Nagoya University International Student Association (NUFSA) is a diverse student-led organization founded by Nagoya University in 1985. Our 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, domestic students, faculty, and staff. We also foster an understanding of diverse cultures and help to develop a cosmopolitan outlook among international Students, and between international students and Japanese students. Finally, we support incoming international students in adjusting to their new cultural setting in Nagoya and creating networking opportunities.

### 1.1 Name

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.

### 1.2 Current Executive Board

President: Trần Lê Phương Quỳnh (Vietnam)

Vice President: Karl Raymond dela Cruz Roque (Philippines), Ngo Gia Linh (Vietnam)

Secretary: Shin Siemanond (Japan)

Treasurer: Thanyathorn Vongvanich (Thailand)

## 2. Membership

NUFSA membership is free of charge and can be granted to any students (foreign and Japanese) enrolled in Nagoya University, regardless of their nationality, major,

schools, degrees, etc. To join the group and participate in creating events or to bring new ideas, all it is necessary to do is contact us via email or Instagram.

### 3. The structure of our activities

#### 3.1 Weekly Meetings

NUFSA members have meetings every week. This academic year's weekly meeting is held every Tuesday during the lunch break. In the sessions, we primarily brainstorm ideas for new activities and update each other on ongoing projects. The minutes of meetings are written down and shared online by the secretary every week.



#### 3.2 Event Planning

Depending on the size of the event, we usually form a team of around 4 to 15 people to work on each project. Aside from the weekly meetings in 3.1, teams typically have their own weekly meetings to work and update team members on their projects. Within a team, a leader oversees the whole team, and members are responsible for different project areas, such as event promotion, game planning, and decoration.

### 4. Support and Collaborations

NUFSA has been receiving support from various organizations within and outside the university. Financially, NUFSA is mainly funded by the Nagoya University Foreign Student Support Association. Additionally, we regularly receive technical and organizational support from the Nagoya University Global Engagement Center. Occasionally, NUFSA also collaborates with volunteer groups (ACE, YWCA, Tomodachi-kai) to organize activities such as bazaars, welcome parties, etc.

#### 4.1. Japanese Course for Family

NUFSA has been a collaborator of Japanese Language & Culture courses for international students' family members since its beginning in 1987. Every semester, NUFSA sends its representatives to participate in the courses' opening and closing ceremonies.

#### 4.2. Model United Nations (MUN)

In the past years, NUFSA actively supported NUMUN activity, a conference where students act as representatives of countries worldwide to solve real-world global issues. In 2023, the topics discussed were



Climate Change and Human Genome editing. More than 60 college and high school students from all across Japan participated.

## 5. 2023 Events

### 5.1. (April) ACE x NUFSA Welcome Party

NUFSA x ACE Spring Welcome Party is one of the annual events that ACE and NUFSA organize together every year. The event's primary purpose is to welcome new Japanese and international students enrolling at Nagoya University in the spring semester of 2023. At the party, students played games and socialized with each other and senior students.



### 5.2. (June) Meidaisai (The Nagoya University Festival)

2023 is the first year for NUFSA to take part in Meidaisai or the Nagoya University Festival after it was suspended during the pandemic. In the event, NUFSA has set up a booth under the theme of NUFSA Express, an express train that takes you through different countries. Visitors can play traditional games from various countries, such as Indonesia, Vietnam, and Japan, and interact with the members. The booth highlights include the raffle and interactive wooden boards (Ema Boards) for visitors to purchase and leave messages.



### 5.3. (July) Poppins Afterschool Service

In July, NUFSA members were offered an exclusive opportunity from Poppins Afterschool Service, the on-campus nursery, to introduce the traditional games from Meidaisai to the students. Photography was not permitted during the event to protect the students' privacy.

### 5.4. (August) Water Fight

This year's NUFSA Water Fight was held under the Squid Game concept, a well-known Korean Netflix series. The event consists of different mini-games which involve water. The event was highly successful as it managed to attract many participants not only from Nagoya University but also from other institutes such as Nanzan University. Furthermore, for this year, the organizing team had to put in extra effort to



minimize the water use and yet make the water fight enjoyable, as there was no running water at the event venue.

#### 5.5. (October) The COOP Welcome Party

In this year's COOP Welcome Party, NUFSA set up a booth to promote the organization and its activities to the newly enrolled students. Some NUFSA members participated in a dance performance at the event.



#### 5.6. (November) After Glow (NUFSA x ACE Welcome Party)

The fall semester Welcome Party was held under the name After Glow for 2023. The event allows the first-year students to gather in a more informal setting and have an actual party. Although the event was open to all Nagoya University students, the participants were mainly international students from G30 and NUPACE programs. We started the night with several dance performances and proceeded with everyone joining the dance floor. Dim lighting and loud music made it easy for students to dance out all the stress of a newly started semester.



#### 5.7. (November) Bazaar Organizers Appreciation Event

As NUFSA decided to discontinue its annual second-hand bazaar event, which was suspended for almost three years due to the pandemic, we held this appreciation party to show gratitude to the people involved.



#### 5.8. (December) Nufsanta

Nufsanta is NUFSA's Christmas event. This year's event highlights were Christmas cookies and gingerbread house decorations. Notably, for the gingerbread house decoration, participants used their creativity to create and present their own house. The winning team was given a bag of Christmas snacks.



## 6. Team Building Activities

Besides our external activities, we had a few internal events exclusively for the NUFSA members to promote teamwork and bonding among the members. The activities include a BBQ at a beach in July and a party in September before the start of the Spring semester.



## 7. Our contacts

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