

名古屋大学留学生会

Nagoya University International Student Association (NUFSA) Academic Year 2024 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 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.

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.

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. NUFSA new members recruiting period happened twice a year, once during spring semester and once in fall semester.

3. The structure of our activities

3.1. Weekly meetings

NUFSA members have meetings every week during the semester. In 2024, to ensure all of the members can attend the weekly meeting as much as possible, we had alternating weekly meetings for Thursday and Friday at lunch time (12.15 – 12.45). During meetings, members discuss potential activities and plan them out together. The minutes of meetings are written down and shared online by the secretary every week.

3.2. Event planning

The events are planned and organized by NUFSA members who are interested in joining the organizing team. To prepare for the events, members will have another meeting aside from the weekly meeting, and the organizing team will be led by 1-2 leaders. On the day of the event, there will be NUFSA members aside of the organizing team who volunteer to help organizing the event on the day.

3.3. Teams

Besides the temporary event planning teams, we have Social Media and Human Resources teams that exist throughout the entire year.

- Social Media Team: in charge of promoting our events and projects on Instagram
- Human Resource Team: in charge of new members recruitment, organizing members' data, tracking members' past projects, and organizing internal events (Events for NUFSA members only)

4. Support and collaborations

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 Global Engagement Center. In 2024, we also collaborated with inter-university organization, such as TUFSA (Tohoku University Foreign Student Association) and intra-university organizations such as COFSA, NU Help Desk, and ACE to hold events.

4.1. Japanese Course for Families

NUFSA has been a collaborator of Japanese Language & Culture course for foreign students' family members since this program started in 1987. We continue to participate in their events.

5. 2024 Activities

5.1. ACE X NUFSA: Spring Welcome Party (April)

To welcome the new students at Nagoya University, ACE and NUFSA collaborated together to host a welcome party. We made activity booths, such as an origami making booth, a trivial quiz booth, and a Japanese traditional Calligraphy booth.



5.2. Meidaisai 2024 (June)

NUFSA chose “NUFEST”, which is the combination of the word “NUFSA” + “Festival”, for our booth's name in meidaisai 2024. This year, we incorporated 4 games and 3 crafts activities from all over the world to introduce to participants. Additionally, we also had a raffle system and the interactive board map for visitors to do. Our booth had attracted a lot of interest from both international students and Japanese people of all ages who came to meidaisai.



5.3. NUFSA x NU Help Desk: Tanabata 2024 (July)

With the aim to introduce Japanese Culture to the international students at Nagoya University, NUFSA collaborated with NU Help Desk to hold a Tanabata event. The event was divided into two main sessions: the afternoon and the night session. The afternoon session was held in Amenity house, and we had 4 activity booths: making paper lanterns, making Japanese festival masks, calligraphy, and hanging the tanabata wishes at a bamboo tree. In the night session, participants gathered in Kawana Park for hanabi activity.



5.4. NUFSA Spring Semester Team Building Activity (July)

To strengthen the bond between members, NUFSA decided to hold a team building activity (internal event) at the end of the semester. We organized a picnic at the beach, while playing games, exchanging letters, playing hanabi, and had a farewell - otsukare party for our graduating seniors to appreciate their efforts and help that they provided to NUFSA.

5.5. NUFSA Visit to Poppins After School (August)

NUFSA visited the university's Poppins After School childcare center with the aim of sharing a part of our diverse international backgrounds and introducing our culture to the kids. This year, we brought several traditional games and crafts for them to enjoy.

5.6. NUFSA Summer Water Fight Event (August)

NUFsplash, held on August 10, 2024, at Kawana Park, brought together students for a fun-filled afternoon of team-based activities. The event featured three engaging phases: an icebreaker where teams created cheers, an Amazing Race with various challenges, and a thrilling PUBG-inspired water fight as the finale. Participants showcased teamwork, creativity, and enthusiasm throughout, making the event a vibrant celebration of camaraderie and summer fun.



5.7. NUFSA x AO: Online Event / NUFSAASK (August)

NUFSA x AO is an online event suggested by the Admissions Office to welcome the incoming G30 students before they officially come to Japan. The purpose of the event was to break the ice between the new students and allow them to interact with NU students (NUFSA) directly. On the first day, NUFSA conducted several online games to be played together. Then, on day 2, NUFSA facilitated some online talks about daily life of being a student in Japan, travel tips, academic-wise challenges or tips, work, and so on. We also made some Q and A sessions to let them inquire more about NU as an overall.

5.8. NUFSA x TUFSA: Game Night (October)

TUFSA (Tohoku University Foreign Student Association) and NUFSA aimed to strengthen the bond among international students from different universities across Japan, by creating collaboration events between international student bodies from different universities across Japan. Therefore, we made a mini online collaboration event for TUFSA and NUFSA admin team members to get to know each other first. In this event, we played online games, such as 2 truth 1 lies and Jackbox.

5.9. NUFSA x ACE: Fall Welcome Party – GALACTICA (October)

This year's Fall Welcome Party was held in collaboration with ACE and based on the theme 'Galactica'. The party was held at Rin Dance School Motoyama and the attendees included new & old G30 students, NUPACE students and students from the Japanese program. The party provided an opportunity for people to interact with each other and socialize while dancing. There were games such as the Phone Bingo, which culminated in the final Among Us battle to identify the alien imposters, and also a dance battle and catwalk. Through the party, the new students were welcomed into the university, and everyone got a chance to unwind before midterms season began.



5.10. NUFSA x COFSA: Meidai's Got Talent Season 3 (Final round: November)

With the aim to give an opportunity for students to showcase their talent, NUFSA and COFSA collaborated together to hold a talent competition - Meidai's Got Talent Season 3. Participants

were first being asked to send their audition video online and the organizers chose 10 finalists to perform on November 15th, 2024, in front of the audiences and the judges. The participants' performances range from singing, playing musical instruments, to traditional and modern dancing.



5.11.NUFSA Christmas Event: NUFSA SANTA (December)

Marking the final external events of NUFSA in 2024, we want to bring joy and excitement to all university students. This event leads participants through Games and Crafts activities. For Crafts, we have Cookies, Bracelets, and Candles decorations. We are wrapping everything with some Christmas sweets in a gift box for everyone to bring home as their own Christmas present. Crafting happens simultaneously with Christmas Games. These games aim to bring all participants together, bonding and making new friends between Japanese and International students through one of the most exciting holidays of the year.



5.12. NUFSA Christmas Internal Event: otsukare-sama party (December)

As the year is coming to an end, NUFSA wants to celebrate an otsukare-sama and Christmas party for all of the members to appreciate their hard work and effort in NUFSA. We also hope that the bond between members can be strengthened while exchanging gifts and playing different types of games.

6. Our contacts

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