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Student mixer brings out students' competitive side



Students and staff pose for a group photo at the end of this year's mixer

Photograph: Ms. Urakami

Light Yellow team wins first place.

Ota and Sakaguchi awarded MVP titles.

Chikako Ishisaka & Yuika Nakayama



Toyama City Gymnasium once again played host to the TCFL Student Mixer on May 9th. The annual event brought out the students' competitive side and sports skills as they competed to claim the top prizes.

Students separated into 9 teams and competed against one another in four sports activities (badminton,

beach volleyball, basketball and dodgeball). The winning team at this year's event was the light yellow team. They were pleased to claim the top prize and share the snacks they were awarded amongst themselves.

In addition to the winning team, one boy and one girl were each awarded the title of "MVP" (Most Valued Player) at the Mixer. This year, 2nd year student Naiki Ota, and 1st year student Momoka Sakaguchi, collected the "MVP" awards. Mr. Ota, upon receiving his award, said, "The key to success is taking the sports events seriously." Ms.

Sakaguchi added: "I'm not good at playing sports, but I'm happy I could win this prize."

The mixer was the first school social event of the year and was a great opportunity for first, second, and Senkoka students to get to know each other better. The competition was light-hearted but everyone still participated actively and played the different sports activities well.

Although this was the last time that graduating students will take part in the mixer, we hope they enjoyed the event and hope the first year students are looking forward to next year's event.

Girls MVP
Momoka Sakaguchi



Boys MVP
Naiki Ota



Winning team
Light-yellow team



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Second-year student Rika Kawahata addresses the new students at this year's entrance ceremony

Photograph: Ms. Noto

TCFL welcomes new first year students

- Entrance ceremony at Shimin Plaza
- First year students share first impressions

Riho Shimizu

On April 10, the TCFL Entrance Ceremony was held. Forty-two first-year students and 10 senkoka students entered TCFL. The next day, classes began and it was the start of their TCFL life. Each student was understandably nervous about their new life.

We asked some first-year students some questions about their impressions of TCFL. Uta Doi said, "I can talk with the native and Japanese teachers, so I think I will be able to raise my English skill.

I think TCFL has a good learning environment because they have the Mac room and CALL system."

Uta is looking forward to taking on some new challenges during her time at TCFL. "I've decided to study hard and take the Pre-1 Eiken test. I'm also going to challenge myself to take the TOEIC exam."

Another first-year student, Momoka Sadamori, is aiming to be fluent in English by the time she graduates from TCFL and said of her first few weeks here, "It is hard but fun. Everyone is friendly."

Other students were worried about studying in an all-English environment in

their first few weeks at TCFL. One student said, "We take the classes in English so I was worried whether I could keep up with the classes." However students have been pleased to find that the "teachers are very kind. They often say 'even if you make a mistake, keep at it.' I am glad to hear this from them."

With the first semester of the school year now coming to an end, some students are already beginning to look to the future. One first-year student had this to say about what they hope to achieve during their remaining time here, "I will make use of the things that I learn in TCFL for my future work."

Student govt Introducing school life and social events

Tristan Takano

To the 1st year students and Senkoka students, welcome to Toyama College of Foreign Languages! Have you gotten used to TCFL school life? Perhaps you are surprised that most of the classes are done in English. Don't worry, you'll gradually get used to this style of class. If you have any questions or problems, please don't hesitate to ask the members of the student government or other 2nd year students.

The 2nd year and Senkoka students have such a busy time ahead of them this year as they begin their search for an appropriate job or university that they want to attend. Believe in yourselves and do your best!

This year, we have a few exciting school events to look forward to, such as the mixer, school festival, Christmas party,

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Photographs: Natsumi Kashiyama & Mizuki Tanaka

Natsumi Kashiyama & Mizuki Tanaka

English hard to get EIKEN Pre-1.

She likes Funassyi and MAN WITH A MISSION, a Japanese rock music band. Her favorite songs are "1997" and "Take What You Want" sung by them.

In her free time, she likes to attend music festivals and spend time reading comics written by Akiko

Introducing new student government officers

← Continued from page 1 and graduation party. I hope you can participate and really enjoy yourselves.

Even though we don't have many school events, students can get to know each other or become friends

easily through school events. This is a really good point of TCFL. The student government asks you to help organize social events. At that time, please cooperate with them really actively and have a good TCFL school life!

From L-R: Tomoka Nakaminato, Rika Kawahata, Ibuki Hirose, Haruka Okuno, Kimina Miura and Maho Hinata



Photograph: Tristan Takano

Higashimura. The writer's masterpiece is "Kuragehime". She wants to watch the next part of "Hanzawa Naoki". She likes it, too.

She will only work here until the end of August. After that, she will attend a course at TCFL.

Finally, she gave us a message: "Enjoy your life. Life is short, but you should study hard too, of course."

"Enjoy your life... but...study hard too, of course."

Chris Beeton is a new TCFL teacher from Southampton, England. He came to Japan in 2011.

He likes bouldering, running, and reading. He runs most mornings before school and boulders at a climbing gym in Kureha at weekends and in the mountains in Nagano during the summer.

He likes to read fiction and his favorite book is "White Teeth" by Zadie Smith. It's about two best friends: one from England and the other from Bangladesh.

He loves cats. He had a cat before he came to Japan and likes to visit cat cafes in Tokyo. He wants to visit the cat cafe here in Toyama and get a cat of his own again soon.

Chris also enjoys Japanese drama, and he's currently watching "Hito wa Mitame ga Hyakupasento" (In English: People Are Considered 100% by Their Looks). If you're watching it too, why not visit him and talk about it? Maybe you can't stop talking with him because he's easy to talk to.

TCFL STAFF SPOTLIGHT

Hiroko Ishisaka & Riho Shimizu



How much do you know about TCFL teachers? Each teacher is different and there are probably many things that you do not know about them. You may find something that is surprising for you.

Mr.Dasey

1. What countries have you visited?

America, Canada, England, France, Thailand, Cambodia and Japan

2. What was your dream when you were a child?

To be a veterinarian (an animal doctor)

3. What is your message to students?

I hope that students can study independently to further improve their English.

Ms.Yuguchi

1. What countries have you visited?

Italy, Britain, China, Switzerland, America, and France

2. What was your dream when you were a child?

To be a rancher in Hokkaido but I don't like animals very much.

3. Who do you respect?

Martin Luther King, Mother Teresa, and Gandhi.

Ms.Urakami

1. What did you want to be when you were a child?

A fire fighter or a journalist

2. Who do you respect?

Barack Obama

3. What is your message to students?

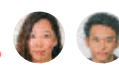
Don't be afraid. Be happy and confident!

Did you learn anything new about these teachers? We will interview more teachers in the next issue of TCFL News.

Impressions of the Study Trip to Durham, USA

- Students reflect on their time in America
- Why you should go on the trip this year

Saori Koshima & Tristan Takano



Have you been to another country before? Every year, students from TCFL join the Study Trip and visit Durham, North Carolina in the United States.

Durham is a medium sized city famous for Duke University and the Durham Bulls baseball team.

The Study Trip is a great opportunity for students to experience another culture and to practice their English skills.

We asked students who went on the Study Trip this year about their impressions and for a message to students who are thinking of joining the next Study Trip in February 2018.



Students enjoying their time at the Duke University campus in Durham

Photograph: Ms. Shirano



Kazuma Ebitani
Be active!



Miku Tatsuo
If you are interested in doing something fun and interesting, you should join the Study Trip and enjoy everything. My advice is to bring some goods to keep yourself entertained on the airplane because the flight is very long. You should bring hand wipes.



Sakura Hayashi
I ate a lot, bought stylish goods, and experienced many good things! You should go!



Airi Iijima
It was a precious time for me.



Ibuki Hirose
I learned a lot of things in Durham. At first, I was worried about the U.S. but my host family was so kind and I realized a lot of things during the 20 days. If you can go, you can improve your English ability as well. So, I think you should go.



Mana Ozaki
It was fresh and fun!



Satoru Yamamoto
You should practice talking to teachers again and again. You should know about your local area in detail. Make your own goals. Enjoy your Study Trip.



Arisa Ito
The Study Trip is one of my best memories



Rika Kawahata
The Study Trip was a really valuable experience for me. If you haven't gone abroad before, you should go. I could learn to deal with everything by thinking positively.



Risa Nakano
If you are interested in going overseas even a little bit, you should absolutely go!



Tomoka Nakaminato
It is a good chance to talk with people. So be active. Even if you don't want to do things, try it! It may be fun. Don't waste your time!



Shinobu Kuraya
You can experience lots of things you've never done before: school, restaurants, homestay, shopping, and culture.



Chisato Kanamori
I experienced a lot of things. I made good memories.



Yuki Sakai
The U.S. has a lot of space; things are big, the food was good, and everything was fresh.



Runa Tagawa
Everything was good! You should go!



Reina Hashimoto
The U.S. was a good country. The people were kind and the food was great. I think you should go.