

日本学生協会 (JNSA) 基金

事業名	日本文化紹介のつどい後の懇親会			
実施期間	2011/10/16			
場 所	信濃町			
参加者	外国人留学生	地域住民・企業等	その他	合計
	16 名	20 名	34 名	70 名

<実施内容>

今回は、国際ソロプチミスト東京-東という女性団体の方々から茶道・華道・書道といった日本文化についてレクチャーを受け、実際に体験した後に、日本文化に関するディスカッションと交流を深めるための懇親会を行いました。留学生は、日本文化を体験するだけでなく、自分の国の文化についてディスカッションすることで、より日本文化について理解を深めるとともに、興味を抱いている様子でした。日本文化を体験した直後の懇親会では活発した議論が繰り広げられており、交流の深まる大変有意義な会となりました。



茶道を体験する留学生

<参加者からのコメント>

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For alot of foreign students arriving in Japan, making Japanese friends is one of the biggest worries. Especially as many of us do not have particularly advanced Japanese language skills, it is surprisingly difficult to make friends with 'the natives', and in general people stick with their own language groups. That said, the JASCO Tea Ceremony party changed that for many of us who attended, and for me personally gave an unparalleled opporunity to not only experience Japanese culture, but make good friends with the people who understand it best. Everyone who attended the day has said how much fun they had, and I have already met up once more with people I met from the JASCO organisation. I was able to practice my Japanese, and I felt the day really boosted my confidence in both speaking, and living here in general. It wasn't that I was ever 'afraid' of the Japanese people, but more I assumed it would be difficult to mix, I fortunetly had those fears dispelled. I have been in Tokyo now for about 2 months, and I still consider that day the most fun experience so far. I'm so pleased I decided to sign up for the experience, and I hope I can attend more events in the future.
For all the exchange students involved, the day was rewarding, eye-opening, and I'm sure it will remain a treasured memory for all of us.

キャロラインさん(ドイツ)/Karolin Rauchhalw (Germany)

Student members of JUSCO approached me and two of my friends on the campus of Sophia University and invited us to a Tea Ceremony. Since we had never been to a Japanese tea ceremony, we were thrilled by the idea of going to one. But except for the time and date we did not really know what to expect from the event on the 17th October.

As soon as we entered the building we realized that this was not just a tea ceremony but a possibility for us to actively engage in the most known Japanese arts of calligraphy, ikebana and origami. The rooms were nicely decorated and everything looked extremely professional.

And even before the event really began we could mingle with the Japanese students. My friend and I later found out that we even talked to the president of the organization. Everybody was so nice and open and tried to engage us in conversation. That worked surprisingly well with a mix of Japanese, English, hand and feet. I really liked that we were split in small groups with an equal amount of Japanese and Non-Japanese students. This way you could talk to a JUSCO member at all times and they really tried to help. Doing calligraphy, ikebana and origami we got to know our group members and had so much fun. But sadly my origami crane was just a lost cause.

I personally was really fond of the tea ceremony and the tearoom. That was something I had heard a lot about before, but to experience it first hand was entirely different. I was very thankful for the girl who would translate some of the more important points of the ceremony to us. But I hugely appreciated that the ceremony was held entirely in Japanese.

To my utter delight we went to the adjoining museum after the event. Then all of us went to dinner which resulted in the most fascinating conversations about food and culture. There we could talk freely, have fun and really make friends. Also, I happily dispelled some misconceptions about my home country. I experience a lot of "very Japanese" things that day and had a whole lot of fun. I think that day really helped not only me but also the Japanese students to learn more about other countries and customs. I will remember it as an educating and fun day.