



*Indo-Japan Collaborative
CAS Project 2023*



From Strangers... to Family

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Day 0...



26.03.23

Sunday

At around 5 pm in the evening, we had the pleasure of welcoming the Japanese exchange students to our school. Soon, we had to show our new guests their temporary residences for their stay in Amazon, Danube and Atithi respectively. After settling in, dinnertime loomed and our friends got their first taste and impressions of Indian food which was thankfully well-received amongst the group. After dinner, the group gathered to reflect on the day passed, as well as discuss activities which will keep them occupied in the days to come!



A very warm welcome!



Delicious welcome treats!



Say cheese!



Getting acquainted with each other...



Listening closely...



Wrapping up the day!



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Day 1...



27.03.23

Monday

The first day of activities immersed the delegation into an array of experiences. They began with a music class where the students familiarized themselves with the Pathways environment and a variety of music. Afterward, the first CAS initiative encouraged the delegation to interact with the local community by painting a mural at a nearby government school. Enthusiastically, the students gave their whole-hearted effort to the initiative and made great strides in communicating with the local students. Students also engaged in a specialized dance class organised by Mr. Norbu Tshering. They were keen to incorporate a fusion of Indian and Japanese dance moves. The day culminated in students reflecting upon their experiences and exchanging various cultural perspectives.



Putting in effort for service!



A job well done!



Playing football under the sun...



"When can we play the instruments?"



Keeping up with the expert!



Reflection on a successful day...



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Namaste...



A great tennis session!



A heartfelt welcome!



Do, re, mi, fa...



Pottery--not an activity for the impatient!



The rules are 'No translating'!



Ssshhh! No photos in the library!



Hard at work...



"Is that red enough for you?"



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Day 2...



28.03.23

Tuesday

Tuesday started off with the delegation participating in various activities to understand different craft pieces. The delegation learned about different craft pieces, art forms, jute jewelry pieces, and handmade stuffed toys while working alongside students at the government school. As the delegates started engaging with the students at the government school, they started to make similar pieces while being guided by the students. Simultaneously, there were a few students experimenting with henna (a traditional Indian hand art) and they made some very interesting designs. The students from Japan introduced origami to all the students and the students from the government school took a keen interest in the activity. As the exchange of crafts and designs was being conducted, to add to the buzz, all the students from both schools headed towards the open field to play a traditional Japanese game called jump rope.



Gotta admire some handicraft!



Everybody hands in!



Getting some exercise in...



A tambola after-party!



Putting in some final touches!



Kabaddi, kabaddi, kabaddi...



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Say sushi!



Observing closely...



Truly budding artists!



The Great Chain of the Exchange Program!



Hold on... my Instagram's gonna love this!



Leaving a mark of Japan...



Showcasing their kimonos!



A satisfied customer!



Taking great pride in great work!



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Day 3...



29.03.23

Wednesday

Wednesday was full of mixed feelings, as the Indo-Japan CAS activity was coming to an end soon. The day began with dance and music at the government school, with the school students presenting a folk dance of Haryana. The enthusiasm was reciprocated by the Japanese students who took over the DJ booth and performed traditional Japanese dances. By the end, the diverse group of students were alternating between Japanese and Haryanvi songs. After completing a Mount. Fuji mural on one of the school walls, the group bid farewell to the students of [the adopted school's name], ending the cultural exchange program with the recitation of the national anthem of India and Japan.

Back at Pathways, the students engaged in creative projects such as key chain making, leaf imprinting, and physical endeavours; playing volleyball, football, and dancing.

The day ended with serene stargazing and pensive reflection about the day's activities and joyful anticipation for tomorrow.



Absolutely fascinated!



Getting dressed up!



Learning the moves...



Embracing the Japanese schoolgirl culture!



Art workshop-- with rolling pins!



A fun volleyball match!



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Adding a natural element to art...



A Design Technology workshop!



Careful with your fingers!



"It's kind of like a kimono!"



*If you're happy and you know it,
jump!*



What is going on here?



Say paneer!



A Japanese zumba session!



*No copying each other's answers
either!*



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Day 4...



30.03.23

Thursday

After many days of bonding and making memories, Thursday marked the final day of the Indo-Japan CAS Collaboration program. It has been an enjoyable and fruitful experience for both the Indian hosts and the Japanese visitors. The delegation performed an array of dance and musical performances. After receiving a token of appreciation from Ms. Sonya Ghandy Mehta, Mr. Saurav Sinha, and Ms. Manjula Shenoi, the delegates posed for a group photograph with the faculty members, teachers, and students. The students were able to bond and say their goodbyes under a fusion of Indian and Japanese snacks. While enjoying Sushi and Tempura, selfies were clicked, hugs were shared and tears were shed as the Japanese delegation said their farewell.



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