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春風秋霜 (Shunpu Shuso)

~Developing Global Human Resources~

Principal : Kanda Satoshi
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The month of April has come in Abu Dhabi, with its colourful bougainvillea flowers and the start of a new school year.

I came from Shimonoseki City, Yamaguchi Prefecture, famous for its "fugu" (blowfish). I worked at the Japanese School of Hong Kong for three years from 1995 and at the Japanese School of Kuala Lumpur as principal for three years from 2018. I am happy to be working at the Abu Dhabi Japanese School, which is the only Japanese school in the world where both Japanese and Emirati students learn together. I look forward to working with you.

The 2023 school year has finally begun, and the school, which has been quiet until the 11th, has come to life with the joyful sounds of children's voices. I am sure that the children are filled with happiness and expectations for the new school year with new homeroom teachers, new friends, new classrooms, new textbooks, and a new environment.

This year, the Abu Dhabi Japanese School has 45 Japanese students and 29 Emirati students, for a total of 74 students in 9 classes, 27 teachers including Arabic and English conversation teachers, and 7 administrative and staff members, for a total of 34 teachers and staff members, working as one team, Team JSAD (Team Japanese School of Abu Dhabi), and we will work together as a team to support your child's education.

On the 12th, we held an entrance ceremony for 13 of G1 students and 3 of G7 students. Our school accepts Emirati students from kindergarten in order to educate them to become a global bridge between UAE and Japan. Therefore, I presented the G7 students with the words "Shunpu Shuso" (春風秋霜) with the hope that they will grow up to be people of humanity who are respected by everyone as global human beings regardless of their nationality. I would like to introduce to you all the words of that entrance ceremony.

Principal speech of Entrance ceremony of this school year

I always cherish the phrase "Shunpu Shuso" (春風秋霜). It means, "Treat others with the warmth of a spring breeze (春風、Shunpu), and refrain from yourself with the severity of an autumn frost. (秋霜、Shuso)" This is what it means. I would like to give you words coming from this season in Japan because you are studying in the UAE, a place with a different climate than in Japan, and because you are Emirati. Today is the age of humanity, when we will be facing a new life and will be required to make stronger and greater connections with many different people. What is required in these times is a tolerance like the spring breeze, a rigor like the autumn frost, and a sense of gratitude. I believe that it is those who can put into practice the principle of "treat others with the spring breeze and yourself with the autumn frost" who will grow up to be people with a rich sense of humanity who are loved and respected by all. I believe that those who can put this into practice will grow up to be people of rich humanity who are loved and respected by all. In junior high school, students will spend three years developing this very kind of humanity on their own. We hope that students will grow as human beings, with their eyes on the future and their ambitions in mind.

Our New Teachers

Five new teachers came this year. The entire faculty and staff will work together to make every effort in our educational activities. We ask for your continued understanding and cooperation in our educational activities.



< Vice Principal : Kazunori Shimizu (Tokyo) >

My name is Kazunori Shimizu as a vice principal position.

My specialty is social studies. I have been a social studies teacher at junior high schools in Aomori Prefecture and high schools in Tokyo. I worked at the Manila Japanese School for three years from 2001.

My favorite phrase is "There is no education like adversity," meaning people can grow only by overcoming difficulties and hardships. When you challenge yourself to do what you are not good at or what you want to do, you will develop a strong and kind heart. It is OK to fail.

I want to find many such students and say to them, "You did your best." And then I will continue to encourage them.



< NPO Supervisor : Tatsuya Kondo (Gunma Pref.) >

Hajimemashite (It means Nice to see you), I am Tatsuya Kondo. I will work here as a supervisor of NPO teachers. I was an elementary school teacher in Funabashi city, Chiba prefecture. I got child-care-leave for two and a half years total. That is why I like cooking, shopping, playing with my children, and so on.

My previous school had about 1,100 students. This school, Japanese school in Abu Dhabi has much smaller number of students. So, I will try to communicate with all the students and make good relationships with them.



< NPO : Yuji Yamashita (Tokyo) >

السَّلَامُ عَلَيْكُمْ My name is Yuji Yamashita, and I am new NPO teacher. I worked at an elementary school in Tokyo. I have also worked in Ecuador to improve environmental issues.

My favourite things are polar bears, watching movies, and playing the guitar. I am a little bit afraid of hot weather. I will help you to enjoy learning at this school.

If you can dream it, you can do it.



< NPO : Risa Hasumi (Yamagata Pref.) >

Hello everyone in Japanese School of Abu Dhabi. My name is Risa Hasumi, and I will be studying with you. I am from Yamagata Prefecture, which is famous for its cherries. Until last school year, I worked at the Thai Japanese Association School. I tried Muay Thai in Thailand, but I would like to try calligraphy in this year.

My motto is "Be my best, not someone else's best." I will support everyone so that your dreams come true with a smile! I look forward to studying with you.

2023 List of teachers and staff

Date	April	
1	Sa	Spring holiday
2	Su	
3	M	
4	Tu	
5	W	
6	Th	
7	F	
8	Sa	
9	Su	
10	M	
11	Tu	
12	W	Opening ceremony/ Entrance ceremony
13	Th	
14	F	Ramadan meeting
15	Sa	
16	Su	
17	M	
18	Tu	Physical check
19	W	
20	Th	End of the Ramadan
21	F	Eid holiday
22	Sa	Eid holiday
23	Su	Eid holiday
24	M	
25	Tu	
26	W	Student Committee
27	Th	
28	F	
29	Sa	
30	Su	

	Name	Subject (Grade)	
Principal	Satoshi Kanda	Science (G5 - 6)	
Vice Principal	Kazunori Shimizu	Social Studies (G7 - 8 - 9)	
G1	Chika Akutsu	Japanese, Math (G1) Living Environment Studies (G12) Science (G3)	
G2	Masahide Suezawa	Japanese, Math (G2) Science (G9) Fine Art (G7-9)	
G3	Momoko Noguchi	Japanese (G3 - 8) Science (G4) Arts&Crafts (G12 - G34 - G56)	
G4	Kazuyuki Nakagaki	Japanese, Math (G4) Japanese (G9) Social Studies (G6) P.E (G12)	
G5	Keigo Arakawa	Japanese (G5) English (G8 - 9) Math (G3)	
G6	Kentaro Taneda	Japanese (G6) Science (G8) Social Studies (G3 - 4) Music (G12 - G34 - G56)	
G7, 8	Yuko Yabata	Math (G6) Home Economics (G56) P.E (G3-9) Technology & Home Economics (G78 - G9)	
G9	Mari Kihira	Math, Social Studies (G5) Math (G7 - 8 - 9) Music (G7-9)	
NPO G1	Moeka Ito		
NPO G2	Yukari Shirota		
NPO G3	Shion Hara	Japanese (G7)	
NPO G4 Supervisor	Tatsuya Kondo	English (G7)	
NPO G5	Risa Hasumi		
NPO G6	Kiyomi Byars		
NPO G7	Daiki Matsunaga		
NPO G8	Yuji Yamashita	Science (G7)	
NPO G9	Fumiko Osuka		
Family support	Alaa	Family support	
Arabic, P. R. O	Farag	Arabic (All classes)	
English	Elizabeth	English Conversation (All Classes)	
ADEK	Ahmed	Islamic	
ADEK	Yousef	Arabic	
ADEK	Amina	Social Studies	
ADEK	Suhaila	Arabic	
ADEK	Fawzia	Arabic, Islamic, Social Studies	
ADEK	Amina K	Arabic, Islamic	
Secretary	Mika Isobe	Nurse	Soja
P. R. O	Rami	Guard	Rai, Bodhraj, Avelino
Janitor	Janga		

Events in May

1st Open Class/Parent-Teacher Meeting/Emirati Parents Meeting

3rd Disaster-preventive and safety guidance

10th Student Committee

16th Career guidance

22nd 23rd 24th Sports Class