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## Environmental and International Education - Through Mangrove Planting -

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Following the falconry lecture held on August 31, we held a lecture on mangrove seedling cultivation and reforestation on September 12 with the cooperation of INPEX/JODCO.

We invited Mr. Shigeyuki Baba, Professor Emeritus of Ryukyu University, to give the lecture to from G4 to G6 students. Professor Emeritus Baba has been involved in mangrove research as well as conservation and restoration activities around the world as the President of the International Mangrove Ecosystem Association. Our students listened with great interest to his talk about mangroves that can grow up to 30 meters high. They were also surprised to see the dense, hard mangrove trees sink into the water when they were placed in the water tank. After the lecture, they had the opportunity to plant mangrove seeds called Hirugidamashi. Once planted, the seeds are grown in the classrooms of G4 through G6.

During the lecture, the salinity of the Arabian Sea became a hot topic. The salinity of the Arabian Sea, which is familiar to us, is higher than that of normal sea areas (about 3.4%) due to its climate and enclosed waters. (The average salinity of the Arabian Sea is 4.5%.) Mangroves grow naturally in brackish waters where fresh water and sea water mix. The Arabian Sea, with its high salinity, is said to be a very burdensome area for mangroves. Therefore, students who have interested in mangroves after listening to the lecture started research on mangroves. The theme is "Differences in salinity and mangrove growth." They made salted water with salt concentration of 2%, 3%, 4%, and 5%, planted mangrove seeds, and observed the difference in growth from germination. The results of the experiment will be compiled and reported to him. The research laboratory is at the entrance hall of Building B in our school. You can come and see them when you visit.

By the way, some Arabian countries are aggressively working on activity for mangrove forest restoration to prevent the spread of desertification. In Abu Dhabi, many companies are planting mangrove trees in Jubail Mangrove Park, a natural park on Jubail Island. Then we are planning to visit "Jubail Mangrove Park" on 6th November to plant. We believe that this activity will help participants understand the environmental issues in the UAE, think about

the environment on a global scale, and lead to international education. The Jubail Mangrove Park also offers tree-planting experience and kayak boat experience to the visitors.



		October
1	Su	
2	M	
3	Tu	
4	We	
5	Th	Mid term exam
6	F	Mid term exam
7	Sa	
8	Su	Eiken
9	M	Sports class
10	Tu	Sports class
11	We	Student committee Sports class
12	Th	Swimming class
13	F	
14	Sa	
15	Su	
16	M	
17	Tu	
18	We	G5 School trip
19	Th	G5 School trip
20	F	
21	Sa	
22	Su	
23	M	Sports class
24	Tu	Sports class
25	We	National day guidance Sports class
26	Th	Swimming class
27	F	
28	Sa	
29	Su	
30	M	

## Summer Festival 2023

Our annual summer festival was held on September 22nd in our school. Students came to school in the morning in Yukata, Jinbei, or Happi coats. Each class worked ingeniously to prepare their booths for the day. The free participation performances, ensembles, dances, and comedy groups enlivened the festival. At the end, everyone danced the "Abu Dhabi Ondo" together. Although it was short time, our students could feel the Japanese summer tradition. Many parents came to see the children's activities. In addition, Japanese and Emirati parents who gathered voluntarily set up booths for "Super Ball Goldfish Scooping" and "Wind Chime Making." Thank you very much for your cooperation.

In the future, we plan to develop this into an activity that not only involves the participants within the school, but also invites exchange schools to this summer festival to introduce Japanese culture to the students of the UAE.

In addition, we are planning to make the school more open to the public both inside and outside the school. Therefore, to that end, we will now require all guests to enter our school with the parent's name tag or the entrance permit.



## Event in November

Date	Event	Date	Event
1 <sup>st</sup>	Student committee	17 <sup>th</sup>	Exchange program
2 <sup>nd</sup>	Swimming class		with Al Ittihad school
3 <sup>rd</sup>	Flag Day Event	22 <sup>nd</sup> 23 <sup>rd</sup>	End term exam(G7-G9)
5 <sup>th</sup>	Eiken speaking test	24 <sup>th</sup>	National Day Event
6 <sup>th</sup>	Mangrove tree planting (G4-G6)	27 <sup>th</sup>	Falconry Experience (G7-G9)
6 <sup>th</sup> 7 <sup>th</sup> and 8 <sup>th</sup>	Sports class	27 <sup>th</sup> 28 <sup>th</sup> and 29 <sup>th</sup>	Sports Class

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