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## **National Day 2023 UAE celebrates 52nd year - International education • Cross-cultural understanding -**

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On 1st December is Commemoration Day, on 2nd and 3rd December is National Day.

We held National Day Events on 24th December which was instructed by mainly ADEK teachers, and our students did performance of dance and drama. We kindly appreciate for their deeply cooperation of many Emirati's parents.

For Japanese Students, they were able to celebrate this precious day with Emirati students. It was the day to deepen local and cross-cultural understanding through how they enjoyed and experienced the UAE cultural activities. This event was a wonderful experience not only for Japanese students but also for all Japanese who live in this country. Most of Japanese parents said, "It was a wonderful event that is typical of the Japanese School in Abu Dhabi where the Emirati students and the Japanese children learn together", "It was a good experience for my child to experience a traditional UAE dance," and "It was a good opportunity for the parents to experience different cultures as well".

We would like to continue the National Day Event next year as an important school event, which students and parents can learn the tradition and culture in the UAE while celebrating the founding of the UAE.

By the way, Japanese schools must provide the same education as elementary and junior high schools in Japan. So, our schools use Japan's most widely used textbooks and import the same teaching materials as in Japan. In addition, some of the best teachers in Japan work in Japanese schools. At the same time, because of their overseas location, Japanese schools are expected to provide more than just elementary and junior high school education in Japan, such as international understanding, cross-cultural understanding, English conversation, and foreign languages. Students learn English conversation and Arabic from the first grade at the Abu Dhabi Japanese School. Our students learn English conversation and Arabic from G1. They deepen their knowledge of different cultures through local school exchange program, mangrove planting experience, falconry experience, and other activities.

In addition, Japanese School in Abu Dhabi accepts children from the UAE, and the Japanese students study with them. The Japanese Prime Minister visited the UAE in July. At that time I talked on Abu Dhabi TV. "What role do your schools play in strengthening the relationship between the UAE and Japan?" the interviewer asked me. "In 2004, the Crown Prince of Abu Dhabi at the time requested the Japanese Ambassador to accept and train UAE national children in Japanese schools. We are now accepting up to four UAE nationals per grade level and teaching them to become bridges between the UAE and Japan." I replied.

Our students will be able to understand the pluralism of cultures and identities through experiencing each other's traditions and cultures at the Japanese School in Abu Dhabi.

I hope our students will be able to play an active role in the world in the future.



		December
1	F	Commemoration Day Online class
2	Sa	UAE National Day
3	Su	UAE National Day Holiday
4	M	UAE National Day Holiday
5	Tu	Sports Class
6	We	Sports class
7	Th	G5-G8 Proficiency test
8	F	
9	Sa	
10	Su	
11	M	Japanese Dance Workshop Sports Class
12	Tu	
13	We	Parent-Teacher Individual Meeting
14	Th	Parent-Teacher Individual Meeting
15	F	
16	Sa	
17	Su	
18	M	Parent-Teacher Individual Meeting
19	Tu	Closing ceremony
20	We	Winter Holiday
21	Th	
22	F	
23	Sa	
24	Su	
25	M	
26	Tu	
27	We	
28	Th	
29	F	
30	Sa	
31	Su	

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## Cultural Exchange with Al Ittihad School, Mangrove Planting Experience & Falconry Experience

In November, each grade student had their own specific activities. G1-G3 students had their second exchange program with Al Ittihad School. G4-G6 students experienced mangrove planting at Jubail Mangrove Park. G7-G9 students experienced falconry activities at Mohamed Bin Zayed Falconry and Desert Physiognomy School.



## For Better School Management

During the PTA Executive Committee meeting, we received candid opinions about "Japanese Schools of Choice". Here are some of the comments we received.

This is a unique school where students can learn Japanese education together with local students (Emiratis) even though it is a Japanese school. Although it is a Japanese school, it also focuses on international exchange, which is one of the strengths of the Japanese School in Abu Dhabi.

The teachers' support system is excellent, including daily homework assignments and other academic support, as well as online classes on short notice.

The website is a good starting point when considering transferring to a new school. I would like to see more content and video clips that convey the daily life and events at the school.

Families who choose an international school place great emphasis on English education. It would be good if this school also provides better English education.

We will use these comments to help us manage the school in the future.

At the end of December, we will ask all parents to complete a "School Evaluation". We would like to receive your opinions to improve our educational activities and to become a Japanese school that is chosen.

Thank you very much for your cooperation.

## Event in January

Date	Event	Date	Event
1 <sup>st</sup>	New Year	15 <sup>th</sup> 16 <sup>th</sup> 17 <sup>th</sup>	Sports Class
4 <sup>th</sup> 5 <sup>th</sup>	Winter Lesson	17 <sup>th</sup>	Student Committee
8 <sup>th</sup>	Opening Ceremony	20 <sup>th</sup>	Sports Day
9 <sup>th</sup>	Physical Check	22 <sup>nd</sup>	NO SCHOOL
10 <sup>th</sup>	Emirati Meeting	29 <sup>th</sup> 30 <sup>th</sup> 31 <sup>st</sup>	Sports Class