

# The Kosei Grapevine

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## *Kosei Gakuen Girls' Students Join Summer Camp in China*

This year students from Kosei Gakuen Girls' High School had the opportunity to take part in a special summer camp in China and Inner-Mongolia. The camp, organized by a youth organization, is a yearly event which takes place during the summer vacation. Students from all over the world are invited to join, and this year's camp had over 300 participants from some 20 different countries!

It was a fantastic chance for our students to speak English in a natural context and make friends. Of course, there were also plenty of opportunities to learn about Chinese culture as well. The camp started in Beijing, before the group travelled together to Inner-Mongolia. During this long journey the students were able to observe the changing landscape and architecture. There were plenty of chances for sightseeing as well. The group visited the Great Wall of China and Tiananmen Square, among other historic and memorable places.

Activities included dances and performances by the students. This gave our students a chance to showcase Japanese culture and introduce their new friends to Japanese artists such as AKB48. There was also a nighttime fireworks display and the chance to join traditional folk activities.

Participating in this camp was a once in a lifetime experience, and the students made memories which they will no doubt remember for the rest of their lives!

## **Junior High School Speech Contests**

At the end of each term, all junior high school students work towards a speech contest in their classes with the native teachers. The 7th graders recited the classic story – well, it is a classic at our school! – “The Hungry Lion”. Takae Nushi took third place; Hinata Takehana came in second; and the first prize went to Maria Izumi. The 8th graders prepared a presentation about an art work of their choice. As always, it was very interesting to hear their opinions about paintings by Dali, Van Gogh and Seurat. The third prize went to Chikako Sato; runner up was Saki Maeda, and in first place was the defending champion, Sena Tokuhisa. Ahead of their school trip to New Zealand in third term, the 9th graders carried out a research project about differences between Japanese and New Zealand culture. Akane Eiga got the third prize; Suzuka Inada got the second prize and the top prize went to Sawako Kojima for a very interesting presentation on fruits and fast food in Japan in New Zealand. Congratulations to all the winners. We look forward to next term's speech contests!

**Congratulations to all who participated!**



# The 62<sup>nd</sup> Annual Otomesai!

## School Festival Performances

At the School Festival in September there were performances from many classes. On Saturday, there were exciting dances and stories from the junior high classes 3-1 and 2-1 and the high school classes 1G, 1C, 1D and 1E.

The performances included various dances, made by the students and interesting performances of well-known stories. Although all of the performances were fascinating, 3-1 won first prize with their unique performance which included a large dancing dragon with flashing lights and traditional Japanese dancing.

On Saturday afternoon and all day Sunday there were performances from many clubs, such as the Brass Band, the Dance Club, the Calligraphy Club and many more.

## Kosei Students Showcase their Cooking Skills!

The third grade high school classes made many different delicious foods for the school festival. There was a variety of savory and sweet foods to purchase. Class 3A made "baby castella" cakes with a variety of toppings such as chocolate, curry, and sausage with cheese. Class 3B made gyoza, a deep-fried dumpling with various fillings such as curry and sausage. Class 3C made dorayaki with different fillings including the classic red bean paste as well as chocolate and marshmallow. Class 3-D cooked up three types of wraps made with flour tortillas; teriyaki chicken, tuna and mayonnaise, and chocolate banana. Class 3E made two different kinds of sweets, a baked cream puff and a crepe. Finally, Class 3F made a Korean dish, teokbokki. There were three levels of spiciness. The least spicy sauce was called Chitosekarasuyama, the medium level was called Shin-Okubo and the spiciest level was called Seoul.

Each class set up their sales tables in a creatively decorated classroom. Each class worked very hard to decorate their rooms to reflect the foods they were making. All of the food was amazingly delicious, but in the end the prize was awarded to 3-D and their delicious tortillas!



## Imaginatively Decorated Classes a Highlight of the 2016 Otomesai!

The 2016 Otomesai didn't fail in terms of producing an amazing variety of classrooms. With rooms such as the "Balloon Wonderland" and "Balloon Pit" focusing on fun, and the "Toriyanse" and "Kaikigenshou" focusing on fright! Other rooms, such as those produced by the art club, handball club and calligraphy club showed off just how talented the students are.

There were also several rooms showcasing our students' international adventures. These included a recreation of the Thai jungle, which was produced by the students of 2A, our "Super Global" class. These girls carried out fieldwork in Thailand during the summer break, and were keen to share their experiences!

All of the rooms really showcased the students' unique talents and experiences. It was very difficult to choose a winner, however in the end the prize went to 2-B for their "Toriyanse" room!

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## Important Dates

December 17 <sup>th</sup>	Welcome Home Assembly for KGGS 12 <sup>th</sup> Intake
December 23 <sup>rd</sup>	Emperor's Birthday
December 24 <sup>th</sup>	Second Term Closing Ceremony
January 10 <sup>th</sup>	Third Term Opening Ceremony
January 15 <sup>th</sup>	JHS Study Abroad Course 1 <sup>st</sup> intake depart!
January 21 <sup>st</sup>	KGGS 13 <sup>th</sup> intake depart for New Zealand!

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