

Kei-Sho Chronicle – February 2023

Hello everyone! February is drawing to a close, but it is still very cold in Tokyo. The month of February had a few more events than January, with the annual Cultural Classroom, as well as results from tests, and the first information session for the Australian Study Tour.

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Rakugo:

On February 1st, Kei-Sho held our annual Cultural Classroom. During the Covid-19 pandemic, this event was either cancelled or held online, so this year was the first time in 4 years that the event has been held in person.

This year, we watched rakugo. There were three parts to the performance, with a brief explanation of traditional Japanese performances at the beginning. The first part of the performance was normal rakugo, involving a series of funny short stories and one that was longer. The second part was 'kamikiri' where the performer cut out pieces of paper to create various interesting shapes. The last part combined these two types of performance, with a long rakugo story, combined with 'kamikiri' paper to add a visual aspect to the performance.

Because of the size of the venue, the day was split into a morning and afternoon session. The second- and third-year students watched the show first, and the first-year students came in the afternoon.

I was part of the morning group, and **while I couldn't understand some of the jokes, I had a great time.**



Test Results:

Throughout the year, students at Kei-Sho take part in various certification exams. The results for these exams are also announced throughout the year, and students receive their certificates either in class or at school ceremonies. Students study hard to pass these exams, as they help with getting recommendations for university.

In February, the results for the Commercial Economics exam were posted on the electronic notice board near the staff room, and students gathered to see if they passed or not. **Many students shouted in celebration with their friends after seeing that they passed.**



Australian Study Tour Information Session:

There was also an information session for the Australian Study Tour which is usually held over the summer break. This study tour has not been held since Covid began, and even this time, it is smaller than usual. This time, Kei-Sho will combine with the other schools at Keika to run the tour. This means that less students will be able to attend, but due to it being the first time in 3 years, many students were very interested. **The underground hall was full of students and their parents who were interested in the information session.**



In February, Kei-Sho held the Cultural Classroom, one of the last events for the year, as well as an information session for the first Australian study tour in 4 years. We are heading towards the end of the year now.

Just a bit longer, do your best!!!

- Llew