

# Kei-Sho Chronicle - A New Year

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The new calendar year has started, and with it a new term at Kei-Sho. Term 3 is a short term, with only about 8 weeks of school. In particular our 3<sup>rd</sup> year students only come for a few days before being given free time to work on their university preparations. Term 3 also has few large events, but several that are important or interesting.

## ***Start of 2024:***

On January 9<sup>th</sup>, Kei-Sho had our opening ceremony to mark the beginning of school for the year 2024. Students came to school in the cold winter winds, to start classes in the year.

There were even some days when snow fell in January and February. A rare sight in Tokyo, the students were very excited when they saw the first snowflakes. I was too.

Throughout the first two months of 2024, Kei-Sho also had several small but important events. The first of which was the entrance exams, where students who were interested in coming to Kei-Sho next year came to take some tests.

There were also some information sessions. First for the 2<sup>nd</sup> year's Okinawa school trip in March, and another for the Australia Study Tour that will be held during the summer holidays next year. The Australia Study Tour session was held with students from all three Keika Schools, so it was especially busy. **I wonder how many of our students will be going to Australia this time.**



### ***Cultural Classroom:***

On February 1<sup>st</sup>, Kei-Sho held our annual Cultural classroom. This is an event where everyone from Kei-Sho goes out to watch a play, or similar stage event. This year, we watched “The Merchant of Venice”, a famous Shakespeare play that is a regular choice for our school. Perhaps being a story about a merchant makes it more relatable to the students studying business here at Kei-Sho. All of our students made their way to a theatre in Nakano, including our 3<sup>rd</sup> year, many of whom had not been to school for weeks at this point. The play was shortened so that it was easier for the school to plan, but the students seemed to have a good time watching it.

**Term 3 has only just begun, but it is already nearing its end. With only tests, the 2<sup>nd</sup> years' trip to Okinawa and the 3<sup>rd</sup> years' graduation, the end of the year is right in front of us.**

**- Llew**