

Photography and Film Making Workshop at SAI with Japanese expert:



SAI International School organized a photography workshop on 1st and 2nd December 2012 in the School premises. The famous Japanese photographer Takayasu Hattori completed a two day photography workshop with students and teachers of the School. Renowned local photographers from Canon also participated making this workshop a success for all those who were involved. Participants were asked to bring 3 photographs that were

critically analysed by Mr. Hattori himself who gave pointers for improvement or appreciation. Each participant received a certificate and lifelong photography skills. SAI once again has fulfilled its global promise to not only it's students but also the community by bringing such activities and opportunities to Bhubaneswar and teaming up with the Mudra Foundation incorporating Japanese culture into the local area. This will be an annual event that SAI is proud to take part of.



Film Making and Screening



A two days film making workshop was conducted on 26th and 27th of November by renowned Japanese film maker Koto Nagata. Each of the film produced by the SAI students were screened. 11 students from SAI International School participated in the workshop. Each student wrote a shooting script with 8 scenes and edited into a short film of 3 minutes. Mrs. Koto Nagata an award winning Japanese film maker along with her filming crew conducted these one of a kind

workshops with the students giving them a unique look into international film making. Koto and her camera crew also showed her award winning film about young love with an audience of over 200 SAI students, parents and visitors. The participants really enjoyed working with their Japanese counterparts and each film gave a glimpse of each student's personality traits and future goals. SAI is always looking at innovative ways to bring the best global opportunities to its students and this film making workshop exactly fits into SAI's vision of global influence in the education system. Not only it



brings in international exposure to each participant but also allow our students to express themselves in a way they might not normally be able to.

Teachers from Church down Village Infant School UK, in SAI



SAI International School has achieved a remarkable position in the country with the several International programs. The School has had many reciprocal visits of students and teachers with the partner Schools in UK under the British Council Global School Partnership program. The School has established partnerships with four schools in UK and linked with 30 schools for different projects with UK and other countries of the Globe.

Julie Guiest & Gemma Mai Western, two teachers of Church down Village Infant School, Gloucester, UK reached SAI on 15th December on a seven days' visit. This was in reciprocation to the visit of the trustee Mrs Silpi Sahoo, who visited the partner School in June 2012. Mrs Katherine Rayers, the Head teacher of the School had earlier visited SAI and was highly impressed with the warm hospitality rendered to her and also the infrastructure and system of the School. These guests were extended a warm welcome in the School. During their weeklong stay in SAI, they were involved in several classroom activities and visited the local monuments besides Puri and Konark. They also witnessed the first day of the School Annual function.



The two overseas guests from the partner School were over whelmed to see the wonderful facilities the School has provided to the students. They interacted with the Primary teachers



and shared teaching techniques used in the UK. On the first day the visiting teachers narrated stories to the Nursery and kindergarten students from a book they exchanged in the 'Take a look at a Book' project. Several activities have been planned for SAI students from Nursery to Class II including storytelling and puppet making, shadow drawing, and art lessons that



include recreation of the famous Sunflower painting by Van Gogh. These exciting activities are a unique way for students to interact with different international teaching styles. The guests met the management and the International team to discuss future projects and endeavours.

The visitors Julie & Gemma were overjoyed to see the beautiful places in Bhubaneswar like the Nandan Kanan, Ekamra Haat and the Tribal Museum . A tour to Konark and the beach of Puri was also a very exciting experience for the visitors from England.

The Chairman of the School Dr B.K. Sahoo expressed his great pleasure over the success of the reciprocal visits between SAI and Church down Infant School and was optimistic about the partnership being long term and sustainable. He said that these visits will become more frequent to develop the friendship between the schools. One more teacher is expected to visit SAI in February 2013.

The teachers from UK returned back on the 21st of December, happy and overwhelmed and hoping to have great benefits for each other's Schools, to build a long lasting partnership.



International Exposure for our teacher

TRIP TO JAPAN

JENESYS PROGRAMME -2012-13

A REPORT ON KIZUNA PROJECT

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Every year since 2007 CBSE selects teachers and students from all over India to visit Japan under the Japan East Asia Network for Exchange of Youth and Students Programme. This year also CBSE selected 183 students and 14 teachers to attend this programme in two batches . Teachers were selected from Public schools, Central Govt schools and State Govt Schools. Only three teachers were selected in the public and private school category and I was the only teacher from the state and one among the three teachers in the country to be selected of all CBSE affiliated schools. The trip was from 25th November to 5th December 2012.



Under this JENESYS Programme the Japan International Cooperation centre is carrying out a project called KIJUNA which means BOND with the purpose to hold exchange programme involving more than 10,000 youths from Asia Pacific and North America by the end of march 2013 to help promote understanding of the international community towards Japan's revitalization. The programme included visiting schools and disaster areas, making folk art, cooking, and home stay. We went to the Ibaraki and Nagano Prefectures which are designated as the disaster area by the law.

In the Ibaraki Prefecture we visited the Diago Town where we went to the Diago Oyaki school, made apple dumplings and heard stories about the great devastating earth quake which affected the school. They shared their experience of the catastrophic earthquake and how they faced all dangers boldly and courageously. We also visited the Okukuji Forest department which remained closed for one year after the ruinous earthquake.



Our next visit was the Hitachi Kita Senior High School which was a co- educational school for class X, XI and XII. We visited the various classrooms, participated in origami activity, interacted



with the students and the teachers. After that we attended a lecture on the disaster affected areas and disaster prevention study at Hitachi city Fire Fighting Facilities. This fire dept had helped a lot at the time of earthquake by providing shelter to the residents from the neighbourhood. At the outbreak of the disaster, the fire department prioritized communication of the Tsunami warning to local communities located by the ocean and instruction and assistance for evacuation. It performed life-risking rescue activities.

On 30th November we returned back to Tokyo to the Veno station to catch the bullet train for Nagano Prefecture. We reached the Hakuba village where the host families were waiting to welcome us and take us with them to their homes for home stay. For two days we stayed with the Japanese family knowing about Japanese culture and tradition. There was heavy snowfall on the

first day and the white and serene view was a feast to look at. A farewell Party was arranged where Indian and Japanese students performed certain cultural items.

The next day we visited the Hakuba senior High School. There we were taken to observe almost all the subject classes like Maths, history and English. We also participated in Calligraphy writing. We had hands-on experience of the Japanese Tea Ceremony, Archery, aerobics; painting etc. It was an amazing experience to have participated in so many activities of the school.

On 4th we returned back to Tokyo and had a workshop regarding our findings of the whole programme in the affected areas, findings throughout the whole programme in Japan and things we would like to share after returning back to our country. The presentations were made by the students. The Guests in the workshop were Ms Tomo Minami, Official, Southwest Asia Division, Southeast and Southwest Asian Affairs department, Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Japan. We also had Ms Neeharika Singh, Director, India Cultural Centre and Second Secretary, Embassy of India. After their speech certificates of participation were given to all the teachers and the students.

Overall the trip was an enriching and inspirational experience. It is worth- mentioning that Japanese people are very punctual and hardworking. With their indomitable spirit and never-say- die attitude they have faced all dangers unflinchingly. We were really astonished to see the incredulous courage and determination of the Japanese people for which they have have been able to come out of the trauma of the disaster. The main aim of the project was- the participants of the Kizuna Project, after returning back to their country, have to make everyone aware about Japan's reconstruction and strengthen bonds between the countries.

