

# Sakura no Seibo High School English Department Newsletter

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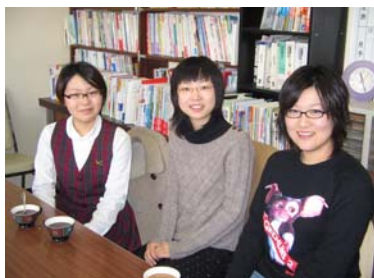
## Viva International Week 2006!

The week of February 6~10 was International Week at Seibo High School. Our theme this year was **“Spanish Speaking Countries of the World.”** The school took on a festive, Latin flavor, as the students were immersed in Spanish culture. We learned Spanish phrases and greetings via the morning broadcast, ate lunch while listening to lively music from Peru, Mexico, Argentina, Cuba, and Puerto Rico, said our morning prayer in Spanish, and learned about various Spanish speaking cultures from the colorful bulletin boards and displays throughout the school.

There were two major events during the week. One was a presentation by two guests from JICA (Ms. Mutsumi Sato and Mr. Gakuji Sato) who spoke to us about their experiences living and working in Spain and Bolivia. It was informative as well as inspirational. The second major event was “International Day.” At this event we heard three foreign guests (Ms. Eri Kato de Kanno, Mr. Carlos Llontop, and our own exchange student, Ms. Minerva Fernandez) tell us about life in Argentina, Peru, and Mexico. It was a true fiesta of facts and fun!

This day also included a Spanish/English Recitation Contest. The winners were both students from the English Department. Congratulations to Ms. Marie Hatakeyama (1st prize winner) and Ms. Asami Terashima (2nd prize winner). After this week, I think many of us would love to visit our Spanish speaking neighbors someday soon.

Until then, “Adios Amigo!” Thomas Nissen



## Congratulations!

Hello, girls! I'm studying graphic design at Tokyo Zokei University. I hope you will have a marvelous life after graduation.

Megumi Shimanuki Class of 2005

Now, new life is waiting for you. Are you excited? Friendship and memories of high school life are very precious for the rest of your life. So treasure and cherish them! I wish all of you Good Luck!

Juri Inoue Class of 2005

I'm majoring in language and culture at Tohoku Gakuin University. I enjoy every day. You will have happy days, too, next year. But, when you feel sad, please remember your friends at Seibo. They will surely cheer you up! Go for it!

Shoko Honda Class of 2005

## Seibo Homepage read in Boston

Greeting from Boston! How have you all been? Boston is getting colder day by day. We had snow on Thanksgiving Day this year. The other day, I found the Seibo Gakuin High School web site. I listened to the Koka (School Song) and it brought back a lot of school memories. I also looked at the ESTA pages. For me the Kaigai Kenshu program I participated in while at Seibo was a wonderful opportunity to expand my international perspective.

I have been in the United States for 9 years. Time goes by quickly, don't you think? I am working as a Development Specialist at a Day Program for mentally and physically challenged people. I coordinate their daily activities and field trips. I develop their service plans and teach life skills. I am fluent in American Sign Language so I train clients and staff for signing. Some of the clients are physically aggressive. Although sometimes I have a tough time teaching them, I really enjoy my work. When I see my students' improvement, I feel happy all the time. Hope to see you the next time I'm in Japan.

Megumi Coelho



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福島大学	1	日本大学	2	女子栄養大学	2	聖母短期大学	1
青山学院大学	1	神奈川大学	1	東北学院大学	2	会津看護専門学校	1
神田外語大学	1	フェリス女学院大学	1	名古屋学院大学	1	文教大学	2
聖心女子大学	1	白百合女子大学	2	福島学院大学	1	宮城学院女子大学	1
南山大学	1	玉川大学	1	昭和女子大学	1	尚けい学院大学	1

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## Messages from Senior Students

When I entered this school, I felt very nervous about my school life. Everyday I had to prepare for English classes. The volume of preparation was so big! Besides, I had to write a diary every day. I wanted to escape life. But at the same time I could feel my English ability grow to take university examinations.



Life as a student in the English Department isn't easy and sometimes you mind preparing or studying English. But if you do all the things you have to do, your future choices will become wider. What you are doing now, you will need in University. Do your best and chase your rainbows!

Junko Watanabe Class of 2006

I had a very a pleasant time in the English Department of Sakura no Seibo High School. We had to do a lot of studying that included much preparation, but I think it was a good experience for me.

Of all the experiences, the school trip to Canada is my most wonderful memory. Intercultural understanding will be needed for a more international world from now on. It is

necessary and useful for us to acquire better knowledge of English, and also to have a more cosmopolitan outlook. This school trip changed my sense of values. All the experiences you will have in your three years in high school will help you after you graduate and of course in university. I wish you all to have a profitable time during the rest of your school life at Seibo in the English department.



Maasa Kato Class of 2006

## To the Graduates

Congratulations on your graduation. We were happy to have spent good times with you over the past two years. You taught us many valuable things. We will treasure our memories with you, especially those of Christmas parties and the school festival. We hope that you will all do your best in the future, whatever area you choose for your career. Please do not forget your school and us. Use everything you have learned and experienced here at Seibo to your advantage and I am sure you will all have bright futures and keep the tradition of this school. Always be proud of being an English Department graduate. We pray that you all have a successful future. Thank you very much for everything.

From the Second Grade English Department Students.

Dear English Department students,

## News from Regiopolis - Notre Dame

How are you these chilly days? I'm quite well. As you know I go to Regiopolis - Notre Dame High School in Kingston, Ontario, Canada. I came to Canada six months ago. Time has passed quickly since then and I am getting acclimatized to my school life. When I came here, I met many people; both Canadians and international students. The international students are the biggest help for me. We have all left our homes and we have many worries and anxieties. We help each other, so they are everything to me.

I will tell you about school life. In the morning, I take a school bus. When I have a test or quiz, I study on the bus. School begins at 8:30. All the teachers are polite in their teaching and kind to the students. In my class, many classmates try to explain things to me. This semester, I take ESL, gym class, science and math. I really like every class.

By the way, I want to introduce my homestay family. In my homestay, there are the parents, Dan and Karen, the children, Andrew, Darrah and Alan and a Chinese student named Katrina. Since I am an only child, this is my first time to have brothers and sisters. When I am doing my homework or I have some questions I can't understand, my homestay family always teaches me clearly. On the weekend, my homestay invites me to watch a movie. Watching movies is very helpful to improve my English skills. I think my homestay is the best for me. I'm much obliged for their kindness and thankful to have met them. Anyhow, I really lead full days in Canada. Of course, I miss my family, friends and Sakura no Seibo High School, but I am here now and I want to enjoy Canadian life and learn many new things.



Sayaka Suzuki