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ROTARY CLUB INTERNATIONAL HELD ENTRANCE CEREMONY

Rotary club counselors, international students, and university faculty members were invited to an annual entrance ceremony at Rafre Saitama on May 13, Saturday.

More than 200 people took part in this ceremony, and each international student gave a speech, making a fresh resolve to contribute to the club as volunteers. They are required to attend monthly meetings with Rotarians.

9 YONEYAMA STUDENTS CHOSEN FROM SU

Congratulations to all the new Yoneyama scholarship students! Of 25 newly appointed scholarship students, 9 were selected from Saitama University. They went through a document screening back in October 2016, followed by a final interview examination in January this year. These new students will be participating in the club's volunteer activities throughout the coming year with six other SU students who previously became Yoneyama students.

It is well known that Rotary Club's activities are operated along with the two mottos: "Service Above Self" and "One profits most who serves best". Also, all the members follow behavioral criteria based upon 'The Four-Way Test'. "Of the things we think, say or do" "Is it the TRUTH?", "Is it FAIR to all concerned?", "Will it build GOODWILL and BETTER FRIENDSHIPS?", and "Will it be BENEFICIAL to all concerned?"

Rotary is dedicated to build international relationships, improve lives, and create a better world to support our peace efforts and end polio forever. Locally speaking, Saitama club (district 2770) has been contributing to international friendship and the world peace by providing scholarships to international students in Saitama Prefecture, sponsored by Yoneyama Foundation.

SU Professor Nakamoto Promises to Strengthen the Ties with Rotary Club



Munira Binti Azmi from Malaysia (left) and Naw Jacklin Nyunt from Myanmar (middle)



Professor Nakamoto of Saitama University

Prof. Nakamoto was chosen as a representative guest speaker among all the academic supervisors in the region for the entrance ceremony. In his 5-minute speech, he stresses, 'It is vitally important to strengthen the ties among the three actors: club members, scholarship students, and university supervisors. Students should be aware that it requires so many persons involved to support a student's individual growth.'

He took part in several meetings with Rotary Club in the past 3 years; however, this was his first appearance at the Entrance Ceremony.



'Speaking in front of big audience was not my cup of tea,' says Sunuwar Dipendra from Nepal

A KEY WORD IS 'GROWTH'

Sunuwar surprised the audience at the ceremony, saying that he was not a good orator at all a year ago, in his speech as a continuing Yoneyama student. In reality, however, he played an excellent role of an MC, using English and Japanese, when he joined the International Friendship Party in February sponsored by ISSSU. 'He grew up, didn't he?' said one of the audience wagging his head.

He is seeking for an employment opportunity in Japan now, and several Rotarians gathered at his table after his speech to wish him all the best.



Rotary Yoneyama Students

Above: Sunuwar Dipendra from Nepal speaking to the audience

Left: Colton Runian from USA, talking with a Rotarian

Right: Rifah Tamannah Shammi from Bangladesh at the podium with her counselor

