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Report

École Polytechnic Judo Team from France



From October 25, 2014 until November 5, 2014, forty-five students from the École Polytechnic Judo Club in France, along with three of their professors, visited Japan. They visit this country once every two years and have been doing so since the 1990s, when our current Head of Administration, Mr. Tetsu Yamaguchi, a long-time judo enthusiast and athlete,

agreed to assist them. He was, at the time, Secretary General of the Mitsubishi Judo Club.

They were at our school on October 29th and October 30th. On the evening of the first night here, they participated in a friendly judo match in our beautiful and brand-new judo facilities. Our school has also invited 20 athletes from the local Meito

Judo Classroom and five members of the local Mitsubishi Heavy Industries Aircraft Unit Judo Club. Members of the NIHS Judo Club also participated.



The École Polytechnic is one of the most famous universities in the world. The Times Higher Education Supplement ranks it 39th worldwide and 1st in France. The university is best known for its science and engineering degrees. Graduates include two Nobel Prize winners, one Fields Medal Winner and three Presidents of France. In addition, it has graduated famous entrepreneurs, including Andre-Gustave Citroen, founder of Citroen, and Carlos Ghosn, CEO of Renault and Nissan.

In terms of judo, the École Polytechnic is renowned. It holds perhaps the most famous judo tournament in Europe—the Tournoi International Judo de l'X. "X" is the nickname for the École Polytechnic. Over 250 judo athletes from all over the world participate in this competition.

This visit to our school came at a propitious time. For many years, the bottom floor of our gymnasium

um featured an unused swimming pool that had been drained. The space was for many years off-limits to students.



Some years ago, the NIHS judo team placed judo mats in the bottom of the pool and along the walls and used this space to practice. Needless to say, this was a stopgap measure. The space was not of regulation dimensions.

Recently, the Kurimoto Educational Institute has invested heavily in creating a state-of-the-art judo facility. It hired a construction company to fill in the old swimming pool, to refurbish the remaining facilities, to install showers and to build nine changing rooms as well as team clubhouses and storage facilities for



the sports clubs. The real jewel of the renovation, however, is the regulation-sized hardwood floor that can be covered in judo mats.

This extensive renovation was at last completed this past March. The NIHS judo team has been practicing in this space on a regular basis. However, up until now we have not had a chance to share these new facilities with guests. The visit in late October by the École Polytechnic remedied this situation. This was a truly memorable opportunity both to dedicate our new judo facilities in style and to engage in the sort of international interaction for which our school is so well known and to which it is thoroughly committed. ☒

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ロンドン・パリ語学研修の風景をモザイク状にコラージュした壁画(3年1組制作)で名門エコール・ポリテクニク(フランス)の学生達を歓迎する名古屋国際。

[Our School and the UNESCO Mission]

Most people who are reasonably well informed about current events and recent history are aware of the existence of UNESCO—the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization. However, these same people are generally unaware of the rich history of the agency and the wide range of important programs that it champions.

The United Nations formed UNESCO as a "special agency" in 1946 to strive for world peace and security by promoting international cooperation through educational, scientific and cultural programs. It also charged the agency with furthering the fundamental goals of the United Nations Charter. These goals include justice, the rule of law, human rights and freedom.

Current UNESCO priorities include Education for

All and lifetime learning, the eradication of poverty, Education for Sustainable Development (ESD) and the promotion of cultural diversity. UNESCO also seeks to preserve cultural and natural heritage through its World Heritage Sites program and is committed to ongoing translation of world literature and to bridging the global digital divide.

Here in Japan, UNESCO has inscribed eighteen properties on its important World Heritage List. These include the Historic Monuments of Ancient Kyoto and Nara, the Hiroshima Peace Memorial and Mount Fuji.

This past November, over one thousand representatives from most of the 196 countries that are members of UNESCO gathered in Aichi-Nagoya for a three-day conference dedicated to the

drafting of a Global Action Plan for ESD. ESD is one of the most important initiatives dedicated to achieving the eight Millennium Development Goals that the United Nations articulated in 2000.

Recently, UNESCO has officially recognized NIHS as an Associated School, one that is committed broadly to the same goals that UNESCO is pursuing. The UNESCO Associated Schools network has operated since 1953 and now includes schools in 180 countries.

In May of this year, our third-grade junior high school students will travel to London and Paris. In Paris, they will visit the UNESCO World Headquarters to learn more about this agency and the vitally important work that it is doing. ☒