

## To The First-Year Students Entering Senior High Schools



### 1. Leading a life with confidence

Although you may face some difficulties due to lack of communication in Japanese and cultural differences, etc., please be brave and lead the daily life with confidence. In the Japanese community, being bilingual is an asset; therefore we hope that all of you to study hard so that you will have chances to be able to make use of both your native language and the Japanese.

### 2. Academic support and cultural exchange events for foreign students

\* You may see tutorial supporters who come to the class to help you at school. It is a special service provided by the Support Service for Education in Japanese Language of Osaka Prefecture.

\* Following events will be organized for foreign students:

May: Welcome party

A party to welcome new students with various cultural backgrounds. At the party, over 200 students from Osaka prefectural high schools gather to enjoy games and talking to each other.

A cultural May exchange event for students with Korean background and Japanese students.

June : “Wai Wai! Talk Part 1”

A speech event in which high school students over second grade speak in their native languages.

Oct.: *Hanmadang* (An open community space in Korea)

Oct.: “One World”

A social event that offers an opportunity for high school students to interact with fellow students representing various countries from other public high schools.

Nov.: “Chugoku no Tsudoi” (A party for Chinese people)

A cultural exchange event for students with Chinese background and Japanese students.

Jan.: “Wai Wai! Talk Part 2”

A speech event in which high school students of first grade speak in their native languages.

Feb.: “*Shunsetus-no-Kai*” (A vernal Equinox Party/ Lunar New Year Party)

A cultural exchange event for students with Chinese background and Japanese students.

### 3. The important matters for senior high school life

(1) To respect the classes

- Pay attention to the matters explained by teachers.
- You are sometimes requested by teachers to submit homework and notebook. Please follow such requests by all means. Submission of these items in each class gives an influence to school record.
- Besides regular classes, there are some special activities such as sports day, school festivals and school trips in Japanese schools. These activities are regarded as one of the classes. Therefore, do not skip them.

(2) To be punctual

- Do not come to school late.
- When you are absent from class or come to school late, make sure to inform the school without



fail. You may consult with the teacher in charge in advance how to contact the school.

### (3) To follow school rules

In each school, there are some rules that each person must follow strictly. Grasp the school rules beforehand, and keep them in your mind. There are some schools prohibiting dyeing hair and wearing pierced earrings in their school rules. If you repeat violation of school rules, you may be suspended from school for a certain period (e.g. a week or so). That means, you cannot receive any lesson during the suspension period. If you fight with other people, it is more likely that you are suspended from school, regardless of reasons.

### (4) To make friends

Even if you do not understand Japanese well, do not hesitate to ask questions to people around you.



## 4. School record in senior high school

### (1) How to evaluate the school record

- The school record for each student is evaluated based on the results of examinations which are carried out by 4 to 5 times in each school year.
- On top of the results of examinations, the outcomes on attitude of class (chatting and napping are unacceptable), submission of homework and notebook are taken into account. Therefore, submit homework, notebooks and others, in accordance with teacher's requests.
- Attendance to the class also affects to the evaluation. Therefore, do not cut the class.

### (2) Promotion

The students whose records are insufficient and/or who are absent from classes often may not be able to promote to the upper grade. If this applies, you have to remain in the same grade for another school year.

## 5. Course after graduation

(1) Graduate from high school by all means. Without a graduation certificate from high school, you may face difficulties in job hunting and other social events in the future.

### (2) Going to university (or college)

- In Japan, there are national universities, public (prefectural/municipal) universities and private universities. Some universities are very difficult to get in.
- You must take entrance examinations to enter a university. There are some methods in the entrance examinations. Some universities have special frames for the entrance examinations which are applied for the returnee students from China (family member of Japanese people left in China after World War II) and the students coming from the foreign countries. It is suggested, therefore, that you should consult well with the teachers in your school and choose the appropriate university to apply.
- Entrance fee and tuitions are required to enter a university. In case of private universities, you are required to pay more than 1 million yen for the first year. While you can get a scholarship or use education loan, we recommend you to reserve necessary amount for entrance to the university as early as possible.

### (3) Getting a job

The school will introduce some companies to the students who seek jobs upon graduation from high school. Needless to say, the students with good school records and attendance have priority in finding jobs.