

Onsite Cultural Exchange

1. Date and venue

Date: Wednesday, June 4, 2025
9:00 am to 3:00 pm
Venue: Tokyo Metropolitan Adachi Special Needs School

2. Participants

44 third year high school students

3. Counterpart

12 elementary to high school students
National Pingtung Special School
Pingtung County, Taiwan

4. Schedule

- 1. Arrive at school**
- 2. Welcome ceremony**
 - *Wa-daiko* (Japanese drum) and dance performances, singing of national anthems
 - Sister school signing ceremony
- 3. Japanese cultural exchange**
 - *Bon* dance, traditional games, *karuta* card game, origami (paper planes)
- 4. Lunch**
- 5. Mini sports festival**
 - Radio calisthenics, paper airplanes, *tama-ire* (ball toss game)
- 6. Farewell ceremony**
 - Commemorative photos, farewell

Tokyo Metropolitan Adachi Special Needs School Cultural exchange with Taiwanese friends



Sister school signing ceremony



Perfectly timed emceeing



Taiwanese student enjoying the cultural exchange



Playing *tama-ire* game

5. Additional information

- ◆ Students from the two schools met in real life after having an online exchange in March. The nervous Taiwanese students were soon in smiles with their Japanese buddies.
- ◆ The Adachi Special Needs School students used English and Japanese in the welcome ceremony, a teacher acted as an emcee for Chinese-language. When signing the agreement to become sister schools, the principals of both schools expressed their wish to continue exchange between the schools and shook hands.
- ◆ In the morning, the students were divided into groups and experienced four Japanese cultural exchanges. During the mini sports festival, the students and participants did radio calisthenics to fulfill the strong wish by the Taiwanese students.
- ◆ There were tearful good-byes from the Adachi Special Needs School students, the Taiwanese students and their guardians. The Adachi Special Needs School students were united in preparing for the visit for four months.