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On October 25th (Wed.), SIED hosted "Touch Asia Korea: Natural Korean Nail Experience  $\sim$ Garden Balsam∼" on Imadegawa campus, and seven students including five international students joined the event.

To start off the event, a SIED staff member from Korea introduced the traditional Korean nail care using garden balsam. In Korea, the color red is believed to be the color of protection from evil spirit, because of which people would traditionally color children's nail with the flower. For this event, the staff member brought in from Korea the powdered flower to color nails. Though all the participants were used to doing their nails themselves, some of them helped one another when coloring their dominant hands to get the best result.

While waiting for the color to settle, the staff talked about the history behind the nail care and popular skin care routines in Korea; the participants were seen asking questions about the routines eagerly throughout the talk.

We hope that the participants gained more interest toward Korean traditions and culture through the event.

SIED will host more Touch Asia series in this semester. Come join us and find out which Asian country you will get to know next!







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