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On July 6th (Sat), SIED hosted "Let's Dance Awa Odori! – Season 2–" at Doshisha Rohm Plaza theater space on Kyotanabe Campus. Awa Odori is a traditional dance that has a history of over 400 years in Tokushima Prefecture. SIED invited Awa Odori instructors from Tokushima for this event. At first, the instructors showed us several styles of Awa Odori called "Female dance" or "Male dance". All the participants fascinated by their performance including characteristic steps and call. We also invited a professional Japanese drums and Shamisen player. The powerful sound of Japanese drum and the beautiful melody of Shamisen resounded through a theater space.

Subsequently, the participants listened to a small lecture about Awa Odori, put a Japanese towel around their own head, and practiced the dance and Awa Odori's call. Although they struggled in the beginning, they performed admirably and also enjoyed it lastly. In the end of the event, we danced Awa Odori in a big circle. All participants felt a sense of unity, as if we join a big Awa Odori festival. Through this event, we hope the students deepened their understanding of Japanese culture. SIED is planning to hold various kinds of interesting events. We look forward to seeing you in our future events!



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