

AFRICAN ASSOCIATION OF MIYAGI (AFAM)



SENDAI, JAPAN

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The Tohoku University 115th/100th Anniversary Year-End Exchange event organised by the African Association of Miyagi (AFAM) was held on the 2nd of January 2023. The theme of the event was “Welcome Party”. The event commenced at 5 PM JST at the Indian Restaurant Namaskar, Sendai. In attendance were 13 students and alumni of Tohoku University.

The event was the first event of the year by the association and was used to welcome new AFAM members and to further imbibe in them the principles of Open Doors, Research First, and Practice-Oriented Research and Education as espoused in Tohoku University’s core values. It was a good evening of food, presentation, and demonstration of the spirit of Ubuntu (greatness of heart) of the African community.

The event began with an opening speech by the organiser, Mr Isah Mohammed Engha, he delivered a brief outline of the essence of the event and what to expect. The Secretary of AFAM, Mrs Chioma Okeke then welcomed the new members and gave a brief overview of the association. Subsequently, members introduced themselves by stating their countries, their graduate schools, what course they are studying at Tohoku University, where they work etc.

Members available were.

1. Dr Ismail Issah, Vice President of AFAM
2. Mrs Chioma Okeke, General Secretary of AFAM
3. Mr ThankGod Ikpe, Welfare Secretary of AFAM
4. Awosu Emmanuel Ikechukwu
5. Turay Mohamed Baccoreh
6. Jamila Abbas
7. Sakina Ahmed
8. Miguel Matusse
9. Kamogelo Moyo
10. Thiombianno Jocelyne
11. Chinedu Okere
12. Mark Kad
13. Isah Mohammed Engha

The exchange event has the unity of African students at Tohoku University under the umbrella of AFAM. We resolved at the end of the day to carry out cutting-edge research, promote the spirit of ubuntu (I am what I am because of who we all are) in our various laboratories through collaborative research, and be part of the transformational process of global development.

Finally, Dr Ismail Issah, Vice President of AFAM, delivered closing remarks. He expressed his appreciation to all participants and shared some inspirational words. The event ended at 9:00 p.m. JST.