

# ANNUAL REPORT 2022

2021.12 – 2022.12



Bridge for Children,  
KGU





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## Greeting

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### **Dear all BFC Supporters**

Thanks to your understanding and support, Bridge for Children, KGU (BFC)

This year, we have started new projects and activities in new locations.

We at BFC have been able to achieve further growth.

We would like to thank all of you for your support and cooperation.

We would like to express our deepest gratitude to all of you who have given us this wonderful opportunity.

We will continue to work diligently to expand our activities in the BFC style.

We look forward to working with you again next year.

**All Bridge for Children, KGU members**

# Outline

- 1. Bridge for Children, KGU**
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## Bridge for Children, KGU

An international student cooperation organization formed in 2011 by students from the school of Policy Studies at Kwansei Gakuin University. Based on the philosophy of “For the Children’s Smile”, we hold meetings every Friday based on the Sanda campus.

### Education for International Understanding



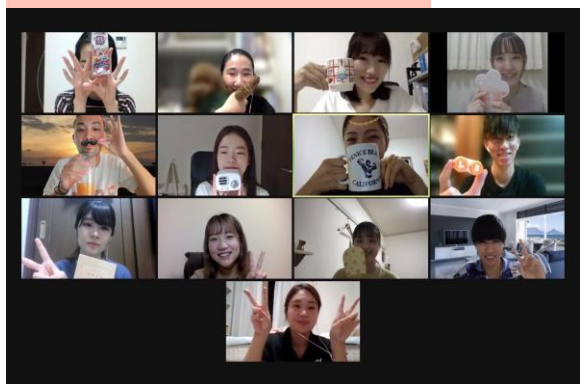
### Overseas Support



### Japanese Children Support



### General Meeting





# Education for International Understanding

## Purpose and intent

We create opportunities to make as many students as possible interested in problems around the world by telling our experiences and situations in the world we have today. We also aim to broaden students' horizons and increasing their career options.

## The contents

We plan the contents of the classes depending on each school's needs so the contents differ from each school. The contents are mainly about the international issues and we conduct workshop and group work in some schools to make students think about the problem deeper.

## Thank you for your cooperation

With your great support, we were able to hold international understanding education for 3 schools this year. Although it is difficult time for us to make any prediction, we appreciate your reopening with all possible measures that along your school's policies.

We would like to thank you again.

We are planning to do some trainings inside our team, that make us possible to give highly skilled classes next year as well.

We are looking forward to continuing working with you.

## Kwansei Gakuin University School of Policy Studies, Spring Semester (May)

### 《 Aim 》

We created opportunities for members to give their output by sharing the activities of BFC, and what we have learned and felt through the activities. In addition, we tried recruiting new members and raising awareness within the university.

### 《Contents》

- ① Self Introduction
- ② Introduction of BFC
- ③ What learned through the Gakuen Mahoroba Marche
- ④ New perspectives gained through education for International Understanding
- ⑤ Conclusion





# Osaka Prefectural Hirakata High School (August)

## 《 Aim 》

Students will learn about university life, English study at university, and the meaning of studying English through real-life experiences. This will motivate them to learn English and set goals for their future while they

## 《 Contents 》

- ① Introduction of BFC
- ② Ice break
- ③ Introduction to the university
- ④ English study in university and the meaning of study English
- ⑤ Conclusion and Q&A

## 《 Comments from students 》

The speed and content of your talk were so good that I could easily understand what you were talking about. Thank you very much.



# Akashi-Josai High School (November)

## 《 Aim 》

Students will learn about child labor in Kenya based on the members' experiences, thereby raising awareness of the current situation of children and bringing attention to small and large issues in the world.

## 《 Contents 》

- ① Introduction of BFC
- ② Child labor in Japan
- ③ Child labor in Kenya
- ④ Our project of aiding children in abroad
- ⑤ Summary
- ⑥ Q&A and survey

## 《 Note 》

It was good to learn more about child labor in Kenya, which I usually don't pay attention to. I thought if everyone can live in a society without child labor, it will be a better world.



# Kwansei Gakuin University School of Policy Studies, Fall Semester (December)

## 《 Aim 》

We created opportunities for members to give their output to freshmen by sharing the activities of BFC that could not be introduced in the spring semester and what we have learned and felt through those activities. In addition, we tried recruiting new members and raising awareness of BFC within the university.

## 《Contents》

- ① Introduction of BFC
- ② About project to support children in the Philippines
- ③ Volunteer activities at Kodomo no Sato
- ④ Conclusion







## Foreign Support Project

### To supporters who helped our project

First of all, we want to thank you for your warm support.

Without your cooperation we were not able to collect this amount of clothes in this difficult circumstances with Covid.

We promise that we will responsibly send clothes that we collect to San Martin, Philippines.

We will work hard next year to complete this project as 「Clear and continuous support」.

We appreciate your sustainable and heartwarming support.

## About the project

At this project we collect the clothes in Japan and send it to San Martin. Which is the home for street children and supporting poor children around Manila, Philippines.

We used to send the shoes to Philippines. After we contacted to San Martin, we realized they are in need for clothes. As a result, we decided to reconstruct the foreign support project to collect clothes.

We asked for cooperation to the schools that we have connection. As a result, we were able to collect a large amount of clothes by their support. Here are the current number of clothes that we correct. Again, we appreciate all the support that we have got.

## The clothes that we collected

T- shirt	67
skirt	4
pants	12
Casual dress	4





# Support for Children in Japan

## Background & Objectives

Relative poverty (child poverty) exists in Japan, and according to a survey by the Ministry of Health, Labor and Welfare, the poverty rate for children under the age of 18 in 2018 was 13.5%, with approximately one in seven children living in poverty. In response to this situation, we are working from the perspective of a student to provide truly needed support to each and every child.

Reference: Ministry of Health, Labor and Welfare (<https://www.mhlw.go.jp/toukei/saikin/hw/k-tyosa/k-tyosa19/dl/03.pdf>)

## Activities

- **Participation in Activities of Outside Organization**  
BFC visited organizations that are engaged in activities for children in Japan, actually participated in their activities, and talked with their staff members. BFC is also working to build relationships with these organizations in order to continue its activities in the future.
- **External organizations that have participated in BFC activities**  
Authorized NPO Kodomo no Sato  
Study sessions (Social issues related to children), business e-mail training

## **Activity Significance**

It is said that about 1 in 7 children (children under the age of 18) are in poverty in Japan. These children are different from absolute poverty, which lacks daily food, clothing and shelter like children in developing countries. However, they lack opportunities for education and experience due to financial difficulties. In addition, they are isolated from the community and society. There is a tendency to be placed in a disadvantageous situation in various aspects.

BFC was established with the aim of supporting children living in poor areas of the Philippines. However, during our activities, we learned that there are many children in poverty not only in developing countries but also in Japan, an advanced country. Our support for children in Japan began with the voices of members that we should pay attention to the issues not only in foreign countries but also in Japan. Since the way to interact with people have changed, more and more children are facing with loneliness and anxiety. Because of Covid-19 pandemic, the number of the children who suffer have increased. We think that we can help those children, as a university student who is close to their age and in similar situation.

## **Certified NPO organization Kodomo no Sato (Osaka, Kamagasaki)**

Kodomo no Sato is the place to play, study and home for children. They run the project by this two beliefs, “to think what is best for children”, “to protect and raise children’s self-esteem”.



## **Business Mail Training**

### Purposes

- ① To remind the basic of business mail
- ② Answer the questions about business mail
- ③ To be able to make simple and polite mail

### Goals

We had this training to be able to use the skills and knowledge about business mail when the members contact with schools or organizations that we are in touch with.

### Content

- ① Check the basic format
- ② Q&A related to business mail
- ③ Learn commonly confused letters and “Kego”
- ④ Check points when checking someone’s e-mail
- ⑤ Practice (pair work)

## **Workshop on Social Problems Related to Children (March)**

### Purpose

To learn about social problems related to children in Japan or other countries and know there are children in various situations.

### Contents

- ① What is a proper choice for children? –Think from the adaptation/foster-parent system–
- ② Intellectually gifted children
- ③ Ukraine VS Russia

Each member of us gave a presentation on the social problems related to children they paid attention to. They talked about the details, present circumstance, and news of the problems. In addition, group sessions were held to share thoughts or solutions to the problems. Afterwards, each group shared their thoughts with the whole group.

## To Everyone Who Cooperated with us

We are very glad to be able to resume the participation in your organization's activities this year due to the relaxation of restrictions on COVID-19. We apologize that we could not visit every month due to the convenience of the members. Even so, thank you very much for always contacting us politely.

This year as well, our goal was to build good relationships through actual interactions with everyone in your organization and children. Until the previous year, we were unable to meet our initial goals because we were unable to visit the partners of our activities, but this year, we were able to resume the participation in the activities and get closer to achieving our goals. We would like to continue to participate in the activities next year and beyond. Thank you for your continued support.



# Project for Finance 2022

## Purpose

We executed some following projects for finance this year. The money we gathered will be used in meaningful ways such as children-supporting activities in Japan and Philippine, and International education activities.

Following projects are included one that was cancelled due to various reasons.

## Outline

1. Shingetusai 2022
2. Gakuen Mahoroba Marche
3. Expenses

# Shingetsusai 2022

Shingetsusai 2022 was held on October 22 and 23. The purpose of our participation was to get many people know about BFC, both inside and outside the university and to raise funds for our new projects.

A project team was set up to prepare for Shingetsusai.

However, we decided not to participate this year due to difficulties in achieving our purposes.

## Gakuen Mahoroba Marche

We participated in Gakuen Mahoroba Marche on March 27, May 29, September 25, and November 27.

Gakuen Mahoroba Marche is the event held in mahoroba-brezza on every 4th Sunday to deepen exchanges with the people who live around there.

BFC had a candy fishing stall, mainly for children.

It was a great opportunity that we had communication with the local people, and they got to know about us and our projects, enjoying the activity.

We sincerely appreciate all of helps that support us.





# Financial Report 2022

2021/12~2022/12

Balance carried over from 2021: 282,946 yen

Income	(yen)
Membership fees 2022 Fall	7,000
Gakuen Mahoroba Merche	33,935
Miscellaneous expenses	450
<b>Total</b>	<b>42,385</b>

Expenditure	(yen)
Onedrive management fees	2,912
Greeting card PJ	2,520
Summer greeting card PJ	1,260
Transportation expenses	14,353
Clothes Collection Project	4,250
Miscellaneous expenses	9,289
<b>Total</b>	<b>34,584</b>

- We carry forward 289,747 yen to 2023.  
(Balance carried over from 2021 + Income Total 2022  
– Expenditure Total 2021 = 289,747 yen)



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## Public Relations

Public relations will not only build a relationship of trust with the outside without neglecting to disseminate information, but also let people know about us, as well as social issues that we face every day both domestically and internationally. We were able to carry out public relations activities, such as encouraging people to be interested.

### Activities

- Creating a Homepage
- Instagram
- Twitter
- Column

# Creating a Homepage

Our homepage was created three years ago.


Through the crowdfunding, we realized that it is essential to build and maintain trust relationships with the outside in order to carry out activities as an organization.

Aiming to be an organization that can be trusted, we kept in mind to spread the activities in order to be easy to see from the outside, and we could not do the activities as usual because of the covid-19, but we cherished to report on the weekly online meeting.


URL: <https://bfcsmile.jimdofree.com>

## Colum


世界で起こっている問題や、それぞれのメンバーが普段何気なく考えていることを書いています。



「つくる責任、使う責任」  
2022.9.25  
先日、ゼミの研修でJICA関西を訪問した際、SDGsについて知ってもらうための広報展示室の展示でSDGsのある目標が最低評価になったことを知りました。



「外国にルーツを持つ子どもの困難」  
2022.10.28  
日本は単一民族からなる社会と思われがちです。皆さんも普通の生活で外国人と接することが少ないことから、このように思ったこともあるかもしれません。しかし、そうではありません。



「日常生活に潜むジェンダーバイアス」  
2022.11.25  
ジェンダーバイアスとは、「男らしさ」や「女らしさ」などの男女の役割に関する固定的な観念や、それに基づく差別・偏見・行動などのことです。

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## Member

1年生ー  
2年生ー2人  
3年生ー7人  
4年生ー3人  
(2022年4月1日)

4年生



みゆ  
(Miyu)  
国際理解教育局



あおい  
(Aoi)  
財務局



田辺 大空  
(Tanabe Ohzora)  
日本の子ども局  
総合政策学部

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# Twitter

On Twitter, we continued this year to report on our weekly Friday meetings, and to post reports on our activities in international understanding education and the school marché, as well as contents for new students.

<p><b>Purpose</b></p>	<p><b>【Meeting Reports】</b> To show our daily activities easily and to make people familiar with BFC.</p> <p><b>【Activity Report】</b> To let people know what kind of activities BFC usually does.</p> <p><b>【Contents for new students】</b> To provide an environment where new students can feel free to ask for help and advice, as well as to try to avoid anxiety.</p>
<p><b>Contents</b></p>	<p><b>【Meeting Reports】</b> Mainly posts about what happened that day with pictures.</p> <p><b>【Activity Report】</b> Posting of International Understanding Education and the Mahoroba Marche with photos.</p> <p><b>【Contents for new students】</b> Spring semester ① Examples of member's courses ② Subjects Introduction ③ Speaking at Chapel Hour</p> <p>Fall semester ① Examples of courses taken by members ② Course Introduction ③ Speaking at Chapel Hour</p>
<p><b>Result</b></p>	<p>The number of “likes” was often low overall, but in terms of engagement, I was able to get a certain number of people to look at BFC account profile from the tweets each time.</p>



# Instagram

Overview: In order for more people to know about BFC's activities, we sent out external content.

Contents: 1, Post a meeting using story and reel functions

2, Announcements and reports regarding event participation

3, Contact with other organizations within Kwansai Gakuin University

## 1, Post a meeting using story and reel functions

Purpose	In order to make the atmosphere and activities of BFC.
Contents	We posted photos, outlines, and contents of the weekly meeting on Instagram reel (Story: 12 times in total)
Results	There were some differences in the story, but we were able to get 90 to 120 views. We can get more than 100 view on the reel.

## 2, Announcements and reports regarding event participation

Purpose	In order to know about the activities of BFC.
Contents	We participated in exchange events and international understanding education, and posted the contents and impressions of the events as stories,
Results	We were able to over 150 views.

# Instagram

## 3, Contact with other organizations within Kwansei Gakuin University

Purpose	To share event information and link activities of the stations by interacting with other organizations.
Contents	We used Instagram DM (direct mail) to introduce event information to BFC.
Results	We contacted 8 organizations and shared the event within the BFC.

## Column

As usual, we posted the columns about what BFC members are interested in.

These columns were posted every other Friday on Facebook. (shifted to our homepage from September)

Through these columns, we could disseminate our thought and points of view among many people both inside and outside of the university.

Columns' author and titles are shown below:

Mizuho Hayashi	「Internet Use by Young Children」
Maho Akaura	「Non-kill Alternatives for Rescued Dogs」
Akiha Nagahama	「Disaster Prevention Goods」
Aoi Sakamoto	「Essays and Imagination」
Mei Uno	「Eco-Activities We Can Do」
Ohzora Tanabe	「What We Can Do」
Maho Akaura	「Determining Facts and Truth」
Rikuto Kondou	「How to Interact with Children」
Momo Yamakage	「Presentation」
Moeka Masuda	「Anonymous Attacks」
Ito Kiyokawa	「Definition of Adult」
Saki Yamagata	「Responsibility to Create, Responsibility to Use」
Mizuho Hayashi	「Difficulties of Children with Foreign Roots」
Mei Uno	「Gender Bias in Daily Life」
Maho Akaura	「It' s Never too Early to Get Started」
Rikuto Kondo	「SDGs Washing」

URL:

<https://ja-jp.facebook.com/pages/category/Organization/Bridge-for-ChildrenKGU-305080959623563/>

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# Members in 2022

Representative : Mei Uno

## 3rd year

Mei Uno  
 Ito Kiyokawa  
 Rikuto Kondo  
 Mizuho Hayashi  
 Momo Yamakage  
 Saki Yamagata

## 4th year

Miyu Kimura  
 Aoi Sakamoto  
 Ohozora Tanabe

## 2nd year

Maho Akaura  
 Moeka Masuda



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- ▼ **Official Website:**  
<https://bfcsmile.jimdofree.com/>



Visit our Home Page!





# Message



Thanks to your cooperation, we at BFC were able to continue our activities in FY2022.

Once again, we would like to thank you from the bottom of our hearts.

This fiscal year was a milestone for us as restrictions on activities to combat new coronavirus infections began to ease, albeit gradually, and this year marked a "fresh start" for us.

We were able to resume our previously suspended activities thanks to all of you who continued to contact us even while we were unable to help you, all of you who provided us with opportunities for our activities, and all of you whom we have newly met.

We at BFC will continue to be a bridge between children and their dreams, hopes, and bright futures, based on our philosophy of "For the Children's Smile."

We wish you all a wonderful new year.

Finally, I would like to conclude this annual report by asking once again for your further cooperation.

I look forward to your continued support in the coming year.

**Mei Uno, Representative for 2022**



**Bridge for Children,  
KGU**