



TIAS reborn TIAS2.0



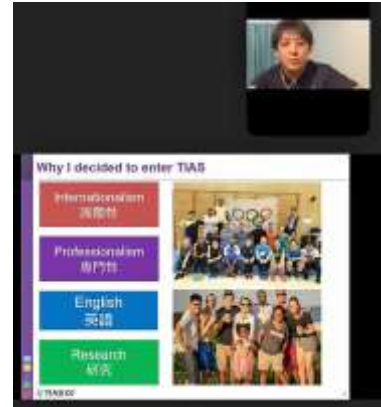
July 9th 2021 : CHEZA Online Seminar × TIAS 2.0 :: KUAS, Kyoto, Kameoka Campus = TIAS ALUMNI MEETING and CAMPUS TOUR

Part I: CHEZA ONLINE SEMINAR No. 7 – via Kyoto University of Advanced Science (KUAS), Kyoto Kameoka Campus

Day 1: July 9th was the SEMINAR (TIAS 2.0 x CHEZA) - “Developing global sports leaders” – Discussion with a professor of TIAS, the academic base for human resource development commissioned by Japan Sports Agency (JSA, 2015-2020)”, held online, in JAPANESE language, for the benefit of the Japanese participants. This also started the next leg of cooperation between CHEZA and TIAS 2.0, which was initiated as a TIAS LEGACY in RWANDA (home to 3 TIAS ALUMNI) (http://tias.tsukuba.ac.jp/wp-content/uploads/2019/10/TIAS_EastAfrica_Projects_India_REPORT.pdf), with an aim to develop the East Africa Sport Academy transferring SKILLS and SHARING knowledge based on research-education in combination with sports business in East Africa (target countries are Rwanda-Tanzania and Uganda – home to TIAS Alumni with extensive SPORT background; and Kenya, area of the CHEZA founders). The TIAS ALUMNI in Kyoto met at KUAS (kindly and safely coordinated by Dr. Kazuhiro Kajita, Lecturer, KUAS, Kameoka campus) and the ONLINE SEMINAR was held on Friday evening/night and a good number of around 30 participants (number and type we targeted) was reached.

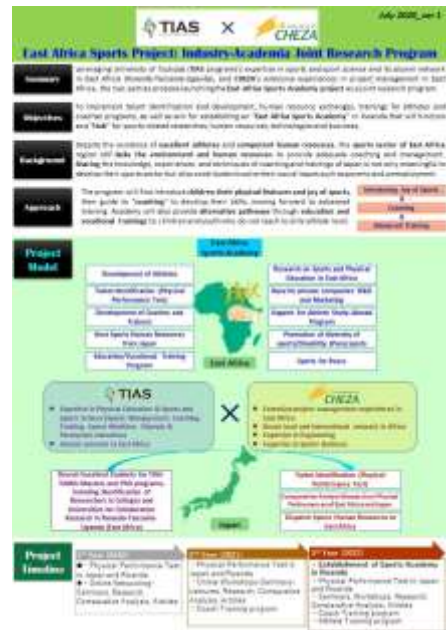


Image 1: Collage of the July 9th SEMINAR



2: KEY LEARNINGS and MESSAGES by TIAS ALUMNI

The seminar was opened by introductions of the CHEZA TEAM (Tomoko, Masaaki, and Yuko) and GUESTS (TIAS2.0/TIAS Alumni) followed by an introduction of CHEZA, Sports programs, CHEZA x TIAS collaborative projects done to date/on-going (East Africa project, Physical performance test, Sports event, and Kids sports academy in the future). The next part was introduction to TIAS (concept, program, key learnings, alumni, post-TIAS) by Prof. Rakwal (Faculty of Health and Sport Sciences, UT) followed by experiences and outcomes as TIAS Researcher (Dr. Kajita) and TIAS 5th Batch student (Mr. Tomura; currently PhD candidate, UT). Mi An (TIAS 1st Batch, now PhD candidate Kyoto University, also joined) the seminar. Mi An commented on the seminar: *“as a TIAS alumnus, I got to have a lot of connections in my research field because of the opportunities offered by TIAS. for example, I recently took part in online ISAPA 2021(international symposium of adapted physical activity) and met two another TIAS alumni and other scholars I knew because I went for JMU Empowerment3 in the States for my internship (it is a compulsory part of the TIAS program). They are all the future leaders in my field. As a researcher, it is very necessary to have these connections in the academia!”*



The main seminar was concluded by a CHEZA x TIAS 2.0 CROSS-TALK on = What is Global Sport Leader? Sports and Development and Power of Sport in East Africa and Human Resource Development through SPORTS (education, research, employment, business); i.e., Academia-Business collaboration, and a Q&A session. Prof. Rakwal, Dr. Kajita and Mr. Tomura impressed upon the audience the value of **‘RESEARCH – EDUCATION / English language and SPORTS as a whole to develop SPORTS for the 21st century in conjunction with SPORTS BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT and SOCIETAL IMPACT.** Interested participants around 15 remained over till late night during the ‘Social Networking Session’ (online) discussing various aspects of Sport and development and business. Undergraduate students were a key part of the seminar and some Japanese students showed interest in TIAS 2.0 program; one other reason to showcase the TIAS Legacy and continuity through TIAS 2.0. Despite the successful gathering of the participants, and delivering the TALKS and NETWORKING, some limitations of ‘concrete example of global sports leaders, current activities in East Africa, and India’ as examples and next steps forward were realized, and will be the next seminar. Nevertheless, multiple questions and interactions about the TIAS MODEL and SPORT BUSINESS and PRATICALITY on the GROUND in East Africa were raised by experienced ex-JICA personnel and Sports graduates and professionals working on sustainability, sports tourism; key topics for the future. Some other comments were : *“how can CHEZA develop further to improve the international cooperation through sports?” – “and more examples of concrete work done are needed” – “I look forward to the good compatibility between CHEZA and TIAS and the new services that will be born in the future. At the same time, I also felt that it was necessary to have experience and storytellers to draw funds from private companies and foundations in order to raise the value of sports and raise public awareness. I think that the thinking and execution skills of people who are serious about sports, such as So Takei, who is active as a talent, are remarkable. I hope that more and more people will be able to make a presence and make an impact in the business world. In that sense, I felt that I would like to talk more with the representative, Mr. Nakarai”.* So, these critical comments give us thought for the next seminar and steps. In all, a first step – a start was made through this seminar.

Part II: Meeting TIAS ALUMNI (ex-TIAS Researcher) and Lecturer at KUAS, Dr. Kazuhiro Kajita and Discussing SPORTS and COOPERATION with other FACULTY (ex-UT Graduates)

Another aim of going to KUAS was to see the Kameoka campus (KUAS is focusing on International students) and knowing more about its SPORT Education and Programs at the undergraduate level, and importantly SLS (SPORT LIFE SKILLS). (<https://www.kuas.ac.jp/edu-research/education/edu-development/sls>). SLS is positioned as a compulsory common education subject of KUAS, and aims to acquire skills such as decision-making, problem-solving, communication, self-awareness, and empathic understanding through sports practice. Through these skills, students learn "collaboration," "co-creation," and "team management," and develop social foundation competencies that will enable them to manage and control their own lives and survive future life events.



It was good to be able to meet some Faculty members, including MAEDA Kei (<https://www.kuas.ac.jp/edu-research/profile/maeda-kei>), NARIAI Miki (<https://www.kuas.ac.jp/edu-research/profile/nariai-miki>) and KAJITA Kazuhiro (<https://www.kuas.ac.jp/edu-research/profile/kazuhiro-kajita>) all involved in SLS courses. Knowing more about the beautiful green campus, cafeteria (for sports clubs, especially baseball club (<https://www.kuas.ac.jp/admissions/campuslife/club/baseball>) that Dr. Kajita also coaches here), and its sport facilities were other highlights of the visit. To note, the KUAS also has a Cricket team and considering our (TIAS 2.0) recent works with JCA (Japan Cricket Association) it would be another area of cooperation.



Image 3: KUAS Kameoka Campus and Sports Facility and Dr. KAJITA

Thank you CHEZA and KUAS and TIAS 2.0 and TIAS ALUMNI (Kazuhiro Kajita, Takafumi Tomura, Mi An) for this first SEMINAR looking into TIAS JOURNEY and towards developing the East Africa PROJECTS (<http://tias.tsukuba.ac.jp/external-activities/projects/>) as TIAS LEGACY in cooperation with

CHEZA (Tomoko Amemiya and Masaaki Nakarai), a sports-related (with a mission = Our mission is to foster human resources in Japan and Africa and bridge the two regions through education and sports; <https://www.cheza.co.jp/en/aboutus/>). Thanks to all PARTICIPANTS across disciplines. Thank you very much Yuko Harada Sendo for the excellent facilitation, and keeping the flow of the seminar. This experience / learnings (and limitations included) and NETWORKING has shown the PATH to the next Seminar and further INTERACTION between Japanese and International Students and people.

Thank you
Sincerely Yours

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