

Cultural Exchange with International Group

1. Date and venue

Date: Tuesday, May 9, 2023,
10:45 am - 11:30 am
Venue: Sakamoto Elementary School

2. Participants

About 90 fourth to sixth grade students

3. Counterpart

National Folk Dance Federation of Japan member dance group, Valaška, invited by Embassy of the Czech Republic in Tokyo:

Dancers: Ms. Jitka Bonušová, Mr. Jan Pumpř
Instruments: Mr. Ondrej Veselý, Mr. Tomas Fiedler
Interpreter: Ms. Yokoyama

4. Schedule

1. Opening remarks

- Greetings made in Japanese and Czech

2. Presentation on the Czech Republic (by the interpreter)

- Talk and quiz on the Czech Republic

3. Introduction to Czech musical instruments

4. Czech dance experience

5. Thank-you messages from the students

6. Commemorative photos

Sakamoto Elementary School Cultural exchange with Czech dance group



The instructors modeled dance steps for the students

Introduction of instructors



Formed a circle for each grade for the first song and made one big circle for the second song

5. Additional information

- ◆ During the opening, the students gave a greeting in Czech, "Dobrý den."
- ◆ The interpreter's talk on the Czech Republic included interactive quizzes.
- ◆ For the Czech dance experience, students learned two dance songs including *The Shoemaker*.
- ◆ Students practiced to dance the entire piece while being taught the meaning of the dance such as hitting shoes with a hammer.