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International talk at OUAVM by actor Alice Hirose

With actor Alice Hirose as a guest, the talk “Connecting Hokkaido-Tokachi and Overseas” was held at the auditorium of OUAVM on December 3. Hirose played the heroine in the film “Silver Spoon”, a film set in Tokachi.

This event was organized by the Executive Committee to Celebrate the 20th Anniversary of the Doto-Tokachi-Obihiro International Cooperation Center, which consists of representatives from five bodies (Hokkaido International Center (Obihiro), Obihiro City, Tokachi International Association, Obihiro University of Agriculture and Veterinary Medicine, and Obihiro Chamber of Commerce and Industry).

Ms. Hirose, who visited OUAVM for the first time about two and a half years, nostalgically toured the riding ground, which was a filming location of “Silver Spoon” and the place she practiced horseback riding, and took commemorative photos with members of the equestrian club.

At the beginning of the talk, Ms. Hirose talked about her experience in international cooperation; how she had participated in the JICA-related international cooperation awareness project Nantokashinakya! (literally, something must be done). She also said how she was shocked to see people suffering from trash dumps and the surrounding poverty when she visited the Philippines and India as a member of the project.

Next, a panel discussion was held with the participation of Hideyuki Kabeya (2nd year, Graduate School of Animal Husbandry), , and Akemi Honda (2nd year, School of Agriculture), who traveled in India with money she saved working part-time, two students from Obihiro Agricultural High School, and a young farmer from Shimizu Town. Mr. Kabeya and Ms. Honda had worked in Paraguay as long-term volunteers in the Obihiro-JICA Paraguay Volunteer Team Partnership Program.

Finally, all participants thought about what they could do for international cooperation, wrote it on shikishi (a square piece of paper used to write autographs, poetry, messages, etc.), and took commemorative photos holding their shikishi.

Ms. Hirose said, “You can do something for international cooperation without going overseas,” and added, “Find what you can do.”



Commemorative photo



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