

## **Culture and Arts Group Activities**

On the first day, the group paid a courtesy call to the Mayor of Mobara City, and a musical dance performance was held in the lobby of the city hall. A tea ceremony was conducted by the International Association, and the group experienced drinking matcha for the first time. After lunch, the group had a hands-on experience in Japanese culture by learning the 'kusakizome' method of dyeing, in which dye is made or taken from plants. They dyed indigo handkerchiefs and pink furoshiki, which became souvenirs for them. In the evening, the group attended a welcome party and an exchange concert at a restaurant where they also interacted with local performers.

On the second day, after a morning courtesy visit with the Governor of Chiba, the group visited "Umihotaru," and then performed at Takudai Koryo Senior High School. After the performance, they participated in class lessons, and had the experience of trying Japanese calligraphy, and they drew their own favorite Japanese characters.

On the third day, the group visited Mobara Middle School, and after a tour of the school, they joined in class lessons. Lively exchanges took place in the English and penmanship classes. Afterwards, the group enjoyed Japanese school lunch with the students, and then gave a dance performance at Chiba Prefectural Chosei High School. In the evening, the group participated in a citizen exchange event and concert. The Culture and Arts Group of the city presented the results of their daily practice. On the 29th, the group performed at Mobara Elementary School and interacted with children.



Tea Ceremony presented by Mobara City International Association



Performance given in Mobara City Hall Lobby



Calligraphy class at Takudai Koryo Senior High School



Courtesy Visit with Mobara City Mayor



Performance at Chosei High School