

Shonan Bellmare Girls share football passion with local children

On 30th July, 2023, around 80 children gathered at an indoor turf ground in Upper Hutt, full of energy and excitement, to take part in a football lesson hosted by the visiting Japanese team, the Shonan Bellmare U-15 Girls.

Under the guidance of the Shonan Bellmare Girls, the youngsters took to the field and immersed themselves in kicking and dribbling, each move infused with sheer passion and fun. The scene was not limited to the learners alone, as experienced young players displayed their skills in an exciting match. Parents captured every moment of their children's impressive performances on their devices, creating treasured memories.

During the event, Ambassador ITO Koichi mentioned that overseas experience during the teenage years is invaluable in shaping their future. The event helped foster meaningful people-to-people exchanges and interaction through the shared love of football, overcoming language barriers. The collaboration between the Shonan Bellmare Girls team, the Wellington Japanese Supplementary School, and the Embassy of Japan in New Zealand brought the event to life, and coincided with the burgeoning football fever in New Zealand, fuelled by the ongoing FIFA Women's World Cup.





Remarks by Ambassador ITO Koichi



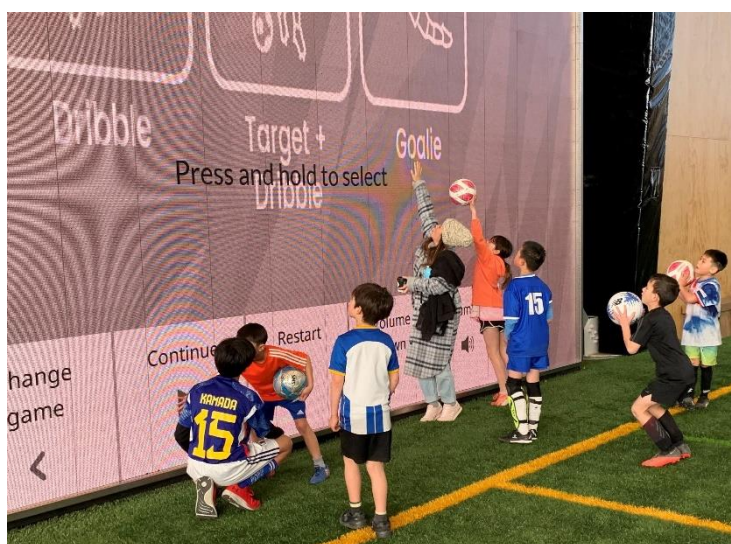
Remarks by Chairman MAKABE Kiyoshi



Remarks by Head Coach ISHIHARA Takayoshi







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