

## Asian Heritage Month wraps with food, art and cross-cultural conversation

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More than 450 students and employees participated in Asian Heritage Month celebrations at Seneca Polytechnic in May.

A traditional Japanese art workshop, performances and a bustling food and tea tasting were among the activities that gave people the opportunity to connect with others, learn and experience the richness of Asian cultures.



One of the highlights was a workshop on kintsugi, the art of repairing pottery and maki-e, a technique of applying lacquer to objects. Shuichi, a kintsugi artist from #introjapan, led the session, which was attended by about 40 students and employees. Rei Tang, Manager, International Student Support and a member of the [Seneca Pan Asian Network](#), an employee resource group, gave the opening remarks.





The tea and food tasting, hosted by Student Services, the Office of Reconciliation & Inclusion and the Seneca Student Federation (SSF), was also a success and attracted hundreds. Bubble tea, chai and green tea were served along with dishes contributed by SSF clubs with students from various Asian backgrounds.

Akeisha Lari, Manager, Reconciliation & Student Inclusion, said the chai station was so good that one student asked for seconds. "The student shared that they hadn't had chai like this since January, when they were last at home and their mom made it for them." It was a reminder of how something as simple as a cup of tea can create a sense of connection and belonging, Ms. Lari said.



The celebration wrapped up with live performances including a dragon dance and Bollywood dancing. For more information on future events, please check the [Reconciliation & Inclusion](#) website on MySeneca.

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