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TOPIC 1

Registrations are now open for the Children's Japanese Language Plaza!

Starting this year, we've opened the Children's Japanese Language Plaza to help children in foreign communities with their Japanese studies! Here at the plaza, children will be able to get one-on-one support targeted to their specific needs from volunteer tutors. We are now taking registrations! Children from the following two categories are eligible to register:

Teens who have graduated middle school in their home country and want to enroll in a Japanese high school:

Teens who enter Japan after they turn 15 (Japan mandates education until age 15) are unable to attend middle school in Japan and will need to go through the high school enrollment process by themselves.

② Elementary to high school students who want to study Japanese outside of class:

The plaza is open to children born or raised abroad whose native language is not Japanese OR whose parents (one or both) are foreigners. In school, children will attend Japanese class as part of the curriculum, but they may struggle in their classes since all classes are held in Japanese.

We can help! Lesson times are decided upon by the student, volunteers, and staff, so students will be able to find a time to study when it is most convenient for them! The lessons are typically held at KIEF, but they can also be held online if necessary.

Lessons at the plaza are tailored for every child and teen's individual goals and skills. Here are some of the topics tutors can help with:

Everyday Japanese used in school

Vocabulary

Reading and writing in hiragana, katakana, and kanji



In the past, we've matched every student with a team of around 3 volunteers who partner up to support the student (along with the staff). In August, we also held a series of training sessions for volunteers to develop their language teaching skills and to familiarize them with the latest Japanese textbooks, curriculum, and current state of international communities.

If you or someone you know have children who are seeking support in their Japanese studies, please contact us! We can also help provide information and connect you with other organizations who are active in foreign communities.



Conversation practice

And more!





★TOPIC 2 Kanazawa International Friendship Festival 2022



Bandura Performer Kateryna (Photograher Hayato Matsumoto)

It's that time of the year again: autumn, the season of foliage, pumpkins, and Kanazawa's annual International Friendship Festival! The festival is the biggest international exchange event in the entire Hokuriku region and features booths set up by organizations from all over Ishikawa Prefecture. This year marks the festival's 30th anniversary. Visitors will be able to enjoy a special bandura performance, a traditional instrument of Ukraine, along with dances and other musical performances, delicious food from all over the world, and a range of fun activities from origami and mizuhiki to favorite childhood games from other countries. Come see and experience the world right here at the heart of Kanazawa!

● Date: October 8th and 9th (Saturday and Sunday) from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Location: In front of Kanazawa City Hall

• Entrance Fee: Free

★TOPIC 3 International exchange for all!

We hold events throughout the year to introduce people of all ages to different countries and cultures and connect the residents of Kanazawa.

Kids Global Kids Seminar is an opportunity for kids to learn about the world and play games in English. This year, participants learned about Cambodia, Vietnam, and Costa Rica. They ran, jumped, and carefully cut their way through quiz games, charades, and crafts! Where will the seminar whisk us next?



Teens 10 middle school and high school students joined us for English Time! where we chatted about everything from the beaches in the Philippines to the rigorous world of high school broadcasting competitions! The students brought their favorite prizes from gatcha machines, sketchbooks, and photos of bread they've baked to a mini show-and-tell.



Adults In the heart of Omicho Market, affectionately known as the Kitchen of Kanazawa, participants fried up batches of yangnyeom chicken and colorful kimbap rolls. The completed dishes were finger licking good.



Follow us on social media!

KIEF is now on LINE and YouTube!

We will be sharing information about our events. Subscribe to be the first to find out about cooking classes, hands-on workshops, and family activities!









The Kanazawa Coordinators for International Exchange have started an Instagram page!

Follow us to read all about our adventures in this beautiful city. We'll be sharing information about Kanazawa's culture and hidden gems.





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