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# HIGH LIGHTS OF THE YEAR!

### **English Yoga Class**

On 27 September, we held an "English Yoga Class" at the Central community centre. There were 13 people, ranging from children to elderly and of different nationalities (Japanese, Filipino and American) who attended the class. Mrs. Christie Arakawa instructed us in

both English and Japanese. It was a great opportunity to learn English through doing yoga and we really enjoyed it. After the class, the participants interacted with each other. We can't wait to see you at the next English yoga class!



#### Halloween Experience 2020



We held a Halloween event at Niko-niko Honjin on 31 October. Since we couldn't experience the traditional trick-or-treating this year due to the Covid-19, we had organised some fun Halloweenthemed games instead! All of the participants were dressed up in costumes that they like, such as a pumpkin, a witch, Spider-Man, Snow White and many more. That made the



costume contest really exciting! We also enjoyed breaking a piñata (a decorated container filled with candies). The children seemed very happy to receive a lot of candies. We hope to see you at the Halloween Experience 2021!



## Join Us!

We are carrying out various with activities the aim of international exchange and international understanding. Let's interact with people from other countries and experience other cultures. We are planning various events where everyone from young to elderly can learn and have fun. Please come to the NCIA office

Please come to the NCIA office directly or visit our website and register to the membership if you are interested in. We are looking forward to meeting you in our future activities. ©



#### International **Sports Event**

On 23 November, we held an International sports event. This event was actually planned by Meiho high school students, and the goal for this event was to interact with foreigners living in Nikko.



We introduced ourselves to each other, and then enjoyed playing volleyball and Frisbee together.

A total of 34 people attended the event: including people with other ethnicities, such as

Japanese, Chinese, Korean, American. Canadian. Filipino, Peruvian. How international it was! At first, the students seemed a bit nervous and shy to speak with the foreigners. However, they were able to interact with each other more easily when playing sports, and they made many new friends from other countries in the end!

We held a Christmas party at Nikko community centre on 19 December. We were 20 people who attended and celebrated Christmas together early. This vear. we learnt about the Christmas traditions in Turkey presented bv Mrs. Canan Erkmen Akimoto. It was verv interesting to learn the

differences from the Christmas we celebrate here in Japan. After that, we made sugar cookie icing and exchanged gifts. At the end of the party, Santa Clause and his reindeers came to us and gave Christmas presents to every child. We had a great time and we hope to see you at our Christmas party next year!

#### **Christmas Party 2020**



#### **JAPANESE CLASS**

NCIA provides Japanese Class for foreign learners organised by volunteer teachers. Everyone is welcome!

- ◆Date & Time: The first, second and fourth Thursday 7 p.m. - 8:30 p.m.
- ◆Place : Nikko-shi Shimin Katsudo Shien Centre
- ♦Note: Please let us know the first time you wish to participate in advance by contacting the NCIA.

#### Free Consultation Services for Foreigners

The Citizens Affairs Division of Nikko City Hall offers consultation and counselling service for foreign residents in Nikko.

- ◆Date & Time: The **THIRD** Tuesday, 2 p.m. 5 p.m.
- ◆Place: Citizens Affairs Division, Nikko City Hall (1<sup>st</sup> floor, No.10)
- Language: Japanese and English (Please bring another person to help you translate if you wish to consult in another language.)
- ◆Note: Excluding national holidays and year-end/new year holidays.

# Information from NCIA

We will update information about our events and other important notices. Follow us and check it out!



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