

The NCIJA Times

HIGH LIGHTS OF THE YEAR!

Let's get to know PERU!

On the 16th of October, we held an International Understanding Event at the Central Community Center. This time, the theme was "Let's get to know PERU!". There were 13 participants attending the event, all ranging from children to elderly and of different nationalities (Japanese, Filipino and Peruvian). Our Peruvian instructors then



gave us a cultural introduction to Peru along with a Salsa workshop.



Through the introduction, we learned more in depth about Peruvian greetings, food, and overall lifestyle. Although the dance steps seemed challenging at first, after mastering the basics, everyone was soon dancing to charming Latin music!

Thanks to our instructors, our participants gained a new confidence and understanding of Peruvian culture as well as the splendor of Salsa. In addition to dance, we have also offered Spanish language courses in the past for those interested in learning more about Hispanic culture! Don't hesitate to contact us to learn more!



Christmas Party 2021



We held a Christmas party at the Osawa Community Center on the 18th of December. We had over 20 people attending and together we got to celebrate Christmas a little earlier than usual! This year, we had the opportunity to learn about Christmas traditions and customs as presented by Ms. Michelle Boesen (Nikko City CIR).

Learning how Christmas is celebrated elsewhere in the world compared to Japan was very interesting! After the introduction, all the participants, under the guidance of our CIR, were able to make a variety of 3-D Christmas cards and later exchanged gifts with one another.



After the activities were finished, Santa Clause and his reindeer made an appearance and gave a special Christmas present to each child. Parents and children alike enjoyed the holiday spirit! We had a great time and hope you will join our Christmas party next year!



Interview

Hi everyone, I'm Michelle from the US!

Although I've lived in areas of Japan before as an ALT, this is my first time as a CIR. Having worked in Toyama previously, I preferred to live in a more rural area which is what lead me to Nikko! For those new to Japan and hope to adapt quickly, my best possible advice is to observe! Watch and listen carefully, even if you don't speak Japanese that well. This is important partly because the human brain picks up on far more information than what we give credit for. Listening and taking notes is what lead me to vastly improve my Japanese and God willing, become a CIR. My most important learning tool by far is using the Jisho app! This app is useful not only for keeping track



of your vocabulary but has entire word lists specifically for levels N5 through N1. For those not so interested in Anime or manga, Youtube provides an endless resource of listening material over a variety of topics such as news, cooking, games, etc. Remember above all else to be patient with yourself!

Join Us!

We are carrying out various activities with the aim of international exchange and developing 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 directly or visit our website and register if you are interested. We are looking forward to meeting you in our future activities. 😊



JAPANESE CLASS (にほんごきょうしつ)

NCIA provides Japanese classes for nonnative speakers organized by volunteer teachers.

Everyone is welcome!

- ◆Date & Time : The first, second, and fourth Thursday 7:00 p.m. - 8:30 p.m.
- ◆Place : NIKKO Civic Activities Support Center
- ◆Note : For first time participants, please let us know in advance by contacting the NCIA.



Consultation Services for Foreigners

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

- ◆Date & Time : Mon-Fri, 8:30 a.m. – 5:15 p.m.
- ◆Place: Citizens Affairs Division, Nikko City Hall
(1st 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.



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