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HIGH LIGHTS OF THE YEAR!

English Yoga Class

On the 26th June, we held an “English Yoga Class” at the Central Community Center. We invited Ms. Canan Erkmen Akimoto, a Turkish native living in Nikko City, to be our instructor for an English language yoga course. Although this had been planned since last year, it was postponed and cancelled repeatedly due to the impact of COVID-19 until finally, it was held! During this course, we practiced relaxing our bodies and minds while listening to the instructor’s soothing voice.



On the 10th September, we held an “English Yoga Class” at the Nikko Daiyagawa Park. After the conclusion of the June course, many participants exclaimed, “We’d like to have it again!”. Thus, the second English language yoga course was held outside during autumn as this is the season for sports. We relaxed our minds and bodies while listening to the peaceful sound of rustling autumn leaves. Experiencing yoga in the fresh open air offered a pleasant change of scenery from indoor yoga.

Christmas Party 2023



We held a Christmas party at the Nikko City Hall on the 17th of December. Continuing from last year, we invited Hoshi Hajime, a member of our association, to perform a magic show. The children were mesmerized by every trick! Everyone attending had a great time at the Christmas party. After the magic show, the annual “Christmas Around the World” was introduced!

This time, four Ukrainians, including Kateryna Milokhina from Ukraine, talked about Christmas in their home country. Using a series of interesting slides, they talked about St. Nicholas Day in Ukraine, Christmas meals, songs sung at Christmas time, etc. A carol was also performed with the beautiful singing voices and pleasant melody enrapturing the audience’s attention. We sincerely hope that Ukraine will return to its peaceful former state as soon as possible. After the presentation, we made snow globes with the parents and kids.



Each participant brought an ornament that they chose to put in their snow globe and made their own unique snow globe decorated with beads and glitter. In addition, everyone enjoyed an early Christmas by exchanging gifts as custom and receiving presents from Santa Claus and his reindeer.

Interview

My name is Theodore!

My family and friends call me “Theo”.

I am 18 years old and from Denmark.

After graduating from high school,

I joined the ICYE program and came to Japan last September.

The purpose of this program is to convey a different culture to many people while volunteering abroad for a year. I’ve been living in Nikko since November and I’ve been volunteering at a day center (Mainichi Christmas).

Denmark is a small Nordic country above Germany. It is made up of three large regions: the Jutland Peninsula, the island of Funen, and the island of Zealand. The capital, Copenhagen, is on the islands of Zealand. That’s where I’m from. Actually, I came to Japan four years ago. I chose Japan this time because the experience was so interesting. I really like “Japanese cuisine” which is not in Denmark, especially gyoza and tonkatsu. I am also addicted to arcade games. I play a lot of arcade music games and listen to a lot of Japanese songs.



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. 😊

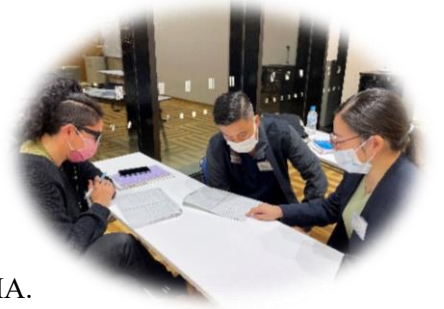


JAPANESE CLASS (にほんごきょうしつ)

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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