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Soba noodle making (held on 4/24)

Ichiritsu Kashiwa (Kashiwa municipal high school) teachers, Brandon and Dianna, from our US sister city, Torrance, experienced *Sobauchi* (*Soba* noodle making) for the first time.

Every summer a soba restaurant "Suzume-an" in Toyoshiki, Kashiwa, offers *Sobauchi* for the exchange students from Torrance. Though this year's exchange program has been canceled due to the pandemic, we have decided to videotape Brandon and Dianna's *Sobauchi* experience and show it in the online meeting with Torrance. Through this video we were able to explain about *Soba*, and share the ideas of Japanese noodle and food culture with our friends in Torrance.

Brandon and Dianna's *Sobauchi* lesson began by mixing soba powder with flour. They added water to the powder and kneaded it well until it became a big ball. Next step was to flatten the ball to a thin sheet by using a long bar. It was hard to stretch the dough evenly, but finally they reached the last and the most difficult step: cutting. Were they able to finish it? Of course. The *Soba* they made was very delicious.



Brandon and Dianna

Useful information from Kashiwa police station (held on 5/6)

Three police officers from Kashiwa police station came to a KIRAKIC (KIRA Kashiwa International Club) meeting and gave us some useful information for foreign residents and about bicycle traffic rules and how to deal with road rage.

For foreign residents living in Japan

- You must have the residence card with you all the time.
- You must renew your residence card before the expiration date otherwise you will be treated as an illegal resident.

About bicycle rules

- As soon as you buy a bicycle, please register for bicycle theft prevention registration.
- When you give your bicycle to someone or trash it as a recycle item, please cancel the registration.
- Every time you park your bicycle, please lock it.
- When you ride a bicycle, ride on the left side of the street.
- Do not ride it under the influence, without light, by holding an umbrella, using a mobile phone, or ride side by side. These are illegal activities.
- Riding double or wearing earphones while riding a bicycle is dangerous.

About road rage

- If you ever become a victim of a road rage, park your car in a safe place, and **make an emergency call to police (dial 110)**. Lock your car and close windows. Do not go out of the car.
- It helps to install a drive recorder since the video on the drive recorder can be a proof of the road rage.

If you don't speak Japanese, say the name of your language upon calling police, then they will supply an interpreter for you.
For non-emergency matters, please call **Kashiwa police station (04-7148-0110)**.



Shodo Calligraphy lesson (held on 5/18)

Because we cannot have participants in any of our activities due to COVID-19 pandemic, the Japanese Culture sub-committee decided to create a video to introduce Japanese culture. One of the staff members of the sub-committee happened to be a *Shodo*, Japanese calligraphy teacher, so she taught the sub-committee members different styles of calligraphy.

The word we chose was *Sencha*, green tea, from a five-letter poem meaning "When you make green tea, bamboo trees will send breeze."

There are five different calligraphy styles to write *Kanji*, or Chinese characters. We challenged to write three of the five styles: *Kaisho*, *Gyosho*, and *Sosho*. In *Kaisho*, the Regular Script or Block Script, all strokes are written distinctly with regular spacing. *Gyosho* is the Semi-cursive Script and is a slightly more cursive version of *Kaisho*. *Sosho* is the Cursive Script and many times it is hard to recognize words.

We will upload the lesson video on our YouTube channels as soon as it's ready. We hope you will be interested in *Shodo*, and we hope next time you will be able to join us.



Sosho Gyosho Kaisho

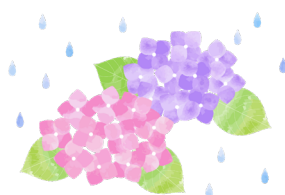


JUNE Events



Japanese Shonan Classes

Classes		
Online Classes		
Thurs	10:00 - 11:30	Intermediate I Japanese Intermediate and up
Sun	10:00 - 11:30	Beginning II, Intermediate I
In Person Classes		
Thurs	10:00 - 12:00	Intermediate I at Shonan Community Center



Online Japanese Kashiwa Classes

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Tue	10:00 - 11:30	Japanese for all Beginning I (2nd half)
Wed	10:00 - 11:30	Japanese Intermediate and up
Wed	19:00 - 20:30	Japanese for all Beginning I (1st half)
Thurs	10:00 - 11:30	Beginning Conversation I (Beginner, Beginning 1)
Thurs	13:00 - 14:30	Beginning Conversation 2 (Beginning 2)
Fri	19:00 - 20:30	Japanese for all Beginning II
Sat	9:30 - 11:20	Intermediate Conversation

Free legal advice and administrative procedure support for foreign residents

Lawyers and administrative procedure specialists will be available to help foreign residents with legal questions and documents. Any questions or problems are all right, such as visa, domestic violence, divorce, or trouble at the workplace. Please register beforehand.

Date and Time: Wed. June 23 13:00 - 17:00
Place: Palette Kashiwa A
Reservation: KCC (Kashiwa Cross-cultural Center) Office

Information about COVID-19 for foreign residents

NHK World-Japan
Available in multiple languages



Kashiwa information delivery service

Sign up to receive email announcements from the city, such as information about earthquakes, fires, crime, and infectious disease outbreaks in the language of your choice. Send a blank email to this address to register.



Also, please read Kashiwa City Magazine.



Announcement from other organizations

"Online Study Meeting" for KIRA members

Date and Time: Thursday, June 17, 2021 8:00pm – 9:10pm **Fee:** Free
Study Title: "Easy Japanese #2" **Capacity:** 25
Lecturer: **Ms. Tomoe Uchida** (Easy Japanese instructor)
Apply by: Send your name and phone number to boshu-1@kira-kira.jp
 We will provide you with necessary class information.

Questions?
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