

KCC Newsletter

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Announcement

The 50th Recruitment of the Student Delegation to Torrance!

We are recruiting young people to visit our sister city, Torrance, U.S.A.

Broaden your horizons by experiencing life in the U.S., interacting with local Torrance residents, and being exposed to the local culture, all while staying with your host family.

- Period: 19 days from August 7th (Mon) to August 25th (Fri) • Number of participants: 8
- Eligibility: Students who meet the following conditions:

(1) Those who are interested in youth and volunteer activities and can engage in international exchange activities in Kashiwa City.

(2) Those who live or study in Kashiwa city and were born between April 2nd, 2003, and April 1st, 2007.

(Including those who were enrolled in the city from 2020 to 2022, when the program was suspended.)

(3) Those who are healthy both physically and mentally.

(4) Those who will be able to attend all the orientations held before the program starts.

Scheduled dates : 5/7 (Sun), 5/21 (Sun), 6/4 (Sun), 6/11 (Sun), 6/25 (Sun), 7/10 (Mon)

(5) Those who have not lived abroad for a total of 6 months or more since the 4th grade of elementary school.

(6) Those who have English conversation skills equivalent to Eiken Level Pre-2.

- Cost: Approximately 350,000 yen

• How to apply: Application forms will be available at Kashiwa Cross-cultural Center (KCC) from March 1st.

(Downloadable from the website after March 1st)

• Bring or mail the application form to KCC between March 27th (Mon) and April 4th (Tues) (Must arrive within this period.)

- Selection: 1st round = April 16th (Sun), 2nd round = April 23rd (Sun)

Meet at Kashiwa Cross-cultural Center in Palette Kashiwa

"The 50th Kashiwa City Student Delegation to Torrance" Information Session

Date and time: Sunday, March 26, 1:00 p.m.- 2:00 p.m. (Reception from 12:30 p.m.) Place: Palette Kashiwa ABC

Contents: Direct explanation to the 2023 student delegates by the person in charge about application conditions, application procedures, application period, etc.

Applicants must attend. Those who are interested in the program are also welcome to attend.

Inquiries: Kashiwa Cross-cultural Center (KCC)

Please help us raise funds for the Great Earthquake in Turkey and Syria!

We are deeply saddened by the devastating damage reported every day. We have set up a donation box at the KCC counter. Thank you for your cooperation.

<Note> Please be sure to include the name of the event, your name, and phone number when applying by e-mail. In addition, events may be cancelled or changed depending on the infection status of the new coronavirus, so please contact the office for details. Please wear a mask when participating in the event.

The Seventh Japanese Speech Contest in Kashiwa by Foreign Residents (2/5)

For the first time in three years, the audience were welcomed into the venue, and the event was held in combination with online viewing. This year, we had more than three times as many applicants as our planned capacity, and we also spent a lot of time reviewing the judging process. As a result, this year's speeches turned out to be of an even higher level than last year's. The online audience was almost at capacity size, based on viewing history. As for the on-site audience, the number of applications were more than expected, so the chairs in the hall were not enough to accommodate all the audience.



Award winners

This year, we held a Kabuki performance and Kumadori as part of a new cultural exchange program, which was very well received by the people in the venue, especially by the contestants.

Meanwhile, as for the contest management, we added an Audience Award and recruited outside volunteers for the purpose of local community collaboration, which resulted in a large number of participants. That was a great achievement. We appreciate the cooperation of many people, including those who viewed the event and those who volunteered.

Contest Results:

Kashiwa Mayor's Award: Ms. Sherazi Noor ul Safi, "Sensei"

KIRA President Award: Ms. Zheng Mingyue, "My Future Decided in Japan"

Special Award (Humor Award): Mr. Li Huaheng, "Japanese in a Mask"

Special Award (Idea Award): Mr. Roberto Ballinas Hernández, "Japanese Kanji Characters"

Special Award (Judge's Special Award): Ms. Do Thi Nhai, "I Who Did Not Like the Japanese Language"

Audience Award: Ms. Zheng Mingyue, "My future Decided in Japan"

(The speeches will be posted on the website later.)

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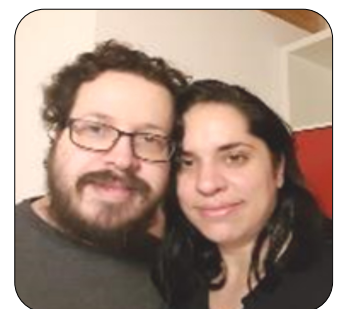
Cross-cultural Tea Time "The Other Side of the World: Our Journey Brazil – Japan"

• Date & Time: Saturday, April 1, 1:00 p.m. - 2:30 p.m. • Place: Palette Kashiwa Multipurpose Space A

• Contents: The speaker will talk about the cultural diversity of Brazil, which consists of immigrants from various countries such as Portugal, Spain, Germany, the Netherlands, and Japan.

"Join us on a trip to the other side of the world. Get to know more about the variety of Brazilian culture."

• Lecturer: Ms. Elisa Ferreira (Kavli Institute for the Physics and Mathematics of the Universe, The University of Tokyo Institute for Advanced Study) and Mr. Wilson Facanha



Ms. Elisa Ferreira on the right, Mr. Wilson Facanha on the left.

* The lecture will be given in English. (with an interpreter)

• Number of participants: 27

• Fee: 400 yen

• Application: Sign up directly at the KCC office or send an email to <boshu-1@kira-kira.jp> by Thursday, March 30.



Brasilia, the capital of Brazil

The 12th English Speech Contest (2/11)

The English Speech Contest was held at Amuser Kashiwa for the first time in three years. Twelve speakers ranging in age from junior high school students to those in their 70s participated. They presented their everyday experiences and feelings in English in front of a large audience, even using their nervousness as a source of courage. The Kashiwa Mayor's Award went to Sora Ando; the KIRA President's Award and the Audience Award, voted by the audience, went to Kengo Yamawaki; and the Special Award went to Riho Fujita. The judges and evaluators praised the presenters and offered helpful advice on how to make good presentations. Mr. Chris Pigao, an English teacher at Kashiwa Municipal High School and at KIRA, gave a special lecture, titled "Believe," which ended with a ukulele performance. We will continue to hold the English Speech Contest as a place for many Kashiwa citizens to show the results of their English studies as well as an opportunity to exchange opinions.



Contest participants

Donation to Ukrainian People Living in Kashiwa (1/24)

Five housewives from "Wa no Kai," a voluntary group in the city, donated 200,000 yen to the Ukraine Support Fund set up by the Kashiwa Cross-cultural Center.

They said, "This is the sales from the flea market as well as the donations we collected for the Ukrainians who had taken refuge in Kashiwa city after the Russian invasion. We would like to continue to interact with the Ukrainian people, and if there is a project that will bring economic benefits, we would like to cooperate with them to develop it."



Members of *Wa no Kai*

International Support---Stamp Sorting Group (1/26)

KCC collects used stamps, greeting cards, miswritten postcards, and foreign coins as one of its international support activities. We have sorted out the stamps brought to KCC and have sent them together with used greeting cards to the Green Earth Defense Fund, which works to preserve greenery around the world. The postcards are sent to "Japan Committee, Vaccines for the World's Children," and the foreign coins are sent to "UNICEF Foreign Coin Donation" for children around the world. We are very grateful for your cooperation. Thank you for your continued support.



Sorting out used stamps

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Online Study Session for KIRA Members

"Effective Methods of Vocalization #2" Breathing and Facial Muscle Training for Great Voice

Date & Time: Thursday, March 16, 8:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.

Instructor: Ms. Naomi Yamazaki (vocalist and voice trainer)

Participation fee: Free Number of participants: 30

Application: Sign up directly at the KCC office or send an email to <boshu-1@kira-kira.jp>.

Please write your name and phone number. We will send you the URL for participation on the day.

Upcoming study session: Thursday April 20, 8:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.

"Let's Enjoy SNS --- the Basic Knowledge about TikTok and YouTube"

Lecturer: Mr. Takahiro Kageyama



March Events

Japanese Shonan Classes		
Online Classes		
Sat	7:00 p.m. – 8:30 p.m.	<i>Minna no Nihongo</i> , Primary II
Sun	7:00 p.m. – 8:30 p.m.	<i>Minna no Nihongo</i> , Primary I and Intermediate II
In-person Classes (Shonan Community Center)		
Thu	10:00 a.m. -12:00 p.m.	<i>Minna no Nihongo</i> , Primary I(2 classes)
Sun	10:00 a.m. -12:00 p.m.	<i>Minna no Nihongo</i> , Primary I
Japanese Kashiwa Classes		
Online Classes		
Tue	7:00 p.m. - 8:30 p.m.	<i>Minna no Nihongo</i> , Primary I (Unit 16 -)
Wed	10:00 a.m. - 11:30 a.m.	Conversation Elementary 2B (Level 2)
Wed	7:00 p.m. - 8:30 p.m.	<i>Minna no Nihongo</i> , Primary II (Unit 31 -)
Thu	10:00 a.m. - 11:30 a.m.	Conversation Elementary 1 (Level 1, Introductory)
Thu	10:00 a.m. - 11:30 a.m.	Conversation Elementary 1 (Level 1)
Thu	1:00 p.m. - 2:30 p.m.	Conversation Elementary 2A (Level 2)
Fri	7:00 p.m. - 8:30 p.m.	<i>Minna no Nihongo</i> , Primary II (Unit 28 -)
Sat	9:30 a.m. - 11:20 a.m.	Conversation Intermediate
In-person Classes (Palette Kashiwa)		
Tue	10:00 a.m. - 11:30 a.m.	hiragana/katakana, Primary I (Unit 1 -) , Primary I (Unit 8 -)
Sat	10:00 a.m. - 11:30 a.m.	<i>Minna no Nihongo</i> , Primary I (Unit 4 -)
Sat	10:00 a.m. - 11:30 a.m.	<i>Minna no Nihongo</i> , Primary I (Unit 18 -)

Free Legal Advice and Administrative Procedure Support for Foreign Residents

To foreign residents. Are you in need of help? Lawyers and administrative procedure specialists are available for consultation. You can ask for specialists' advice on issues such as family or partner violence, divorce, visa procedures, and problems at work. Reservation necessary.

Date & Time: Wednesday, March 22, 1:00 p.m.-5:00 p.m.

Place: Palette Kashiwa Room A

Reservation: the KCC office

Information for Foreign Residents from Kashiwa City

Consultation for Foreign Residents

Available in English (Thu), Chinese (Wed and Fri), Spanish (Mon), and Korean (2nd and 4th Tue) from 1:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. at the Consultation Counter for Foreign Residents (City Hall Main Office Building, 3rd floor).

Tel: 04 - 7168 - 1033

No reservation required.

Email distribution service from Kashiwa City

Sign up to receive email announcement from the city, such as information on natural disasters, crimes, and fires of your area in the language of your choice. Scan the QR code and register!



Multilingual "Koho Kashiwa," monthly official city bulletin

Scan the QR code and select your language under "Foreign Language" to read the official city bulletin, "Koho Kashiwa," selected and translated for foreign residents.



Links for Multilingual News & BOSAI INFO (Disaster prevention and Coronavirus)

NHK WORLD-JAPAN



Questions?

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Hours: 8:30 a.m. - 5:15 p.m.

Closed on Sundays and national holidays