



KCC Newsletter

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Announcement

*Exchange Programs with
Sister & Friendship Cities of Kashiwa*

The 51st Recruitment of the Student Delegation to Torrance

D August 5 (Mon) - August 23 (Fri), 19 days

N 8 (those who live or attend school in Kashiwa and were born between April 2, 2004 and April 1, 2008)

F Approximately 400,000 yen

A Attend the information session and bring or mail the application form to the KCC office between March 25 (Mon) and April 2 (Tue) (must arrive within this period). Application forms will be distributed at the information session on March 24.

Selection: 1st round = April 14 (Sun) 2nd round = April 21 (Sun)

*For details, please visit the KIRA website.

The 51st Kashiwa City Student Delegation to Torrance Information Session

D March 24 (Sun) 2:00 p.m.-3:00 p.m. (Reception opens at 1:30 p.m.)

P Chuo Kominkan (5F)

C Briefing on application for the 2024 student delegation. The session covers application requirements, application process, application period, etc. Application documents will be distributed. Applicants must attend the meeting. Those interested in the program are also welcome to attend.

Cross-cultural Teatime

"The Extended Geography of Chile From North to South"

D April 13 (Sat) 1:00 p.m.-2:30 p.m.

P Palette Kashiwa, Meeting Rooms A & B

C The Republic of Chile is a country with a total length of approximately 4300 km from north to south. Its varied nature, history, and food culture will be introduced. There will also be quizzes on Chile. We look forward to your participation.

L Dr. Joaquin Armijo (Kavli Institute for the Physics and Mathematics of the Universe, University of Tokyo)

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

N 50 **F** 400 yen **A** Directly at the KCC office, or email to <boshu-1@kira-kira.jp> from April 1 (Mon).



Dr. Joaquin
Armijo



A glacial lake and the three towers



Donation for the 2024 Noto Peninsula Earthquake

Everyone is deeply concerned about the Noto Peninsula earthquake on January 1, and we have setup a donation box in front of the KCC office for the "2024 Noto Peninsula Earthquake." We would like to ask for your continued warm cooperation and support.

<Request> When applying via email, please be sure to include the event name, your name, and phone number.

D Date & Time **P** Place **F** Fee **N** Number of applicants **L** Lecturer **C** Contents **A** Application **R** Reservation.

Tips on How to Speak on Zoom (1/18)

29 participants learned about ways to communicate effectively with others in online and face-to-face meetings. They listened to and practiced tips on what to think about when participating in a Zoom meeting and how to speak in a way that is easily understood by others. They also learned how to cope with nervousness, speaking too fast, dry mouth, shaky hands, etc., as well as how to recognize the feelings of listeners and how to use eye contact effectively in Zoom meetings. On the other hand, through practice in the breakout room, participants learned that it is also necessary for listeners to create a good atmosphere to enhance mutual communication. All the participants agreed with the lecturer's summary that nodding when agreeing, warm eye contact, and smiling are the best tips for improving communication.

New Year's Party with World Cuisine (1/28)

Since the coronavirus disaster, this was the first time in four years that citizens participated in this event. KIRAKIC members prepared dishes from the morning in the cooking lab at the Chuo Kominkan. The dishes from the Philippines (macaroni salad,



A Good Job!

and apple cake), China and Taiwan (boiled dumplings), Mexico

(stewed chicken), Thailand (green curry), Indonesia (steamed sticky rice snacks), Brazil (croquettes, and coconut sweets), and Japan (chikuzen-ni, pork miso soup) were all delicious and very popular.

Many of the participants were accompanied by their parents and children. There were also participants from Guinea-Bissau and Russia who enjoyed international exchanges through fukuwarai (a make-a-face game) and message games.



Both Adults and Children Enjoyed the Party



Green Curry from Thailand



Boiled Dumplings from China and Taiwan



Croquettes and Beijinho from Brazil

The 13th English Speech Contest (2/4)

The "English Speech Contest" was held at Amuse Kashiwa.

Ten speakers, ranging from junior high school students to those in their 70s, participated. Everyone must have been nervous standing in front of a large audience, but they all expressed their thoughts in English, including what they feel in their daily lives and how they relate to English. The Kashiwa Mayor's Award went to Riho Fujita, the KIRA President's Award to Takashi Yokoyama, the Special Award to Tatsuya Oshii, and the Audience Award, decided by audience votes, to Yoko Hata. The judges and evaluators gave praise to the presenters and some instructive words on how to present more effectively. We hope that many Kashiwa citizens will participate in next year's speech contest as a place to present the results of their daily English studies and to exchange opinions. (Speech transcripts of the winners will be posted on our website)



Participants of the English Speech Contest

The 8th Japanese Speech Contest for Foreigners in Kashiwa (2/11)

This year, we held an in-person viewing (approximately 80 people) and an online viewing. Fifteen people (the oldest being 88 years old) gave presentations. We feel that the level of presentations by participants is getting higher and higher every year. Speeches during the judging period included an origami performance by Higashi Katsukawa and a presentation on "Multicultural Society" by a student from Reitaku University. We want to thank the event volunteers for their efforts in organizing the contest. After the contest, we held a "social gathering" for the first time in a while. Previous gatherings had been canceled due to the coronavirus pandemic.



Participants of the Japanese Speech Contest

Kashiwa Mayor's Prize: Ms. Irushi Chamathka (Sri Lanka) "The Importance of Words"

KIRA President's Award: Ms. Tran Thi Ngan (Vietnam) "I Who Wanted to Give Up"

Special Prize (Humor Award): Ms. Yin Cui (China) "Mysterious Eating Habits of the Japanese"

Special Prize (Idea Award): Mr. Li Linnan (China) "Tips that Making Steady Efforts Lead to Victory"

Jury's Special Prize: Mr. Dang Thanh Truc (Vietnam) "A Story about a Part-time Job"

Audience Award: Ms. Yin Cui

The presentation manuscript by Ms. Irushi Chamathka, winner of the Mayor's Prize, will be published in the April issue of Kawaraban. In addition, the presentation manuscripts of the 15 participants will be posted on our website.

March Events

Japanese Shonan Classes(3/18-4/3 Spring Break)		
Online Classes		
Sat	7:00 p.m. – 8:30 p.m.	Minna no Nihongo , Primary II
Sun	10:00 a.m. - 11:30 a.m.	Minna no Nihongo , Primary I and Intermediate II~
In-person Classes (Shonan Community Center)		
Thu	10:00 a.m. -12:00 p.m.	Minna no Nihongo , Primary I(2 classes)
Sun	10:00 a.m. -12:00 p.m.	Minna no Nihongo , Primary I
Japanese Kashiwa/Kashiwanoha Classes(3/17-4/8 Spring Break)		
Online Classes		
Tue	7:00 p.m. - 8:30 p.m.	Minna no Nihongo , 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.	Minna no Nihongo , Primary II (Unit 40 -)
Thu	1:00 p.m. - 2:30 p.m.	Conversation Elementary 2A (Level 2)
Fri	7:00 p.m. - 8:30 p.m.	Minna no Nihongo ,Primary II (Unit 40 -)
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
Tue	10:00 a.m. - 11:30 a.m.	Beginners, Minna no Nihongo , Primary 1 (Unit 8~)
Tue	10:00 a.m. - 11:30 a.m.	Minna no Nihongo , Primary I (Unit 21 -)
Sat	10:00 a.m. - 11:30 a.m.	Minna no Nihongo , Primary I (Unit 15 -)
Sat	10:00 a.m. - 11:30 a.m.	Minna no Nihongo , Primary I (Unit 36-)
Sat	10:00 a.m. - 11:30 a.m.	Hiragana, Katakana, Minna no Nihongo (Unit1~) 1/20~
In-person Classes (Kashiwanoha Service Center)		
Thu	10:00 a.m. - 11:30 a.m.	Conversation Introductory1
Thu	10:00 a.m. - 11:30 a.m.	Conversation Elementary 2
Sat	10:00 a.m. - 11:30 a.m.	Intermediate Dekiru Nihongo (Unit 1~)

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.

D March 27 (Wed), 1:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m. **P** Palette Kashiwa Room F **R** the KCC office

Members Wanted! Kashiwa International Relations Association (KIRA)

Why don't you become a member and join us in international exchange activities? Let's interact with foreigners by planning and organizing various events. You don't have to speak English. You can also make friends. For more information, please visit our website. (Inquiries: 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)

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Questions?
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