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NEWS FLASH

Mini-Halloween

On Saturday, October 24th we held a 'mini-Halloween' event on the lawn in front of Shikochu hall. Different from past years' events, it was entirely outdoors. All participants started out by carving a pumpkin, then enjoyed games like haunted shooting, monster shooter and whacking a piñata. The jack-o-lanterns and costumes were adorable. We're looking forward to next year's event. Many thanks to all our volunteers for making this possible.



After-School English

We held a new after-school English event for ninth-, tenth- and eleventh-graders twice in the citizen's exchange building ("lunchbox") and once at the Kawano culture center. Our participants numbered four junior-high and five high-school students. Our first meeting was comics-themed, and in the second we enjoyed the popular American board game 'Scrabble.' Our participants worked hard at reading aloud and thinking up Scrabble words.



Beginners' English ①

From September 4th to October 9th, Beginners' English ① took place every Friday at the Citizens' Exchange building ("lunchbox") for six weeks. We started each class with English shiritori, then practiced vocabulary and speaking in groups. Discussions included lifestyle advice and sightseeing recommendations around the world. I was very pleased to see this group after a half-year's break. Looking forward to seeing everyone again!



CAR School visits =

South Mishima Kindergarten



On October 7th, I visited a kindergarten for the first time in six months. I presented about my native Pacific Northwest (USA), had them guess animal sounds, and played games using colors, numbers and “Duck, duck, goose.” The students were very enthusiastic and cute.

Elementary Schools



From October I started my first round of Elementary school visits. This trimester I visited eight elementary schools. At each school I presented about American foods and festivals, talked about differences in American vs Japanese schools, and taught the game “Rock, paper, scissors, split!” At Shingu elementary we played Rainbow tag with the whole school, and at both Shingu (Jason) and Kawano (Sydney) elementary I got help from the school ALT for half the day.



I learned about the different neighborhoods in the city, ate delicious school lunches and enjoyed playing with the students.

EVENT INFO

Shikoku International Festival

We are planning the 7th Annual Shikochu International Exchange Festival. Experience world cultures while enjoying music from around the world and making the rounds of our national booths.

You can receive a prize if you collect a stamp at each booth. See you there!

Date: Saturday, February 13th

Time; 2:00pm - 4:00 pm

Place: Shikochu hall ‘Sho’ hall and entrance lobby

Anyone who’s interested in attending is welcome Free (We will not be holding a potluck event this year.)



EVENT INFO

Events may be altered or cancelled according to the Coronavirus situation.

NEWS English ③④

Let's talk! We'll discuss various trends, animals activities and funny happenings from around the world in a friendly atmosphere.

Classes ③ and ④ will use different articles, so feel free to sign up for both.

Dates : ③ January 26th, February 9th and 16th, 10 : 30 ~ 11 : 30 (Three Tuesdays)

④ February 4th, February 18th and 25th 19 : 00 ~ 20 : 00 (Three Thursdays)

Place : Citizen's Exchange building ("lunchbox,") 2nd floor meeting rooms

Instructor : Daniel Cruse (CIR)

Class size : 10

Target English level : Intermediate ~ (high-school age and above)

Fee : ¥ 1,000 (SIFA member) , ¥ 2,000 (general)

Sign-up deadline : ③ Monday, January 25th ④ Wednesday, February 3rd



Let's make a 'Graham-cracker house'

Get in the Christmas spirit by making a traditional candy house.

Why not give it a try?

Date : Sunday, December 20th

Time : ① 1:00pm ~ 2:30pm ② 3:00pm - 4:30pm

Place : Shikochu hall First-floor exhibition room

Children elementary-age and younger must be accompanied by an adult

Fee : ¥ 500 (SIFA member) , ¥ 1,000 (general)

Event size : Four family groups (advance sign-up required)

Activity leader : Daniel Cruse (city CIR)

Sign-up deadline : Thursday, December 10th



'The Art of Pie'

We are finally holding the cooking class we had planned for last February.

"As American as apple pie," as faux-French as an American quiche?

Come try making both dishes using a real butter pie-crust.

Date : ① Saturday, January 16th ② Tuesday, January 19th

Time : 10:00 ~ 13:00

Place : Shikokuchuo Health center 2nd-floor cooking room

Instructor : Daniel Cruse (Portland, Oregon, USA)

Target participants : Junior High school and above (Junior High students must be accompanied by an adult)

Event size : 16

Fee : ¥ 500 (members) , ¥ 1000 (general)

Sign-up deadline : Tuesday, January 12th



TRIVIA: SHANGHAI

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If you imagine the shape of China as being a rooster, Shanghai is in the belly.



In terms of culture, if Beijing is like the Tokyo of China, Shanghai is like Osaka.

There are many dialects spoken in southern China, and Shanghai people speak 'Shanghaiese,' which is totally different from standard Chinese.

If you have a chance to visit Shanghai, keep an ear out for bus announcements in Shanghai dialect!

China is a very large country with many different climates, so regional cuisines vary a lot.

Shanghai food is sweet. It may be unbelievable to northern Chinese, but in Shanghai we put sugar in our stir fry.



Some of the most famous Shanghai dishes include Hong Shao Rou (red braised pork,) jiu-nang dumplings and xialongbao (soup dumplings).

If you visit Shanghai, make sure to visit the morning market.

There is a plentiful array of foods there for you to enjoy, including dabing (baked sesame bread,) youtiao (deep-fried breadsticks,) dou hua (tofu pudding) and wontons.



Shanghai continued

One Shanghai spot you can't miss is Yu Garden.



After strolling through this Ming Dynasty-style garden, you can enjoy shopping and gourmet dining.

Another popular nearby spot is 'The Bund' .



In the past Western countries built concession settlements and banks here. Today you can see traces of this history in the rows of retro western-style buildings known as the "Wanguojianzhubolanhui."

In front of The Bund flows the Huangpu river, and across the river is a neighborhood with a totally different atmosphere.

This is Pudong, bristling with skyscrapers.

Thirty years ago this area was still farmland and villages.

If you want to experience the heart of 21st-century economic development in China, this area is my top recommendation.

The most famous buildings here are the Jin Mao Tower, the Oriental Pearl Tower (shaped like an egg beater) and the Shanghai World Financial Center (shaped like a corkscrew.)

In 2016 Shanghai Disneyland opened to great acclaim.

Why not snap a picture with a Chinese-style Disney character?



Questions? Suggestions? Get in touch!

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