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Introduction to the Nagasaki International Association

Do you know about the Nagasaki International Association?

We exist as a bridge between Nagasaki and many different countries and cultures across the world. We also provide a great deal of information on international exchange and life in Nagasaki.

We are open from Monday to Friday, between 9:00am and 5:30pm. We have books and pamphlets about international exchange available on our exchange floor which anyone is welcome to use. Please feel free to drop by!



8th Japanese Speech Contest for Non-Native Speakers Now Open for Entry!

Non-Japanese residents of Nagasaki! Won't you exercise your Japanese skills and prepare and give a speech about Japan, peace, or international exchange? At the 7th iteration of this event held last June, people from countries all over the world including China, America, Malaysia, Poland, and Vietnam came and spoke passionately about their lives in Japan.

The top prize is 50,000 yen, the second place prize is 30,000 yen, and there are also prizes for the runners-up. Come join the competition and make an extra special memory of your time in Japan.

We are eagerly awaiting your applications!

Deadline to apply: Monday, May 9th

Event Date: Saturday, June 18th 1:30pm to 4:00pm.

Place: Nagasaki National Peace Memorial Hall for the Atomic Bomb Victims

(7-8 Hirano-machi, Nagasaki city)

★★ Last year's Top Prize Winner ★★

Name : 楊 宏図 (Yang Hongtu)
Nationality : Chinese
University : Nagasaki University of Foreign Studies



Notice of Finished Events



2016 Calendar Market ~ international cooperation that you can do too ~

The Calendar Market held from January 15th to the 17th was a great success! All the money that was raised by Student's International NGO BOAT will be donated for the purpose of overseas aid. We are truly thankful for your help with this international effort!

★★ A Word from Ono Yutaro of Student's International NGO BOAT ★★



We of Student's International NGO BOAT held the 2016 Calendar Market ~ international cooperation that you can do too ~ from Friday, January 15th to Sunday the 17th. This was the tenth year that we've held this event and every year we are happy to be able to welcome so many visitors.

Student's International NGO BOAT was created in order to send aid to Cambodia in 2004 and we still send aid to developing nations today. We receive donations of extra calendars and notebooks from companies which we then sell at low prices at our Calendar Market and donate those proceeds towards international aid. This year we received 3,670 calendars and notebooks as donations. 347 people stopped by our event and spent a total of 259,300 yen.

We will donate those proceeds to Lao Friends Hospital for Children in Laos. Lao Friends Hospital for Children was established in 2015 as a place to raise the standard of healthcare in Laos and NGO BOAT has been supporting them ever since. This year's donations will go towards buying wheelchairs to be used in the hospital.

We of Student's International NGO BOAT will do our best to show everyone around us the importance of international aid through more events like the Calendar Market and by continuing to make donations abroad.



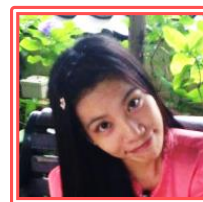
Fairtrade Market ~ International Cooperation Through Shopping ~

This year's Fairtrade market was held on the 15th and 16th of January, 2016. We are happy to announce that 237 people came by the market. Hand-made goods from developing countries and tasty treats made with Fairtrade ingredients were very popular! We wish to sincerely thank everyone that stopped by to lend a hand in international cooperation.



~My Memories of Nagasaki~

A word from one of our volunteers who is about to return to their home country.



My name is Le Thi Thu Huong and I am from Vietnam. I came to Nagasaki last April and I have been studying at Kwassui Women's University.

Before I arrived in Japan I was very worried about living alone in a country to which I had never been and living with foreign people that I didn't know. Despite those initial worries, my year here has flown by. In Nagasaki, I was able to experience many things. They weren't all happy experiences; some of them were quite sad. My time here was quite stimulating and I think it was a very good experience. My favorite part of my experience has been meeting many kind people here in Nagasaki. Whenever I had trouble, my friends from the university and my part time job were always there to help me overcome my troubles with assistance and encouragement. I am thankful to them from the bottom of my heart.

Every Friday as a volunteer at the Nagasaki International Association I was able to have a good time and release my stress from my studies. I learned many things there about Japanese culture as well as how to present tea to guests as is customary in Japanese business manners. If there was ever any Japanese word that I didn't understand, the people around me would teach me earnestly and kindly. Thank you very much to all of you who did that for me. I am so glad to have been able to meet you all. If there is ever an opportunity in the future for me to do so, I would love to return to Japan to continue my studies at a university. I also hope to be able to meet you all again one day.



Event Information



Nagasaki Tall Ships Festival - April 21st (Thu) ~ April 25th (Mon)



This is Japan's foremost sailing ship event and ships from around the world will be gathered in Nagasaki Port!

During the five days of the event guests will be able to see sail drills where white sails will be raised on the ships. Guests will also be able to get a close look at the ships by boarding them as well as taking short cruises around the port. There will also be yachts, canoes, and workshops to practice knot-tying.

There will also be illuminations and a fireworks display on April 23rd (Sat) and 24th (Sun) starting at 8pm (times are subject to change).

Dates : April 21st (Thu) ~ April 25th (Mon), 2016

Place : Nagasaki Port (Around Nagasaki Seaside Park and Dejima Wharf),
Nagasaki city, Nagasaki prefecture





Useful Information for Foreign Residents and Visitors



1、 Notice from the Council of Local Authorities for International Relations

We have begun providing important information on 17 fields of living in Japan in 15 different languages. There is also a smart phone app available. The smart phone app, in addition to showing the living information, will also send you emergency information from the Japan Meteorological Agency in 14 different languages

★URL: <http://www.clair.or.jp/tagengo/index.html>



2、 Notice from the Japan Legal Support Center

The Japan Legal Support Center can now help with legal troubles in languages other than Japanese. First, contact the Japan Legal Support Center closest to you and ask for interpretation, or contact the number below.

★TEL : 0570-078377



3、 Notice from the Yoriso Hotline

One of our professionals will work closely with you to help find a solution to your problem.

★TEL : 0120-279-338

★URL : <http://279338.jp/yoriso/foreign/index.html>



4、 Multilingual Medical Questionnaire

This questionnaire is available in 18 languages and covers 11 fields of medicine. Please take this with you to the hospital and use it to explain your symptoms to the medical personnel there.

★URL : <http://www.kifjp.org/medical>

If you have any comments or suggestions about NAPIA, Please let us know

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