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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 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 are closed on weekends and national holidays. We have books, pamphlets, and much more about international exchange available on our exchange floor which anyone is welcome to use.

Please feel free to drop by!

Here is the official Nagasaki International Association Facebook page!

★Facebook page URL : <https://www.facebook.com/nia.nagasaki/>

★NIA Homepage URL: <http://www.nia.or.jp/>



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10th Japanese Speech Contest for Non-Native Speakers Now Accepting Applications!

Expats in Nagasaki! How would you like to give a speech about your perspective on Japan, Peace, or International Exchange using the Japanese skills you've acquired? Last year at the 9th iteration of this contest held last June, 12 people from China, Hong Kong, and Vietnam gave powerful speeches on the things they've felt in their life in Japan.

The first-place prize is 50,000 yen, the second-place prize is 30,000 yen, and there are also special and participatory prizes as well! Come make a special memory of your time in Japan by joining our speech contest! The contest is open to all adult men and women! Help us make a great contest!

- Deadline to apply: Monday, May 7th, 2018
- Date of Contest: Saturday, June 16th, 1:30pm to 4:00pm
- Place: Nagasaki National Peace Memorial Hall for the Atomic Bomb Victims, Exchange Lounge, B2F (7-8 Hirano-machi, Nagasaki City)



Event Completion Announcement

In January of 2018 we held two events with the purpose of International Cooperation. Thank you to everyone who came out to support us by buying Fairtrade goods, calendars, and notebooks!!

❖ Fairtrade Market 2018 ~ International Cooperation through Shopping ~ Jan. 13th ~ 14th, 2018 ❖

This was the 5th time we have held the Fairtrade Market. In the days leading up to it there was a bunch of snow so we worried if we would be able to hold it, but fortunately everything went well. We were happy to have in attendance both people who did and people who didn't know what "Fairtrade" means. This year, six organizations participated selling craft goods from developing nations, and delicious bread and fresh coffee made with Fairtrade ingredients.

Also, the "Where does this T-Shirt come from?" workshop put on by the JICA Nagasaki Desk had a wide variety of participants and everyone was able to learn about Fairtrade in a fun and meaningful way.

Thank you all for participating!

Total Number of Visitors: 230

Amount of money raised: ¥123,050



❖ Calendar Market 2018 ~ International Cooperation You Can Do Too ~ Jan. 13th ~ Jan. 14th, 2018 ❖

This, the 12th iteration of the Calendar Market, was visited by a large number of people and was a great success. We were receiving calls asking when the event was happening from a month before, and on the opening day there was a line of people waiting to get in!

All the proceeds of the event will be given through Student's International NGO Boat to a children's support center in Thailand called the "Rainbow School" (虹の学校 - *Niji no gakkou*).

Thank you everyone for your support!

Total Number of Visitors: 256

Amount of money raised: ¥159,600



★ A word from Student's International NGO Boat's Akizuki Fuyuka and Tanoue Nanaka ★

Our organization was created in 2004 to assist with the relief to the victims of the disaster in Cambodia. We now support disaster stricken areas and developing nations. This calendar market intends to help international cooperation by selling at reduced-cost calendars and notebooks that have been donated by various companies and organizations. The money raised this year will be donated to "The Rainbow School" in Thailand operated by the "虹の種-Niji-no-tane" Specified Nonprofit Corporation, where it will be used in their support activities. The specific use of this money will be maintaining the facility and paying for necessary supplies for "the Fundoshi Project (explained below)". Thank you to the companies and organizations who supported our efforts this year. We look forward to

Fundoshi Project: With the purpose of bringing education and jobs to children in impoverished areas in Thailand, we make and sell naturally dyed *fundoshi* that are good for constipation, sensitivity to cold, stiff shoulders, and help with sleep. All the proceeds are used to maintain The Rainbow School.

Japanese Culture Experience – Original New Year's Cards – Dec. 10th, 2017

On December 10th last year, we held an event aimed at foreign residents of Nagasaki where they could make their own original New Year's cards, with the help of the origami artist Ms. Miyamoto Mariko, to experience a bit of Japanese culture. We had 12 participants from countries all over the world including China, Hong Kong, Costa Rica, Iran, Vietnam, and Zambia who used origami and calligraphy pens to make their cards.

Among our participants were people who had never even held a calligraphy brush before, so we started slowly by practicing how to write あけましておめでとう (*akemashite omedetou* – Happy New Year) and 戌 (*inu* – dog, which is this year's animal). They then followed the instructions of Ms. Miyamoto, and helped each other along the way, to make origami Mt. Fujis, cranes, and dogs and attached them to their cards. Through this event our participants were able to become friends and I hope this enriches their life here in Nagasaki!



A Word from a Volunteer about to Return Home

Hello, I'm Seki Bun from China. I came to Nagasaki in April of 2015 and I'm now a 4th year student at Kwassui Women's University. Nagasaki is a place with a lot of hills and stairs, but the views are so great. After my short study abroad, I applied to be a full student here. Before I became a volunteer for the NIA, I used to come to many of the events put on here with my friends. I became a volunteer through an introduction from a friend. Through my volunteer activities I was able to learn many things about Japan including how to perform a job here. It was a fun and wonderful experience to be taught by the kind people who volunteered at the same time I did. I'm about to graduate and after that I'll be returning to my country. I'm so glad that I was a volunteer and that I was able to make so many friends while I was here.



Announcement from the NIA

We are currently accepting applications to become volunteers. We offer trial periods so you don't have to commit right away. If you're interested in international exchange or international cooperation we encourage you to come be a part of our team!

※ Hours are from 1pm to 4pm (3 hours)

※ We currently have slots for expats on Mondays, Thursdays, and Fridays.

What do volunteers do?

Make tea for guests, clean the exchange floor, keep periodicals organized, and help out with other small office duties. Volunteers work in pairs (1 Japanese, 1 expat).





We have helpful guidebooks available for free!



The Nagasaki International Association created and now provides free-of-charge guidebooks aimed at assisting the expatriate community in Nagasaki. We've listed the guidebooks below with simple explanations. All of them are available for free at the Nagasaki International Association and are downloadable from our website.

A Guidebook for Living in Nagasaki Prefecture

You can find all the basic information you will need to live in Nagasaki Prefecture in this guide. It will teach you about residency matters, what you can do at your city or town hall, Japanese traffic laws, how to sort your rubbish, and other rules and manners that are followed in Nagasaki and Japan generally. This is an indispensable book for the start of your new life in Nagasaki!

This guidebook is available in Japanese, English, Chinese, and Korean

URL : <http://www.nia.or.jp/record/files/medias/07link/seikatugaido.pdf>



Guide for Using Medical Institutions

This guide was made to assist expatriates when they visit the hospital. This guide includes lists of things you need when going to the hospital, types of hospitals, as well as illustrations of body parts and lists of symptoms to assist in explaining what's wrong. It also includes a medical questionnaire that should be filled out prior to visiting the hospital in order to make communication as smooth as possible. This guide is slim and compact, so it's easy to carry with you in the event of an emergency.

This guide is available in Japanese, English, Chinese, and Korean.

URL : <http://www.nia.or.jp/record/files/medias/iryouguid.pdf>

Things You Need to Know Before Disaster Strikes!!

From June to October every year, Nagasaki is struck with multiple typhoons, and with those come flooding. Furthermore, Japan is considered a country of earthquakes, and the one that occurred in Kumamoto last April shook Nagasaki with level 5 tremors on the seismic intensity scale. This guidebook tells you how to prepare for natural disasters and how to respond to them. Don't wait for a disaster to strike before thinking to prepare! Take this guide and start preparing today!

This guide is available in Japanese, English, Chinese, and Korean.

URL : <http://www.nia.or.jp/record/files/medias/07link/saigai.pdf>



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