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## Introduction to the Nagasaki International Association

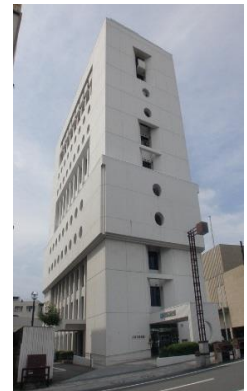
Do you know about the Nagasaki International Association?

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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## 《Exchange Floor Event Information》

### ★Talk with a Coordinator for International Relations (CIR)! (Every Wednesday 4pm-5pm)

How about a fun conversation with a Coordinator

for International Relations from America, China, or South Korea?

Everyone is welcome to join us, so please stop by ♪

Come and have a fun chat in English, Chinese, or Korean!

We hope lots of people join us for conversation!

✿ For the weekly assignment schedule, please check our website, Facebook page, or give us a call.

✿ Please understand that CIR assignments are subject to sudden change. Thank you for understanding.

### ★Chatting in Japanese - Azalea (Every Thursday starting at 1:30pm)

This is for non-Japanese Nagasaki residents to enjoy casual conversation in Japanese!

If you're studying Japanese or just want to speak it, please join us!!

✿ Because this is a free event, the number and nationality of participants will vary weekly.

### ★Japanese Class from the Nihongo Network in Nagasaki

We hold a Japanese class for foreign residents of Nagasaki.

If you'd like to learn Japanese, please contact us via the information below!!

We hold our classes on the 2nd Floor of the Old Seminary in Dejima (6-1 Dejima-machi, Nagasaki)

✿ Contact: 095-821-6454





## Introducing the New Nagasaki Prefecture Coordinator for International Relations (CIR)!

### Q1: What's your name?

My name is 魏 佳寧. Please call me Wei Jianing.

### Q2: Where are you from?

My hometown is Qiqihar in the northern part of China and it's the second biggest city in Heilongjiang Province. It's also near the city of Harbin. The population is very high, and the winters are very cold. Agriculture is quite developed and the fruits and vegetables there are much tastier than the ones you can get in a city. It's also a base of Northeastern Chinese food, so when I go home during summer break there are many restaurants I look forward to visiting. I have to really watch out to not gain weight!

My hometown is Qiqihar, but I work in Shanghai at the Shanghai Ocean University as a Japanese teacher. I've lived in Shanghai for 16 years but there are still many things I don't know about it. The one thing I can say is that even though the culture of daily life is quite different between the two places, the food in either place is delicious. If you get the chance, please visit both! Come and learn about the differences between China's northern and southern regions.

### Q3: Why did you come to Japan?

I applied to the JET Programme because I wanted to live in Japan and I felt that experiencing the language and culture firsthand in Japan would make me a better Japanese teacher. Being invited to work in Nagasaki was an unforeseen stroke of fortune. Nagasaki has many special characteristics to set it apart from other cities and I feel like this is a chance for me to see Japanese Culture from a different perspective. I will do my best to make my year here as meaningful as possible.

### Q4: Tell us something else about you!

I'm a fan of mystery novels and dramas. I also like to travel. Soon after I arrived here I made a trip around the prefecture and even got to visit the Bio Park. If there are other good places to see, please let me know!

## We asked some questions of our American and South Korean CIRs!

### Questions for Will and Song!



### Q1 : Where are you from?

**Song:** I'm from Busan in South Korea. I fell in love with Nagasaki's scenery at first sight since it reminded me so much of home with its port and plentiful hills. Busan is a base of gourmet, shopping, and leisure tourism, and I especially recommend the night view from Diamond Bridge and the gourmet food stalls in the international market.

**Will:** I'm from America, specifically from the backwoods of Virginia.

### Q2 : Tell us something interesting about Nagasaki!

**Song:** Nagasaki has so many delicious restaurants that when my friends from home come to visit I can't decide where to take them! Also, the Korean word for a European magpie is *kachi* and in Nagasaki they're called *kachi-karasu* and the word for "friend" here is *chingu* which is the same in Korean! It's so interesting to discover these kinds of vestiges of our long connection.

**Will:** All of you NAPIA readers out there, did you know that foreigners can get married in Nagasaki City Hall and that marriage will be effective even in your home country? That means that not only Japanese marrying foreigners, but foreigners marrying each other can get an "international marriage" done here. I got one of those "international marriages" in May.

There are many international exchange activities put on by groups in the cities and towns of Nagasaki Prefecture. Here we introduce one from Iki City!

## **What We Can Learn About Multiculturalism and International Exchange From The History and Culture of Japanese People in Hawaii**

To bring about a greater awareness of international exchange and multiculturalism, Matthew Sueda has been working in Iki City as a Coordinator for International Relations since last August. He is a fourth-generation Japanese from Hawaii and he has helped begin two international exchange projects: “Matthew’s Café” and “CIR Lectures”. These projects have received praise from all kinds of people, from elementary school age to the elderly.

First, “Matthew’s Café” is an international exchange event held once a month. The theme changes every month. So far, it’s been held five times, so allow me to tell you about just two of them.

The first was when Matthew with two guests, one Chinese and one South Korean, talked about “Iki from the point of view of a foreigner.”

It was an informal discussion with all three of these foreign born and raised individuals answering questions like

“What was your first impression of Iki?”

“Where is your favorite place on Iki?”

“What is your favorite word in the local dialect?” “What would you like Japanese people to understand better?” and more. Their perspectives were fresh and unique and they provided a meaningful opportunity for the audience to learn new charming things about Japan and our region.

The second event was called

“Let’s Make Traditional Hawaiian Food!”

All the participants put on aprons and made Poke-don, coconut-tapioca sweets, and mango dressing.

Participants were enraptured by the novelty of cooking with tapioca and mango.

Everything was very simple to make

and at the end we tried it all and it was delicious.

There are plans to invite other foreign people and bring more events like this to our locals to give them the opportunity to learn about the culture and good points of other countries.

The “CIR Lectures” he gives are done at elementary, junior-high, and high schools, public halls, and women’s associations. They take many forms including talks on Hawaiian history, culture, and customs as well as multicultural society, and simple English conversation classes.

He also provides local people with thinking opportunities with themes like “What would an ideal multicultural world look like?” and through discussions about his own roots and the culture of immigration in Hawaii, which makes excellent use of his background as a descendant of Japanese immigrants.

Iki is an isolated island, but even here we can feel the waves of globalism on our shores.

I hope that through the activities of Coordinators for International Relations that local residents’ understanding of international exchange will be heightened and that an even better multicultural society will continue to spread.



Here at the NIA, we support international exchange and cooperation in the prefecture. If you are interested in advertising for your group’s international efforts here in the NAPIA or on our Facebook page, please reach out to us!



**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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