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About the Nagasaki International Association

Have you heard of the Nagasaki International Association?

We are a bridge between Nagasaki and many different countries across the world.

We also offer lots of information about international exchange and life in Nagasaki.

We are open from Monday to Friday, between 9:00am and 5:30pm. (excluding Saturdays, Sundays, and Public Holidays)

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Applications are now open for the "11th Annual Japanese Speech Contest for Non-Native Speakers!"

Residents of Nagasaki from foreign countries! Why not have a go at expressing your thoughts on Japan OR Peace OR International Exchange from the perspective of a foreign person, using the Japanese you've learned? At the 10th annual contest held last June, there were a total of 12 students and others from China, America, Australia and Singapore. They spoke passionately about topics such as what they had noticed while living in Japan and the connection between Nagasaki and their home country.

1st Prize is ¥50,000, 2nd Prize is ¥30,000, and there will be other prizes and participation prizes as well. Why not try giving a speech? It's sure to be a memorable part of your time in Japan.

We're looking forward to seeing applications from non-students too, including professionals and mothers taking care of children full-time. Let's make this a great speech contest together!

- Deadline: Application materials must arrive by Tuesday, May 7th, 2019
- Time & Date: Saturday, June 15th, 2019 1:00PM – 4:00PM
- Location: Lounge (B2F), Nagasaki National Peace Memorial Hall for the Atomic Bomb Victims (7-8 Hirano-machi, Nagasaki City)



During January 2019, we held two events to promote "International Co-operation". We had lots of people participate in "International Co-operation" by purchasing fair trade goods, as well as calendars and diaries! Thank you very much to everyone who took part!

"Fair Trade Market 2019 ~Make a Purchase and Support International Co-operation~" Sat, Jan 19th 2019

This year we held our 6th fair trade market, and we had the pleasure of welcoming both people who did and did not know the meaning of the words "fair trade". There were booths from four organizations this year, with handicrafts from developing countries and delicious bread and muffins made with fair trade products on sale, and tea tasting on offer.

Also, JICA's Nagasaki Desk ran a workshop about "The Truth Behind Delicious Chocolate". Attended by junior high school students and adults alike, it was a very meaningful workshop and everyone had a great time learning about fair trade. Some participants even purchased fair trade chocolate at the end of the workshop.

No. of Participants: 201 people

What is Fair Trade?

"Fair Trade" is fair trading that aims to improve the living and working conditions of producers and laborers in developing nations and work towards their independence.

By selecting fair trade products in our daily lives, we can provide continuous support for these goals.



"Calendar Market 2019 ~You too can participate in International Co-operation~" Sat, Jan 19th to Sun, 20th 2019

This year marked our 13th Calendar Market, and it was a very successful and well-attended event. We had a large number of inquiries starting almost a month before the event, and on the first day we even had a line of people waiting for it to begin!

No. of Attendees: 248 people

Total Sales: ¥182,050



A message from Shunsuke Tokumoto from Students International NGO BOAT, the organizer of the event.

Students International NGO BOAT was founded after the Cambodia disaster relief efforts in 2004. We provide support for areas affected by disasters and for developing countries. At this "Calendar Market" we contribute to international co-operation by selling calendars and diaries that have been donated by various companies and organizations at a low price. The revenue from this year's event will be donated to the Shanti Volunteer Association's "Promoting Reading Through Picture Books Project" in Laos.

This project creates educational materials (picture books) to support teachers, and aims to improve their teaching skills by allowing them to use these materials effectively.

The Students International NGO BOAT will also be visiting Laos, where the proceeds of this year's market will be donated to, and see and participate in the relief activities carried out by the Shanti Volunteer Association. We hope to make use of this experience as an international volunteer group going forward.

We would like to sincerely thank all the companies and organizations that supported us this year, and we hope that we can count on everyone's continued support going forward.

We held Japanese Cultural Experience Workshops to allow people to experience Japanese Culture! ♪

1. "Let's put on a kimono and go out!"

~Tea ceremony at Shindenan & a Stroll near the Spectacles Bridge~ Fri, Nov 23rd 2018

Ten international students from China, Iran, Korea and Vietnam chose a kimono to wear and enjoyed tea and sweets in the *azumaya* (gazebo) at Shindenan, a Nagasaki City historical site. After learning how to drink tea from the staff of Shindenan, they viewed Japanese-style houses with thatched roofs and enjoyed the autumn leaves. They also strolled near the Spectacles Bridge (*Meganebashi*), the first arch-style stone bridge in Japan, and finally visited the Captain's room at Dejima. It was a fantastic opportunity for the participants to experience the Japanese culture that is part of Nagasaki's history.



2. Let's make origami together! ~Handmade Origami Accessories~ Sun, December 16th, 2018

With origami artist Ms. Mariko Miyamoto as instructor, a total of 17 people from China, Costa Rica, Egypt, India, South Africa, Spain, and Sri Lanka made origami "cat" and "floret" brooches, as well as "Celebratory Paper Cranes". We also had seven Japanese participants at this event. Everyone worked together as they made the brooches, helping each other and following the teacher's instructions. We hope that this event was an opportunity for international exchange between the participants and that it will help make their lives in Nagasaki richer.



A New Year's Homestay Experience

Hello everyone. My name is Ji Xing. I have been a trainee at the University of Nagasaki's Siebold Campus since last April. Prior to that, I worked at the Chinese People's Association for Friendship with Foreign Countries. The training I'm currently completing has finally given me the chance to study abroad in Japan, which I'd long hoped to do.



Also, from Sun, December 30th to Thu, January 3rd, I visited the home of a wonderful couple in Unzen City and I experienced my very first New Year's in Japan. On the first day, I visited the wife's parent's home, where three generations, from grandparents to grandchildren, live together. Everyone got together to make *mochi* rice cakes as they do every year, and then we ate *ozoni* soup together. The grandchildren who lived at the house taught me a lot about New Year's traditions in Japan. On New Year's Eve, I welcomed the New Year by watching the *Kōhaku Uta Gassen* song contest on TV while under a warm *kotatsu* heated table. On New Year's Day, we did *hatsumode*, the first visit to a shrine or temple for the year, and ate *osechi* dishes. When I asked the couple why they have continued to accept homestay guests for so many years, they replied, "To create a lasting friendship that continues from generation to generation, we want people from around the world to understand Japan and Japanese culture. Although we can only do so much by ourselves, if we continue there is sure to be something that changes or someone that it has an impact on. "I could also see that they treasured the letters and photos received from their overseas homestay guests as they showed them to me. I am truly glad that I applied to participate in a homestay and was able to have such a wonderful time with a lovely couple and their family.

~We are looking for homestay participants~



The NIA is looking for people who want to participate in a homestay and experience Japanese culture and life in Japan! ♪If you're a resident of Nagasaki from a foreign country, why not experience Japanese culture and traditions, and life in Japan?

For more details, please read the "Host Family Volunteering" section of the "What We Do" page of our website, or please contact the NIA directly.※Please note that there are conditions to applying to be a homestay participant.

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We've added Vietnamese to our three helpful guidebooks!



The Nagasaki International Association creates and provides free guidebooks for people from foreign countries living in Nagasaki Prefecture. We hope you find them useful! Furthermore, all the guidebooks are available to download 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, Korean, and Vietnamese.



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, Korean and Vietnamese.



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 in April 2016 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, Korean and Vietnamese.



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