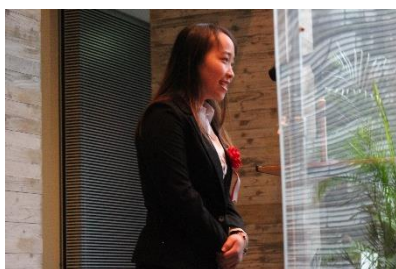


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The 13th annual Japanese speech contest for non-native speakers, was held!

On Saturday, November 6, 2021, we had “The 13th annual Japanese speech contest for non-native speakers” at Nagasaki National Peace Memorial Hall for the Atomic Bomb Victims. Seven people from four countries living in Nagasaki Prefecture participated in the contest and made impressive speeches. You can watch the video of the speeches by the prize winners on the website of Nagasaki International Association, so please check it out.

Scan the QR code to watch the video!



【Grand Prize】 Ms. Le Thi Anh
Nationality: Vietnam
Title: “Meaning of Sumimasen”
Affiliation: Francois Co., Ltd.



【The Second Prize/Hall Director's Award】
Ms. Karunanayaka Mudiyanseelage Nadeeka Manel
Karunanayaka
Nationality: Sri Lanka
Title: “Japanese power to overcome difficulties”
Affiliation: Nagasaki Junior College



【The Third Prize】 Ms. Nguyen Thi Thanh Thuy
Nationality: Vietnam
Title: “What color is life in Japan?”
Affiliation: Chinzei Gakuin University



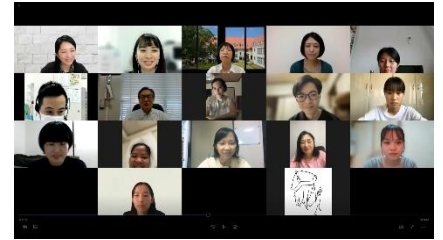
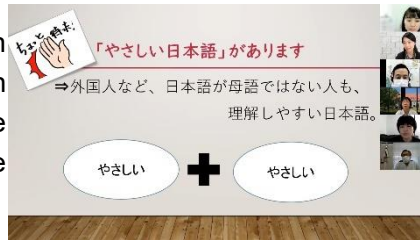
【Future Award】 Mr. Dhami Lokendra
Nationality: Nepal
Title: “Japan as seen by foreigners”
Affiliation: Chinzei Gakuin University



We had the 23rd Nagasaki International Festival!

This year, we only introduced the international cooperation and exchange groups in this prefecture with videos and photos and had small-scale events and courses. However, we were able to have the festival for the first time in two years.

At the “Easy Japanese Course” on Saturday, October 16, the participants, with a kind and thoughtful mind, had the experience of speaking simple Japanese that is easy for foreigners to understand.



At the “Korean Braid Experience Course”, “Putting on Sari Experience Course”, and “Vietnamese Coffee Experience Course” on Sunday, October 17, participants enjoyed learning about the culture of those countries through braid, sari, and Vietnamese coffee.



Making bookmarks with Korean braid!



Experiencing putting on Sari under the guidance of a Nepalese couple.



Experiencing how to brew Vietnamese coffee using “phin”!



We had a fair-trade market at the entrance hall of Nagasaki Prefectural Government office on Wednesday, October 20, 2021. We sold coffee, sweets, and handicrafts etc. that were made from fair-trade products.

On Saturday, October 30, “Walking in Dejima wearing a kimono! ~Tea Ceremony Experience & Nagasaki Kenban* Dance Viewing~” was held at Dejima in Nagasaki City. Sixteen international students and technical intern trainees from such as China and Vietnam participated.

*Kenban: A management office for Geisha ladies who are trained in the art of dancing and singing.



Walking in Dejima



Kimono looks great on you!



Experiencing Japanese music instruments and *Soran-bushi* dance!



From the World to Nagasaki

~Introducing a Foreign Resident in Nagasaki~



**From Germany
Danny Fester**

Hello everyone! My name is Danny, and I'm from the Ruhr area in Germany. My wife is from Nagasaki, and when she became pregnant in 2018 we moved from Tokyo to Nagasaki to raise our child in her hometown. Starting last year I'm a freelance web developer. My dream is to help businesses from Nagasaki to grow by building their online presences. It's December already, which means it is Christmas time, so I want to tell you how Germans celebrate Christmas! Christmas is a very important holiday in Germany, so there are a lot of things you can look forward to.

Halloween is not really celebrated in Germany, so Christmas preparations start as early as the end of summer. In September, supermarkets start having Christmas exclusive sweets such as almond cookies called *Spekulatius* and chocolate gingerbread cake called *Lebkuchen* on their shelves. When November comes around, many supermarkets and radio stations slowly start playing more and more Christmas songs.

The main event starts with the beginning of the Advent season on the Sunday 4 weeks before Christmas. Families decorate their home with a traditional Advent wreath which has 4 candles. Every week an additional candle is lit while singing an additional verse of the advent song, until the last Sunday before Christmas when all 4 candles get lit and all 4 verses of the song get sung. A Christmas tree will also be decorated. Traditionally this Christmas tree is a real fir tree, but recently the number of artificial trees has also increased.

You can also enjoy a festival called Christmas Market. At Christmas markets you can enjoy beautiful illumination and try various foods and drinks. During the cold German winter adults especially enjoy a *Glühwein*, a hot wine punch. For children there are many booths that sell candy or toys, and there are merry-go-rounds and many other things to enjoy. The city Dortmund in the Ruhr area boasts the tallest artificial Christmas tree in the world, in Bochum you can enjoy strolling around a middle-ages-styled market, and every town has their own style of Christmas market, which makes them fun to explore.

When December starts, Children start a countdown to Christmas in the form of an advent calendar. Every day from December 1st to 24th, one door on the calendar can be opened, and you can enjoy chocolate, or other various sweets and maybe even small toys. Impatient children tend to eat the contents of their calendar on the first day, though.

Christmas in Germany is a 3 day long celebration starting with Christmas Eve on December 24. Other than America, Christmas Eve is the main event for many families. Families bake cookies together, sing Christmas carols, and trade presents on Christmas Eve. My family often enjoys a *Raclette* meal together.

December 25 is another day you spend with your family, while the 26 is a day you spend relaxing or with friends.

If you plan on visiting Germany, I highly recommend going while it's Christmas time!



Homemade cookies



Christmas market



Advent calendar

- Announcement from NIA -

We are looking for business support volunteers!

★If you are interested, please call 095-823-3931 or email us.

- **Volunteer days**: Every Thursday from 13:00 to 16:00 (closed on holidays).
- **The number to be recruited**: One person
- **Requirements for applying**: Those who can volunteer for more than one year.
- **Place of activity**: Nagasaki International Association
Dejima Koryu Kaikan 1F, 2-11 Dejimamachi, Nagasaki City (next to Nagasaki Prefectural Art Museum)
- **Transportation fee**: 1,000 yen per attendance
- **Others**: Volunteering together with Japanese people.
- **Job description**: Accepting visitors. Copying newspapers. Cleaning up posters and leaflets in the office.
Keeping pamphlets on file. Also, helping easy work.



- Announcement from Nagasaki City International Affairs Division -

Beginner's Japanese Language Course for Foreign Residents

- **Date and time**: Every Tuesday (night) 18:10 - 19:40 (Until Tuesday, March 29, 2022)
Every Wednesday (daytime) 13:30 - 15:00 (Until Wednesday, March 30, 2022)
Every Thursday (night) 18:10 - 19:40 (Until Thursday, March 24, 2022)
*Excluding year-end and New Year holidays and national holidays.
- **Place**: "Chikyu-Shimin Hiroba", Nagasaki Brick Hall 2F, 2-38 Mori-machi, Nagasaki City
- **Contents**: Foreign residents living in Nagasaki City, or foreign residents who work or go to school in Nagasaki City can study Japanese for free. Citizen Volunteers teach you Japanese used in your daily life. However, a textbook fee is required. It is 2,970 yen.
- **Inquiries/Applications**: International Affairs Division of Nagasaki City Hall, 2-22 Sakura-machi, Nagasaki City, 850-8685
TEL: 095-829-1113 / FAX: 095-828-8929 / E-mail: kokusai@city.nagasaki.lg.jp
The courses may be changed or canceled due to the spread of COVID-19.
Please visit the Nagasaki City website for details.



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We are open from Mon.-Fri. except public holidays. 9:00-17:30

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