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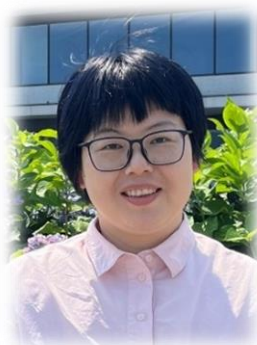
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Introducing the Coordinator for International Relations (CIR) who began their post in Nagasaki in May 2023!



Hi everyone, nice to meet you! I am Ying Wang (王盈) and I began my post in the end of May. The Chinese character “盈” is not seen much, but it also exists as a Japanese kanji character. If you type “michiru”, then you can generate this character.

Q1: Where is your hometown?

My hometown is Shanghai, China. Shanghai and Nagasaki are sister-cities, and when there is a direct flight available, it only takes an hour to get to Shanghai from Nagasaki. Just like Nagasaki, Shanghai is a city that was built on international trade and exchanges, and you can enjoy delicious cuisines from all around the world. There is also a Disneyland in Shanghai, which is closer to Nagasaki than the Disneyland in Tokyo.

There are also quite a few skyscrapers as well as some old streets here and there. Yuen Garden (a classical Chinese garden) located in the middle of the city is famous as a tourist spot for enjoying the downtown atmosphere. Every year during Chinese New Year, a lantern festival is held here. Please come visit Shanghai!

Q2: Why Japan?

Around 2018, I lived in Tokyo for a year. During that time, I quickly travelled through Japan from Wakkanai to Kagoshima by myself. In Japan, I have only lived in big cities, so as I travelled into more regional areas, I noticed more and more the differences between big cities and regional areas. At a certain station, when I got off the train, a local that got off the train at the same station as me said “welcome” to me with a smile. Again, when I was unable to return home due to a typhoon, the owner of the hotel I stayed at treated me to lunch and looked after me, even though I had already checked out. I was amazed by the kindness of the locals. I applied to the JET program because I believe that in order to get a deep understanding of Japan, it is necessary to live in a regional area.

Q3: What are your hobbies?

My hobbies are swimming and badminton. I'm not very good at badminton, but I'm obsessed with it! If you like badminton, please play with me!

Q4: Please share some words for the citizens of Nagasaki Prefecture!

It was 16 years ago when I first came to Nagasaki. At that time, people greeted me with a bright smile and left a deep impression on me. I hope that Nagasaki will forever remain a place where people can always be greeted with a bright smile.

“Let's talk with a CIR!” is currently being held!

Would you like to have a fun chat with CIR Ying Wang from China, CIR Daun Choi from Korea, or CIR Marguerite Fischer from Australia? Participation is free, and no reservations are necessary. Please feel free to come meet the CIRs!

● Date: Wednesdays (4pm to 5pm)

※the CIR (and country) will vary depending on the week

● Venue: Nagasaki International Association (Level 1, Dejima Koryu Kaikan)

※For the detailed schedule, please check the Nagasaki International Association website.





There are various organizations within Nagasaki Prefecture which engage in international exchange and cooperation. For this issue, Ms. Tomoko Aoyagi, representative of Nagasaki “International Exchange School” and Director of “Chikyukan”, who has been running the Higashiyamate “Chikyukan” since October 2022 spoke to us about herself and about the present and future of Higashiyamate “Chikyukan”. If you are a foreigner living in Nagasaki Prefecture, please stop by for a visit!

Higashiyamate “Chikyukan” is located in a cluster of western-style houses in Higashiyamate. In October last year, I took over from Mr. Ushijima in running Higashiyamate “Chikyukan”, which has been loved by many people since 1997 as a center for international exchange, and I am currently running it as the director. I was actually born in 1997, the same year that Chikyukan was founded. It was around a year ago that I took over running Chikyukan, and up until then, I had no knowledge about the activities of Chikyukan and had little experience in international exchange. Therefore, I find myself surprised and grateful that I have been given this great challenge of continuing this cultural history which has been carefully nurtured. Chikyukan was reopened last year in December. As a “new hub for international exchange, community and tourism”, we aim to create a hub that is easy to access not only for the students of Nagasaki “International Exchange School”, the citizens’ organization that operates Chikyukan, but also for residents of Nagasaki Prefecture, international students and tourists (including foreigners).



Higashiyamate “Chikyukan”



With friends from Chikyukan!
(Ms. Aoyagi is in the front right of the photo)



World Foods Restaurant at the 26th Anniversary Event

Higashiyamate “Chikyukan” celebrated its 26th anniversary this year in May. The anniversary event featured a World Foods Restaurant, a talk event about the history of Chikyukan, a chat room with foreigners, an ethnic costume experience, an exhibition introducing the activities of Chikyukan, and a friendly market, attracting nearly 150 visitors over two days. Thanks to the great support of former director Mr. Ushijima and former manager Ms. Takanashi, as well Mrs. Shirani of Sri Lanka, who has supported Chikyukan until now and prepares the Sri Lankan cuisine, and the international students who support the activities of Chikyukan, I strongly feel the power of Chikyukan in bringing people together.

Currently we are continuing activities such as English conversation class and contract bridge (a type of card game), and hold cultural events such as World Foods and concerts once a month. Coming from zero prior international exchange experience myself, at first I expanded my opportunities for exchange by sharing the joys of each season with my foreigner friends. My English level is poor, and I am still learning, but recently we all went to Iojima together on Marine Day. To expand upon this, it would bring me great joy if Chikyukan can become a place where anyone can experience international cultural exchange without having to study abroad (and a place that directly connects Nagasaki with the rest of the world), and a fun place for foreigners to enjoy Nagasaki life.



Photo from Iojima on Marine Day

Nagasaki “International Exchange School” / Higashiyamate “Chikyukan”

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Event Announcement

🍷 “The 25th Nagasaki International Association Festival” will be held!

There will be many fun events which are unique to the Festival!

Everyone, please come join in the fun!

◀Date and time▶ 11:00am to 4:00pm (Sunday) 29th October 2023

◀Venue▶ Nagasaki Prefectural Government Office (3-1 Onoue-machi, Nagasaki City)

◀Exhibiting organizations▶ 31 international cooperation and exchange organizations within Nagasaki Prefecture

◀Contents▶ exhibition of activities of international cooperation and exchange organizations, flea markets, sale of fair trade goods and overseas handcrafted goods, experience of Japanese and foreign cultures (e.g. trying on traditional clothing, tea ceremony experience, etc.), sale of foreign food, quiz for present, etc.

※We would like to recruit volunteers to help out on the day of the festival. The recruitment notice will be posted on the Nagasaki International Association website and Facebook page, so if you are interested, please check it out!



🍷 Recruitment of audience members for “The 15th ~Let’s Talk in Nagasaki~ Speech Contest for Foreigners”!

Foreign residents of Nagasaki Prefecture will give a speech in Japanese on the topic of “Japan, peace and international exchange from the perspective of a foreigner”. No application is required to attend, and admission is free, so anyone is able to listen to the speeches! We look forward to your attendance!

◀Date and time▶ 1:30pm to 4:00pm (Saturday) 14th October 2023

◀Location▶ Lounge B2F, Nagasaki National Peace Memorial Hall for the Atomic Bomb Victims (7-8 Hirano-machi, Nagasaki City)

◀Hosted by▶ Organizing Committee for the Japanese Speech Contest
Nagasaki Foundation for the Promotion of Peace / Nagasaki International Association

◀Co-sponsored by▶ Nagasaki Chamber of Commerce and Industry

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🍷 “Gallery Talk for Foreigners” (Hosted by the Nagasaki Museum of History and Culture)

Staff members will provide explanations about each theme while guiding guests through each room.

There are days for explanations in “easy Japanese”, and days for explanations in English. Bookings are essential.

◀Theme▶ Festivals in Nagasaki: In Nagasaki, there are festivals in Spring, Summer, Autumn and Winter. We will talk about what kind of festivals are held in Nagasaki.

● Easy Japanese: 3:00pm to 4:00pm (Saturday) 23rd September 2023

September reservations

● English: 3:00pm to 4:00pm (Sunday) 24th September 2023



◀Theme▶ Nagasaki and Siebold: Siebold came to Nagasaki aboard a Dutch ship during the Edo period (around 400 years ago). Siebold introduced new Western medicine to Nagasaki. We will talk about Siebold in detail.

● English: 1:30pm to 2:30pm (Sunday) 22nd October 2023

October reservations

● Easy Japanese: 2:30pm to 3:30pm (Sunday) 22nd October 2023



◀Location▶ Nagasaki Museum of History and Culture (1-1-1 Tateyama Nagasaki City)

◀Who can attend▶ Foreigners living in Nagasaki Prefecture, people with a foreign background

◀Capacity▶ Up to 15 people each day (first 15 people to make a booking)

◀Admission Fee▶ Those attending this event must pay the admission fee

*Adults 500 yen / Senior high school students 250 yen / International students, elementary school students and junior high school students living in Nagasaki Prefecture have free admission

*International students must show their student identification card.

◀Other▶ Japanese citizens accompanying foreigners residing in Nagasaki Prefecture are also welcome to attend.

Please use the QR code above to make a booking.

◀Contact▶ Nagasaki Museum of History and Culture Attention: Ms. Sueyoshi (TEL : 095-818-8389)

What kind of consultation center is the Nagasaki Prefecture Consultation Centre for Foreign People?

We provide consultation services in 22 languages so that foreigners living in Nagasaki Prefecture can live comfortably and safely. You can consult with us by phone, email, or in person about any problems regarding residence status, work, medical care, welfare, lifestyle, etc. Consultations are free of charge.

Consultation methods

- Consultation in person / Within the Nagasaki International Association (Dejima Koryu Kaikan 1st Floor, 2-11, Dejima-machi, Nagasaki City)
- Consultation by phone / 095-820-3377
- Consultation by e-mail / soudan@nia.or.jp



Consultation hours Monday to Saturday (9:00am to 5:00pm)

*Closed on Sundays, public holidays, and from December 29th to January 3rd

**The helpful guidebooks are available
in English, Chinese, Korean and Vietnamese for free!**

Please tell your friends
about these guidebooks!

The Nagasaki International Association creates and provides free guidebooks for foreign people 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 Japan. This is an indispensable book for the living safely and comfortably in Nagasaki!

URL: <https://www.nia.or.jp/files/medias/to-foreigners/seikatu2019-syusei2022.5.pdf>



“Guide for Using Medical Institutions”

This guide was made to assist foreign people when they visit the hospital so that they can feel less anxious. 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.

URL: <https://www.nia.or.jp/files/medias/to-foreigners/2019hospital.pdf>



“Things You Need to Know Before Disaster Strikes!!”

Japan is often said to have more natural disasters than foreign countries. It's impossible to say when an earthquake, typhoon, or flood will occur. 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!

URL: <https://www.nia.or.jp/files/medias/to-foreigners/saigai2019.pdf>



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