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Japanese Culture Experience Class

**"Making Kanzashi from Kimono Fabric!"**

**Kanzashi**



Kanzashi is a traditional Japanese ornamental hairpin that is placed in the hair as an ornament and is also used to tie up hair. It was very popular in the Edo period.



Nine residents of Nagasaki Prefecture attended this class which was taught by Ms. Akimi Morizuka. Ms. Morizuka taught the participants that the fabrics used for making kimono are made from materials that are suitable for that season and that each color and pattern used represents a certain wish. Participants chose the color and pattern of the kimono fabric of their wish to make a one-of-a-kind kanzashi.



**Participants  
Wanted!**

**The 16th  
Japanese Speech Contest for Non-Native Speakers**

<b>Date and time</b>	1:30pm to 4:00pm (Saturday) 19th October 2024
<b>Location</b>	Lounge B2F, Nagasaki National Peace Memorial Hall for the Atomic Bomb Victims (7-8 Hirano-machi, Nagasaki City)
<b>Organizers</b>	Organizing Committee for the Japanese Speech Contest Nagasaki Foundation for the Promotion of Peace / Nagasaki International Association
<b>Prizes</b>	1st Prize (¥50,000), 2nd Prize (¥30,000), 3rd Prize (¥20,000), Future Prize (¥10,000), and Participation Prizes (TBA)
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👉 Apply here

**Eligibility** Applicants must be residents of Nagasaki Prefecture of senior high school age or older and:

- ① Not be a native speaker of Japanese
- ② Not have received elementary or junior high school education in Japan
- ③ Not have a total period of residence in Japan of more than 5 years
- ④ Not have previously received 1st Prize in this contest

**[Application Deadline]  
(Monday) 26th  
August 2024**

## Introducing the Coordinator for International Relations (CIR) who began their post in Nagasaki in April 2024!



Nice to meet you. I am Sangha Lee from Korea. Please call me "Sangha"!

### Q1: Where is your hometown?

I was born on an island called Geoje and began living in Busan when I was in high school. Both Geoje and Busan are located on the Southeastern end of Korea and are very close to Nagasaki.

Geoje is the second largest island in Korea, and there are many places where you can enjoy nature, such as Heugeumgang Islets and Oedo. Busan is the second largest city in Korea, after Seoul. Not only can you enjoy delicious foods such as dwaeji gukpa (pork broth with rice) and milmyeon (wheat noodles dish), you can also enjoy various cultures such as movies and sports. Please come visit!

### Q2: Why did you come to Japan? What do you want to do in Nagasaki?

My interest in Japan all began because of content such as anime. I wasn't good at public speaking to begin with, but through entering Japanese speech contests and volunteering as a Japanese interpreter, I was able to have new experiences and meet many people. I applied for the CIR position because I wanted a job that utilizes my past experiences and my interest in Japan.

I would like to contribute to the exchange between Nagasaki and Korea, including the friendship city of Busan. I would also like to visit all the various places in Nagasaki, and learn to speak the Nagasaki dialect.

### Q3: What are your hobbies and how do you like to spend your free time?

While lounging around at home, I like to read, listen to, watch or write something... basically I enjoy consuming content.

Recently I've gotten into Korean idols, and enjoy listening to the songs and watching fancams (live performances), so the ratio of "listening" and "watching" is high.

### Q4: Please give a message to the residents of Nagasaki Prefecture!

I look forward to getting to know all the charms of Nagasaki, one by one, and getting involved in the exchange between our two countries.

Although I am a novice, I will do my best to make steady progress. I look forward to your kind cooperation.



Please regard me favourably. I am Ko Li.

### Q1: Where is your hometown?

My hometown is Neijiang City in the Southeastern part of Sichuan Province, China. Neijiang City is located in the breadbasket region of Sichuan Province, and has long prospered from sugarcane cultivation and the sugar industry, which is why it is named "Sweet City". Although it is named Sweet City, the local residents enjoy spicy food. The local specialty, called "大千干烧鱼" (Daqian dry-braised fish), is carp fried to a golden brown and simmered in a sauce made from pickled peppers and bean paste.

### Q2: Why did you come to Japan? What do you want to do in Nagasaki?

My connection with Nagasaki goes back eight years. I majored in Japanese at Jilin University in China, and when I was in my third year, I was given the opportunity to study abroad for a short time at Nagasaki University of Foreign Studies, so I lived in Nagasaki for about six months. That's why I was glad when I heard that I would be dispatched to Nagasaki.

During my stay in Nagasaki, I want to experience the charms of Nagasaki Prefecture while deepening the mutual understanding between China and Japan at the grassroots level by speaking to the locals.

### Q3: What are your hobbies and how do you like to spend your free time?

My hobby is badminton. I play two or three times a week. I often travel on my days off. Earlier this year during Golden Week, I traveled to Fukuoka, Okinawa and Kumamoto in Kyushu. In the future, I would like to visit various places within Japan, and experience the customs of each region.

### Q4: Please give a message to the residents of Nagasaki Prefecture!

I will appear in the association's "Let's talk with a CIR!" once to twice a month. I look forward to using this opportunity to talk with you all in a casual setting.



## Beware of Typhoons (たいふう)

**In Japan, there are many typhoons between July and October.**

A typhoon is a tropical cyclone that develops over the tropical seas in the Southwestern North Pacific Ocean and can reach speeds of over 17m/s.

When typhoons approach, they cause storms and heavy rainfall, and can result in disasters such as landslides, flooding and inundation. Even after the typhoon has passed, there are still risks of secondary disasters.



## Find Out in Advance Where the Safe Locations Are!

**Collect a hazard map from your workplace or your local city office.**

You can find out where the “dangerous locations” and “evacuation centers” are in the event of a disaster such as a typhoon or earthquake. Check the areas around your home, school or workplace. It may be difficult to connect to the phone or internet during a disaster, so **decide with your family in advance where you will escape to**. At “evacuation centers”, you can temporarily stay the night and sleep there. Because there are a lot of people, there are various rules in place.

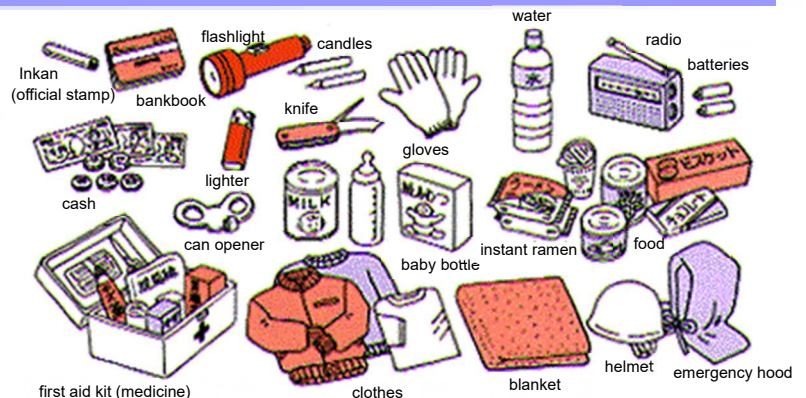
## When a Typhoon Approaches...

Move all objects from the balcony or outside to inside the house. Electricity and water may be cut off, so **prepare flashlights and water**. It is dangerous when glass breaks from strong winds, so make sure to **close all windows** and curtains, and stay away from the windows.

**Don't approach dangerous locations such as mountains, rivers and the sea.**

Pack a bag of items you want to take with you if you need to evacuate.

## What to Take with You When Evacuating (Fire and Disaster Management Agency, Ministry of Internal Affairs and Communication)



## Let's Find Out Information!

### ■ 「The Nagasaki Disaster Prevention Portal」 (Nagasaki Prefecture)

You can find out “evacuation information” and “disaster information” in real time in 4 different languages.



Nagasaki City	
Evacuation information	none
Shelter	---
Disaster prevention weather information	
	drying strong wind
Specified river flood forecast	
	No announcement
Landslide risk	
	No announcement
volcano	
	No announcement

Evacuation Information and Disaster and Weather Information for Each City and Town

You Can Also Find Out from the Map



### ■ 「KIKIKURU」 (Japan Meteorological Agency)

The forecast of disasters caused by heavy rainfall can be checked in 15 different languages. The map updates every 10 minutes with information on the risk of landslides, flooding and flood damage in increments of 1km.



### ■ 「Safety tips (App)」 (Official Japanese Government)

You can check “disaster information” in 14 different languages. By selecting the area in advance, you can receive alerts when warnings (e.g. earthquake early warnings, tsunami warnings and special warnings etc.) are released.



### Japanese Proverbs Related to Weather

「嵐の前の静けさ」  
Arashi no mae no shizukesa

The area becomes temporarily quiet before a storm hits, which is why they say “henji ga okoru mae no bukimina shizukesa” which means “the eerie silence before something bad happens”.



App Icon

For Android



For iPhone





# Information from NIA



## “Guidebook to Help Foreigners” is Available for Free!

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



### A Guidebook for Living in Nagasaki Prefecture

Information about living in Nagasaki, status of residence, procedures at city/town hall, and Japanese rules and manners.



### Guide for Using Medical Institutions

Important information for when you go to a medical institution (how to find a medical clinic or hospital, what to take and how to explain your illness).



### Things You Need to Know Before Disaster Strikes!

Before Disaster Strikes! A book to help you prepare (what to take to an evacuation center and what to do during a typhoon, earthquake, fire)



## Beginner Level Japanese Language Course for Foreign Residents in Nagasaki (Organizer : International Affairs Division of Nagasaki City)

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 will teach you Japanese you can use in your daily life.

couse	implementation period	time
Tuesday (evening)	May 2024 to November 2024	6:30pm to 8:00pm
Wednesday (daytime)	September 2024 to February 2025	1:30pm to 3:00pm
Thursday (evening)		6:30pm to 8:00pm



Application form and curriculum can be accessed here

Venue	Multipurpose space 2F Nagasaki City Hall (4-1 Uonomachi, Nagasaki City)
Tuition Fee	Free ※ A textbook fee of 2,970 yen is required
Contact	International Affairs Division, Nagasaki City Hall (TEL : 095-829-1113 / E-mail kokusai@city.nagasaki.lg.jp)

Please contact us even if you would like to try it out or commence part way through!



## The 26<sup>th</sup> Nagasaki International Association Festival (Organized by the Nagasaki International Association)

There are plenty of fun events for foreign residents and locals living in Nagasaki to enjoy together! Everyone, please come join in the fun!

**Date and time** 11:00am to 4:00pm (Sunday) 15<sup>th</sup> September 2024

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

**Contents** Exhibition of activities of international cooperation and exchange organizations, sale of overseas handcrafted goods, experience playing Japanese musical instruments, trying on traditional clothing, Kimono and tea ceremony experience, etc.



# Nagasaki International Association

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We support local multiculturalism and international exchange.

The Nagasaki Prefecture  
Consultation Center  
for Foreign People

We provide consultation services in 22 languages so that foreigners living in Nagasaki Prefecture can live comfortably and safely.

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