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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!



9th Japanese Speech Contest for Non-Native Speakers

12expatriates living here in Nagasaki will talk about their unique perspectives on Japan, peace, and international exchange! You may even discover some new perspectives on Japan and Japanese people. This is the 9th iteration of this contest and every year there are great reviews from the many people that attend. Entrance is free, so if you've never attended please come by! If you have attended before, then we hope to see you again!

Event Date : Saturday, June 17th, 2017, 1:30pm to 4:00pm.

Place : Nagasaki National Peace Memorial Hall for the Atomic Bomb Victims
(7-8 Hirano-machi, Nagasaki city)

《 Access 》

From Nagasaki Station take a tram (No. 1 or 3, bound for Akasako) or local bus (bound for Nameshi, Togitsu, or Menoto) to the Hamaguchi stop. The Hall is about a 4-minute walk from there.

From Nagasaki Airport take a limousine bus to the Matsuyama stop. The Hall is about a 5-minute walk from there.



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>



Please tell your friends about these guides!



Introducing Nagasaki Prefecture's New CIR

A new Coordinator for International Relations (CIR) began work at the Nagasaki Prefecture International Affairs Division this April. Her name is Zhang Ling and she's from China. In this issue she's wrote a bit to introduce herself. Ms. Zhang also comes to the International Association so please come meet her sometime!

Hello everyone! My name is Zhang Ling and started work as a CIR in the International Affairs Division this April. I was born and raised in Shanghai, and excepting the 6 months I spent on student exchange, I lived my whole life in Shanghai up until graduate school. After that, I came to Japan to do my doctorate studies at Nagoya University, and upon completion I returned to Shanghai. Up until I came to Nagasaki, I was working as a Professor of Japanese at the Shanghai University of Electric Power.



This was my second time to Nagasaki, the first being in 2008 around the end of my student exchange program and I came here from Nagoya using Seishun 18 tickets. I went around seeing the sights, including Glover Garden. Seeing Nagasaki for the first time in so long brought back these old, happy memories of eating omelet rice near Nagasaki Port. That's right, I'm a bit of a foodie. I've lived in Japan so long and gotten used to Japanese cuisine. I love sushi and sashimi.



I feel like I've been influenced by Japan's love of cats, because I love them too! I have a cat in Shanghai. Her name in Japanese is Chi-chan. If I call her by her Shanghainese name she doesn't respond! When I found out that I was coming to Japan again for work, I left her with my mother. When I went to see her before I left, in that short span she had already grown attached to my mother, and wouldn't even look at me. I'm worried if she'll even remember me when I get back to Shanghai. I've heard that there are many cats here in Nagasaki. I'm missing cats very much right now so if you like cats too let's talk about them!

I want to meet with as many people here in the prefecture as I can while I'm here this year. I look forward to meeting you!

★★Questions from the NIA★★

Q1 : Where are you planning to visit in Nagasaki?

A1 : There are many places I want to go, but I want to go to Gunkanjima as soon as possible. I'm very interested in the Meiji Period, and with the technological developments that happened then. I've known about Gunkanjima for a while but I didn't know that it was located in Nagasaki Prefecture (I study geography with my feet, not my head, so if I've never been to a place it's hard for me to remember much about it...). I am also excited to go to this year's Nagasaki Tall Ships Festival (April 20th – 24th, 2017).

Q2 : What do you think is most important in second language acquisition?

A2 : I don't think there are any shortcuts in language learning, and the most important thing is leaving behind worries of embarrassment. Everyone makes mistakes. Forget about being embarrassed, try to talk, try to write. That's the most important thing. It's good to take notes of the mistakes you make as well as the things you get right, and review them all.



Useful Information for Foreign Residents and Visitors



1. Multilingual Notices - Council of Local Authorities for International Relations

CLAIR has begun providing important information on 17 fields of living in Japan in 15 different languages. There is also a smart phone app available. The smart phone app, in addition to showing the living information, will also send you emergency information from the Japan Meteorological Agency in 14 different languages.

URL : <http://www.clair.or.jp/tagengo/index.html>



2. A Guide for When You Are Feeling Ill – Japan National Tourism Association

This website provides information to help expatriates in Japan use medical facilities in the event of illness or injury.

URL : http://www.jnto.go.jp/emergency/eng/mi_guide.html

3. Multilingual Medical Questionnaire – International Community Hearty Konandai, Kanagawa International Foundation

This questionnaire is available in 18 languages and covers 11 fields of medicine. Please take this with you to the hospital and use it to explain your symptoms to the medical personnel there.

URL : <http://www.kifjp.org/medical>



4. Multilingual Information Provision - Japan Legal Support Center

The Japan Legal Support Center can now help with legal troubles in languages other than Japanese. First, contact the Japan Legal Support Center closest to you and ask for interpretation (*tsuuyaku onegai shimasu*), or contact the number below.

TEL : 0570-078377

5. Notices from the Yorisoi Hotline - General Incorporated Association Social Inclusion Support Center

Are you having any troubles with your Visa, family, work, or are you a victim of violence? Are you unable to leave your home? We can offer support in Japanese, English, Chinese, Korean, Tagalog, Spanish, Portuguese, and Thai. We have an automated answering service, so when the announcement comes on please press 2.

TEL : 0120-279-338

URL : <http://279338.jp/yorisoi/foreign/index.html>



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