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★ TOPIC 1 ~ Upcoming Events ~

The Kanazawa International Exchange Foundation regularly holds events for foreign residents and exchange students to promote cultural exchange in Kanazawa. Below is a glimpse of exciting events that we are planning to hold later in the year!

The 6th “High School Counseling Information Seminar for non-native Japanese students and their parents”

This year we will hold our 6th High School Counseling Information Seminar.

In order to enter a Japanese high school, all students must take the same entrance exam in Japanese that their Japanese peers take. The exam not only tests Japanese ability, but also academic ability in Japanese, and has proved to be a considerable hurdle for foreign students. The Japanese entrance exam and high school education system varies from that of other countries, so it is recommended that you begin preparations for them as soon as you can.

Interpreters will be available at the seminar if you need. Information about how to enter a Japanese high school and consultations will be available.

Particularly for the guardians of a child who is going to take the exam, it is important that the child has your utmost support throughout this process! It is never too late to start preparing. Please come by to learn more!

Date: September 28th (Sun) 13:30-16:00

Location: Omi-cho Koryu Plaza 4th floor Assembly Room (88 Aokusa-machi, Kanazawa)



“Re-discover Kanazawa” Tour

How well do you know Kanazawa? What do you think are Kanazawa’s charms?

With the upcoming opening of the Hokuriku bullet train line in spring 2015, Kanazawa is receiving more and more foreign tourists. There will probably even be many tourists that come from your birth country. With that in mind, KIEF will be holding a tour where exchange students as well as foreign residents can learn more about Kanazawa through quizzes based on the Kanazawa Kentei exam, samples of Kanazawa’s food culture, and trips to Kanazawa’s various attractions. Through this experiential tour, we hope to discover Kanazawa’s charms through the unique perspectives of our foreign residents and listen to their thoughts. Tours are free, so come check them out!

Details: Interact with locals and sample Kanazawa’s traditional vegetables and dishes during lunch, take buses to various attractions to learn about their history

Capacity: 12 people

Participants must be: Able to communicate in English or Japanese

Participation Fee: None

Date: October 18th (Sat) 11:00-16:00

Meeting place: FORUS entrance (East exit of Kanazawa Sta.)



World Cooking Classes “Indonesia”

Learn about the cultures of different countries through some good ol’ home cooking taught by foreign residents of Kanazawa. The first “World Cooking Class” was held on Wednesday, May 21st, and was led by a family member of an exchange student who has lived in Kanazawa for two years, Evihi Hadiany. Originally from Western Java in Indonesia, Evihi taught us how to make a famous Western Javanese dish called gado-gado (vegetables with peanut sauce dressing) and soto ayam (chicken soup). The second class featured Thai cuisine and was held in August.

To all the foreign residents of Kanazawa, are you interested in leading a home cooking class to introduce dishes from your country?

If you are interested, please send an email to KIEF!



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★ TOPIC 2 **CIR Recommendations: Favorite Kanazawa Spots****Yoolim Lee (Korea)*****The Kanazawa Citizen's Art Center***

Annyeonghaseyo! I am Yoolim, a Coordinator for International Relations for Kanazawa City. My favorite place in Kanazawa is the Kanazawa Citizen's Art Center. Its wide green spaces and the red brick buildings are really beautiful. At first, I thought it was just a cool public space, so I was surprised to find out later on that it is actually a facility for Kanazawa citizens to put on plays, play music, and pursue other creative and artistic projects. Since the art center is quite close to where I live, when I have some free time I like to jog there or invite my friends to have a walk there. In the evenings, the cool breeze feels great and really helps me relax. Whether it's with family or friends, if you are looking for a place to unwind and pass the time, I recommend this spot!



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Werner Vanhorenbeeck (Belgium)***The Ishikawa Ongakudo***

Although I haven't had the opportunity to go there often, I believe my favourite place in Kanazawa is the concert hall Ishikawa Ongakudo. As a big classical music fan, I believe that the Ongakudo is the perfect place to enjoy classical music in Kanazawa. The Ishikawa Ongakudo is located near the station, which makes it very easy to access. Its design is modern and blends in perfectly with the cityscape around Kanazawa Station. The Ishikawa Ongakudo hall has three main event halls: the concert hall, where all the concerts take place, the hougaku hall for theatre, and the interchange hall, which is used for various events. The hall that I like the most is the concert hall. It is built in a shoe-box shape, which is perfect for reflecting sound. I would recommend anyone that enjoys classical music to check out some of the concerts that are held at the Ishikawa Ongakudo.



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Shoyo To (China)***Seseragi-dori Street***

Seseragi-dori Street was the first place that I learned about after arriving in Kanazawa, since I have to go through this street to get to work. Water flows along the length of this street. I arrived in Kanazawa right when the sakura were in full blossom, and when I saw how the sakura blossoms fell and left a sprinkling of petals on Seseragi-dori, I fell completely in love with Kanazawa. There is a shopping street on Seseragi-dori where you can find cool stores selling a variety of things. In addition to more traditional restaurants that offer Kaga cuisine, many other national cuisines can be found, so if you get tired, it is easy to find a place to rest and recharge. Since the Nagamachi samurai houses are nearby, you can visit both of these places easily in one trip and experience the atmospheres of both old and new Kanazawa.



I recommend Seseragi-dori to everyone who comes to Kanazawa! Once you take a walk there, you will feel refreshed.

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