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★ TOPIC 1 Celebrate the International Friendship Festival 2017!

The International Friendship Festival, the largest international event in the Hokuriku region, cooperatively run by 46 international exchange organizations within Ishikawa Prefecture, is celebrating its 25th anniversary.

Through various events, you can experience the world while in Kanazawa. The festival will be a chance for foreigners and Japanese people to casually mingle, and you can meet and interact with people from around the world who live in Kanazawa. Come to enjoy entertainment for everyone from children to adults! This year, the festival will take place in front of Kanazawa City Hall. Bring your family and friends!

World Food Booths



Exchange students, foreign members, and Japanese members from international exchange groups within the city have come together to cook and sell foods from over 15 countries, including Thailand, Russia, Australia, China, Korea, and Japan. Enjoy a wide variety of foods and sweets as you savor the global tastes of autumn.

World Bazaar and Information



The World Bazaar Corner will sell fair trade food products and miscellaneous goods from countries such as Indonesia, Cambodia, Vietnam, Ethiopia, and Kenya. At the Information Corner, information will be provided for international exchange organizations within the city. Those interested in international exchange will have the opportunity to speak directly to representatives from each group.

World Stage



A stage where you can enjoy various music and dances from around the world. Performances of Balinese dance, hula, African dance, classical Taiwanese dance, the Chinese stringed instrument *erhu*, Korean *samulnori*, Japanese taiko, and shamisen will unfold on a special outdoor stage.

Hands-on Activities



Try your hand at origami, calligraphy, or *mizuhiki* string crafts. With these traditional Japanese activities, as well as traditional clothing from around the world available to wear, you will be able to deepen your understanding of different cultures. There will also be plenty of games and events for kids, such as "Face Painting in Foreign Languages," where children can have foreign words painted on their faces or hands.

*The organizations that will be performing on stage or operating booths are subject to change. Thank you for your understanding.

● **Date and Time:** October 21 (Sat) – 22 (Sun) 10:00 – 16:00

● **Location:** In front of Kanazawa City Hall

● **Host:** International Friendship Festival 2017 Committee

Co-host: Kanazawa City **Sponsor:** Hokkoku Shinbun

Admission is free, and the event will be held rain or shine

★ TOPIC 2 *Are you prepared for a natural disaster?*

In your lifetime, you might experience natural disasters such as typhoons, heavy rain, heavy snow, flooding, earthquakes, or tsunamis. Therefore, it is important to always be conscious of disaster prevention, and to make advance preparations in case of an emergency.

Every year in Japan, September 1 is designated as “Disaster Prevention Day,” and that week is designated as “Disaster Prevention Week.” It is said that the reason September 1 is Japan’s Disaster Prevention Day is because the Great Kanto Earthquake occurred on September 1, 1923. Take this opportunity to double-check your preparations using this checklist of items that may be useful in the event of an emergency.

Checklist

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Food (dried fruits, retort pouches, etc.) for 3 days | <input type="checkbox"/> Clothes and underwear |
| <input type="checkbox"/> At least 2 liters of water per person | <input type="checkbox"/> Medicine |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Portable radio | <input type="checkbox"/> Cash |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Batteries | <input type="checkbox"/> Insurance |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Flashlight | <input type="checkbox"/> Personal seal |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Cell phone | <input type="checkbox"/> Bank passbook, etc. |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Chargers | <input type="checkbox"/> Identification such as a passport |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Sleeping bag or blanket | |



☆The items above can be purchased at a home center or large-scale supermarket.

☆Put the items on the list in a backpack, and place the backpack somewhere you can immediately access in the event of an emergency.

For more detailed information on disaster prevention, please consult the “Disaster Prevention Handbook for Foreign Residents.” You can download English, Chinese, Korean, and Portuguese versions of the Disaster Prevention Handbook from the Kanazawa International Exchange Foundation’s website. (<http://www.kief.jp/>)

★ TOPIC 3 *Would you like to teach a one-day multicultural understanding course? ~Introduce your country’s culture to Japanese people!~*



One-day Instructor for “World Cooking”
Yui from Thailand



One-day Instructor for “Brazil: A Journey Around the World”
Guilherme from Brazil

What kind of place is your home country? How do people there live, and what is the culture like? In order to promote mutual understanding, it is important to first have others understand you! Would you like to become an instructor for one of KIEF’s one-day multicultural understanding courses and introduce your country and culture to Japanese people? If you are a foreign resident of Kanazawa and are interested, please contact KIEF.

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