

# KIEF NEWS

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## ★ TOPIC 1 *Let's Learn About Japan's Education System!*

Japan's school system can largely be divided into four categories: pre-primary education, primary education, secondary education, and higher education. The education for the 9-year period between ages 6 and 15 that takes place in regular and special-needs elementary schools, middle schools, secondary schools (also known as lower secondary education), is defined as compulsory education in Japan.

All children who are of the age of Japan's compulsory education can attend a Japanese public elementary or middle school. Just like Japanese students, even foreign children are able to receive an education for free. In Japan, everyone is guaranteed the same opportunity to receive an education.



Below are some useful websites concerning Japan's education system.

### Guidebook for Starting School for Foreign Students

Ministry of Education, Culture, Sports, Science and Technology (Japan's governmental agency for education)

You can read the "Guidebook for Starting School," available in English, Korean, Vietnamese, Filipino, Chinese, Portuguese, and Spanish.

[http://www.mext.go.jp/a\\_menu/shotou/clarinet/003/1320860.htm](http://www.mext.go.jp/a_menu/shotou/clarinet/003/1320860.htm)

### "The Introductory Guidebook for Foreign Parents and Guardians of Students Enrolling in Elementary School: Kanazawa City Morinosato Elementary School Edition"

published by the International Student Advisor's Office, College of Science and Engineering, Kanazawa University

This is the guidebook for enrolling in elementary school, a specialized guidebook made for Kanazawa City's Morinosato Elementary School, available in Indonesian, English, and Vietnamese.

<http://www.adm.kanazawa-u.ac.jp/ie/j/other/pdf/MorinosatoJ.pdf>

### KIEF Will Hold an Information Session About Attending High School.

After completing the 9-year period between ages 6 and 15 of compulsory elementary and middle school education, in order to attend a high school it is usually necessary for foreign students to take the same entrance exams as Japanese students.

Many foreign guardians worry that they will not be able to fully support their child's education beyond secondary school because they do not understand Japan's system for continuing education. For this reason, every year KIEF holds an information session for students in the upper grades of elementary school and middle school and their guardians about attending high school in Kanazawa and options for foreign students.

**Date:** September 22, 2018 (Sat) **Time:** 13:00-15:00

**Location:** KIEF Plaza (located inside the Kanazawa International Exchange Foundation)  
Rifare 2F, 1-5-3 Hon-machi, Kanazawa-shi

**Admission:** Free

English and Chinese interpretation support available (reservation required)

**To Apply:** Fill out the application form provided on KIEF's website (<http://kief.jp>) with your name and contact information, and send it to the address below by Friday, September 14th.

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## ★ TOPIC 2 *International Friendship Festival 2018*

The 2018 International Friendship Festival, the largest international exchange event in the Hokuriku region, in which international exchange organizations from throughout Ishikawa participate, will be held in front of Kanazawa City Hall again this year. The program will allow you to experience diverse foreign cultures while in Kanazawa, with a stage where you can enjoy various dances and musical performances from around the world, and booths where you can taste foods and sweets from several countries. There is entertainment for everyone from children to adults, so please be sure to visit!



- **Date and Time** : October 13 (Sat) – 14 (Sun) 10:00 – 16:00
- **Location** : In front of Kanazawa City Hall
- **Program** :
  - World Stage** (taiko performance, belly dancing, Thai dance, Chinese dress show, etc.)
  - World Food** (international foods and sweets for sale)
  - World Bazaar and Information Corner** (fair trade products and goods for sale, information about activities of international exchange organizations within Kanazawa, etc.)
  - Hands-on Activities** (calligraphy, origami, mizuhiki string crafts, traditional clothing from around the world, etc.)
- **Admission** : Free (held rain or shine)
- **Contact** : International Friendship Festival 2018 Committee Administration Bureau  
 (within the Kanazawa International Exchange Foundation)  
 TEL : 076-233-8000 URL : <http://www.kief.jp>  
 Host : International Friendship Festival 2018 Committee

## ★ TOPIC 3 *Would You Like to Join an International Exchange with Children?*

With the goal of developing global human resources, KIEF holds the “Interactive Global Kids Seminar.” Twenty elementary school students from grades 3 through 6 challenge themselves by using English in a variety of interactive activities. The instructors of these courses are foreign residents of Kanazawa who lead events such as the ones described below and introduce their cultures in English. We are recruiting people who would like to be instructors for our courses planned for this summer and winter. If you are interested, please contact KIEF.

### Cooking in English

Children are interested in foods from various countries. The kids follow along as the instructor gives directions in English on how to make simple desserts without using fire.



### Let's Play in English

We incorporate lots of play so the children can have fun while being exposed to English.



### Crafts in English

There are also opportunities to learn about culture by hand making cards sent on special occasions or small accessories from the instructor's country.



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