

KIEF NEWS

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★ TOPIC 1 *Introducing KIEF volunteer work and events during corona times*

With the global spread of COVID-19, many of our events since last year have been cancelled or held at a limited capacity. However, this past year we have tried to organize volunteer work and online exchange events or even face-to-face events with a limited number of participants. We would like to introduce some of the efforts of the Kanazawa International Exchange Foundation to you below.

Volunteer Interpreters for Foreign Parents and Children

There has been a rise in the number of foreigners who give birth to and raise children in Kanazawa as more and more people move here with their families or marry internationally. To support these families, our foundation organized a training seminar for volunteer interpreters in the field of maternal health. Since April of this year, our volunteer interpreters have been helping parents and children at the Kanazawa Health and Welfare Centers of Izumino and Motomachi.

The Kanazawa Health and Welfare Centers hold regular health check-ups to examine the growth, development, and health status of children in Kanazawa. They also provide a comfortable space for parents to ask advice regarding childcare and education. As there are many cultural and societal differences regarding child rearing between countries, this can result in many worries and uncertainties for foreign parents living in Japan. Of course, our volunteer interpreters help overcome the language barrier, but they are also aware of these cultural differences and help create an environment where parents feel comfortable to consult with them on any number of issues. If you are interested in joining our team of interpreters, please don't hesitate to contact us.



Online Exchange between Students and Host Families

This year, we held an online exchange event on 25 July for host families and foreign students living in Kanazawa. The event replaced our usual home visits – which were cancelled in 2020 due to the pandemic.

We paired up five host families with five students for a one-hour online talk using the video teleconferencing software Zoom. While many participants were hesitant to talk face-to-face through a screen at first, they were soon talking freely about a variety of topics such as the current state of vaccinations, their favorite movies or anime, sports and other hobbies, or questions about family life in Japan and the student's home counties. We hope that the time will soon come where homestays are possible and both sides can meet again in person.



★ TOPIC 2 Information on Future Events

Kanazawa International Exchange Festival 2021

The Kanazawa International Exchange Festival is the biggest international event of the prefecture. The event takes place in front of Kanazawa city hall, and various international exchange groups and organization will participate again in our 2021 edition. You can enjoy international music and dance at the **World Stage**, foreign food and sweets at a number of **Take-out Food Booths**, and even Japanese culture at the **Experience booths**. Shop for fair trade products at our fair trade store or discover miscellaneous goods from all around the world at our **World Bazaar and Information Booths**. Discover the world at the Kanazawa International Exchange Festival!

Date and Time: Sat. 9th & Sun. 10th October 2021, 10:00 - 15:00 Price: free (no postponement for rain)

Location: In front of Kanazawa City Hall

Contact: Kanazawa International Exchange Foundation TEL : 076-233-8000 URL : <http://www.kief.jp>



Kanazawa International Photo Contest Let's discover wonderful people, places and things in Kanazawa!

We have asked foreigners who live in Kanazawa to take photos of places in the city that they love, places that remind them of home, people that support them here, favorite things that they discovered since living here. We collected all their photos in one exhibition for you. Rediscover Kanazawa from the point of view of a foreigner and vote for your favorite photo. The photos with the most votes will be selected as our three winners. Additionally, one photo will be given an Award of Excellence and one an Award of High Merit. We look forward to seeing you there.

Date and Time: Sat. 16th - Sun. 31th October 2021 Price: free

Location: Honmachi Exchange Square (Rifare 2F)

Contact: Kanazawa International Exchange Foundation TEL : 076-220-2522 URL : <http://www.kief.jp>

“Living in Kanazawa” – Vietnamese Edition

The Kanazawa International Exchange Foundation publishes a living guide for foreign residents. This guide contains the most important information a citizen of Kanazawa needs to live here and has been translated in English, Chinese, Korean, Portuguese, and Indonesian. We have now added Vietnamese to this list. Anyone interested in this guide can pick up a copy at the foundation or download a digital version from our homepage at the link below.

<http://www.kief.jp/forforeigners.html>



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