

KIEF NEWS

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★ TOPIC 1

Are you interested in introducing your home country's culture through KIEF's courses?

Many foreign residents of Kanazawa play an active role in leading the Kanazawa International Exchange Foundation's courses. Why not take the opportunity to introduce your home country's culture at KIEF? We are recruiting volunteers who can introduce their home country's culture in either Japanese or English. For more details, please inquire at KIEF!

Cooking

Cooking Course: Thai Desserts



At July's "Global Kids Seminar," Yui Gouda from Thailand presented bua loi kai wan (a dessert served warm) in English, and cooked it with the children. They reviewed English vocabulary related to cooking, and were able to make delicious desserts after receiving one-on-one instruction. As everyone ate together, Gouda gave a brief introduction of Thailand.

Culture

Introductory Course on Indian Culture



At "Global Talk" in June, Srushti Todkari, an exchange student from India, used several photographs to give an introductory course on Indian culture for adults in Japanese. Participants were able to taste chai (spiced tea) and papad (a thin flatbread), as well as have all their questions answered. It was a great opportunity for cultural exchange.

Language

English Communication Course



Ni Wayan from Indonesia taught the "English Communication Course" held from August to September. The course was aimed at adults and conducted entirely in English. Drawing upon her own experiences, she taught useful expressions and techniques to sustain a conversation when talking to someone from a different country.

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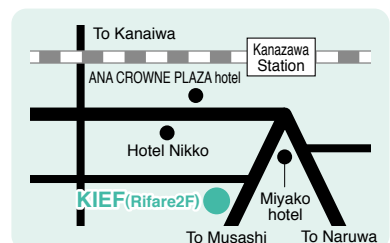
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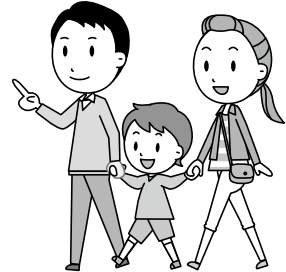
CIR Corner: CIR Recommendations

Recommended Methods of Transportation in Kanazawa City

Ding, Xioting (China)

Walking

Since the majority of Kanazawa's famous tourist attractions happen to be concentrated in the center of the city, I recommend going around Kanazawa on foot. Kimonos and Kanazawa make a particularly nice pairing, so why not try one on and create memories as you stroll through the city? You could walk a trail from Japan's famous Kenroku-en Garden to Kanazawa Castle, or from the elegant Higashi Chaya District to the banks of the Asanogawa River, all the while savoring the sights of this verdant, historical city. I think you will enjoy seeing Kanazawa this way.



Lim, Hyehyeon (South Korea)

Bicycle

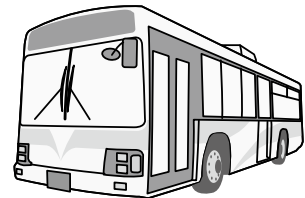
Bicycles are the perfect way to get around Kanazawa. Because destinations like tourist spots or shopping centers are located close to each other, it's easy to use a bicycle to comfortably move from place to place. For those who don't own a bicycle, I recommend renting one! There are services such as "Machi-nori" that provide rentals for a fixed price. (See: <http://www.machi-nori.jp/download/>) By riding a bicycle, you can fully enjoy Kanazawa!



Vanhorenbeeck Werner (Belgium)

Bus

Living in another country can be difficult, even for simple things such as riding the bus. In Japan there are many bus companies, such as JR or Hokutetsu. Prices may vary from company to company. It might take some time to get used to riding the bus here in Ishikawa. The biggest difference with taking the bus abroad is that you have to take a ticket when getting on the bus and that you pay when getting off. Most locals pay for their rides using an IC card called ICa, which you can charge at the station or on the bus, but you can also just pay in cash if you don't want to get one of those cards. Don't have any change on you? No worries, you can easily break your bills by using the change machine at the front of the bus. The biggest challenge as a foreigner may be finding your way through the labyrinth of timetables, but with some knowledge of Japanese, you can consult many handy applications and websites to guide you to your destination. (See: http://www.hokutetsu.co.jp/hokutetsu_app)



Mathilde Dubois (France)

Taxi

My recommendation for transportation might seem odd, because I recommend taking the taxi. In France, I have never taken the taxi in a private setting, but in Japan, taxis are rather cheap, with good service and helpful drivers whom you can trust to take you from point A to point B as quickly as possible without detours. Other positives include not being dependent on time schedules, and, in the event of bad weather, not having to walk, bike, or rely on other means of transportation that will get you wet and cold – a life saver during the winter months. Moreover, if you can share a taxi with other people, the fare will be very reasonable, and sometimes close to a bus fare if you are moving within the minimum fare distance! (Minimum fare for a medium-sized car is about 700 yen.) In addition, the fact that their back doors open automatically is an attraction worth experiencing in itself!

