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★ TOPIC 1 *Would you like to join an international exchange with children?*

Last summer and winter at KIEF, with the goal of developing global human resources, we held our “Interactive Global Kids Seminar.” Twenty elementary school students from grades 3 through 6 challenged 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. Dishes that we have prepared so far include a Thai dessert made with coconut milk, as well as Filipino fruit salad.



Let's Play in English

We incorporate lots of play so the children can have fun while being exposed to English. The children are taught games played in the instructors' country and traditional dances in English, and they practice singing together.



Crafts in English

There are also opportunities to learn about culture by handcrafting cards sent on special occasions or small accessories from the instructor's country. The kids learn how to make the crafts in English, and they also discuss when each item is used.



Feedback from the Kids

“It was fun getting to learn about lots of cultures and making food.”

“I had a lot of fun, so I want to come here with my friends. Now I want to learn to speak more English.”

Any elementary school student from grade 3 to 6 can participate in these courses. Recruiting for participants will take place on the Foundation's homepage, so please be sure to check it!

★ TOPIC 2 **2017 Kanazawa International Exchange Foundation New Volunteer Information Session**

Would you like to be a volunteer? There will be an information session conducted in Japanese.

Date/Time: April 8, 2017 (Sat) 10:30~12:00

Venue: Kanazawa International Exchange Foundation KIEF Plaza
(Rifare 2F, 1-5-3 Honmachi, Kanazawa-shi)

Cost: Free

To apply: Please contact KIEF with your full name, address, and telephone number.
(TEL: 076-220-2522 E-mail: kief@kief.jp)

Type of Volunteer	The Kind of People We're Looking For
Event Operation Volunteers	People who would like to help with events, etc.
Japanese Language Volunteers	People who would like to give foreigners Japanese language support, as well as advice for daily life
Volunteer Interpreters	People who would like to make use of their language abilities
Information Support Volunteers	People who are skilled with cameras, image editing, and social media
Cultural Introduction Volunteers	People who would like to use their skills and hobbies to introduce their country's culture



★ TOPIC 3 **Message from the New Coordinator for International Relations: Diallo Spears – USA**



Hello! My name is Diallo Spears, and I am the American Coordinator for International Relations (CIR). I was born in New Orleans, but in high school my family and I moved to Boston, so I say that I'm from both cities. I started working at KIEF in August 2016, after having spent the previous two years doing language study in South Korea and Taiwan. The CIR position is my first job, and I'm thrilled that it's one that allows me to fulfill my dream of promoting international exchange. Although I did two short study abroad programs in Hakodate and Tokyo, this is my first time living in Japan long-term, so I'm still discovering lots of new things. I am a big fan of onsen and kanji, and while in Japan, I hope to try my hand at taiko. I look forward to meeting you!

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