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A Japanese culture experience class, “What’s Japanese Tea? ~ Let’s Try to Brew Nagasaki Tea! ~”, was held at the Nagasaki International Association on November 30, 2024!

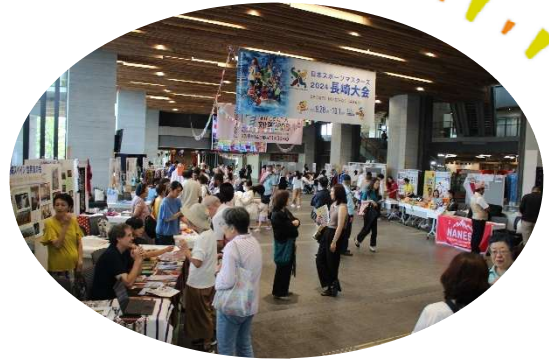
- Nine people living in Nagasaki Prefecture from Bangladesh, China, Kazakhstan, Malaysia, and South Korea, and eight Japanese people took part in the class.
- First, Japanese tea instructor, NISHIDA Haruna taught the types and history of Japanese tea and “Sonogi tea” representing Nagasaki tea. Next, the participants tried to prepare cold-brewed tea using a filter-in-bottle and to brew tea using a teapot. Then, they drank and compared several types of tea brewed by different ways, enjoying the depth of tea.
- Participants gave us feedback such as, “We don’t have winter in my home country, so I still like cold tea,” “I got to love the flavor of Sonogi tea. I want to brew it also at home,” and “I want to brew tea for my family members and my friends by the method I was taught.”

Thank you, everyone who participated in the event!



“The 26th Nagasaki International Festival” was held at the Nagasaki Prefectural Government Office on September 15, 2024!

■ There were 32 organizations and 38 booths exhibiting, including sales of overseas handicrafts and multinational foods, trying on ethnic clothes, and presentations of activities by international exchange and cooperation organizations active in Nagasaki Prefecture. The hall was bustling with 2,300 visitors. For the first time, “Nagasaki Lanka Nakama” and “Nagasaki Islamic Centre” introduced their activities, and “Nagasaki Certified Administrative Procedures Legal Specialists Association” kindly set up a consultation booth.



Hosted by Nagasaki International Association/Festival 2024 Planning Committee Members*

*JICA Desk Nagasaki, Nagasaki Prefectural Volunteer Activity Support Center, The Japan-Netherlands Society of Nagasaki, Association of Vietnamese in Nagasaki, Students International NGO BOAT



Nagasaki Lanka Nakama



Nagasaki Islamic Centre



The consultation booth by Nagasaki Certified Administrative Procedures Legal Specialists Association

“The 16th ~Let’s Talk in Nagasaki~ Japanese Speech Contest by People from Different Countries” was held at the Nagasaki National Peace Memorial Hall for the Atomic Bomb Victims on October 19, 2024!

■ Six people living in Nagasaki Prefecture from Vietnam, China, Kazakhstan, and South Korea took part in the contest. The contestants made speeches on a variety of topics, including the feelings they had at work or school, the differences between countries seen through flowers, and misunderstandings caused by the differences of languages and cultures.

■ There were 96 visitors, and we received comments such as, “I thought it was great that they had their own goals and opinions, while they had come to Japan and had a variety of experiences,” “They spoke about their thoughts very well in Japanese, which made me think I would study a foreign language hard,” and “I realized they had a good impression of Japan. I hope Japanese society will be one that warmly welcomes them.”



Hosted by Organizing Committee for the Japanese Speech Contest*

*Nagasaki Foundation for the Promotion of Peace, Nagasaki International Association

Co-sponsored by Nagasaki Chamber of Commerce and Industry, JR Kyushu Co., Ltd. Nagasaki Station



You can watch the prize winners’ speech here.

Japanese Elementary and Junior High School Education



Japanese public schools accept children from different countries. If you wish your children to enter a Japanese public elementary or junior high school, they can receive the same education as Japanese students free of charge.

■ The term of elementary and junior high schools

In Japan, children enter elementary school in the first April after turning six years old and receive six years of education. After graduating from elementary school, they enter junior high school and receive three years of education.

■ Tuition and Textbooks



Tuition of public elementary and junior high schools is free of charge. Textbooks used there are distributed to each also free of charge. However, you need to pay the cost of school lunch and school supplies every month.

■ Financial Assistance



Financial assistance can be received from the board of education of cities, towns or villages for school supplies and school lunches, if it is determined that there is a need for this.

■ PTA Activities

There is an organization of the parents/guardians and teachers called “Parent-Teacher Association (PTA)” that does activities such as “Safety Guidance for students on their way to and from school”. Parents’ active participation is desirable.



■ Courses after graduation from junior high school

In Japan, many students who graduate from junior high schools go on to high schools. Some students go on to colleges of technology, general course/higher course of vocational schools, or get jobs.

Reference

School Enrollment Guide for Children and Students from Different Countries [The Ministry of Education]



Scan here for information on admission procedures to public schools.



This is an animated video for foreign children/students and their parents to know what life is like in a Japanese school.

The Ministry of Education
Available in 15 languages

■ Nice to meet you! Let's be friends!



The story of this video is set up to introduce the school life of a foreign child, a main character, who has come to Japan from abroad and is attending a Japanese elementary school.



Let's watch it⇒

■ Tell me about elementary school in Japan!

This video introduces school events, rules and customs of school life, and things to bring to school every day in an easy-to-understand way using picture cards.



Let's watch it⇒



You can study with the “Audio Study Materials”.

Schoolchildren from different countries or schoolchildren who have returned from abroad also came to be able to use these materials since July 2024.

There are study materials that can be used with a tablet, and textbooks that play audio when you touch them with an “audio pen”.

- Read out the contents of the textbook
- Display kana readings beside Chinese characters
- Enlarge/reduce text, etc.

* Originally, those audio study materials were made for Japanese school children who have a visual impairment and are hard to study with ordinary textbooks. So, the audio is played only in Japanese. Ask your school or Japanese friends for advice!



The details are here.



You can consult with a Vietnamese counselor at “the Nagasaki Prefectural Foreign Resident Consultation Counter”.

You can consult by phone, email, or in person..

[Date and Time] Every Thursday from 1:00 pm to 4:00 pm

[Contact] TEL 095-820-3377 / e-mail soudan@nia.or.jp

[Place] Nagasaki International Association: 2-11, Dejima machi, Nagasaki City

- [Notice]** 1) If you would like to come, please make a reservation by phone by 4:00 p.m. on Wednesdays.
 2) You can consult if you don't have a reservation.
 3) When the Vietnamese counselors are off, Japanese counselors will be available to listen to your concerns.



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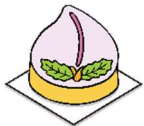
ベトナム語で相談できます～
 Chúng tôi có hỗ trợ tư vấn bằng Tiếng Việt



“The Foreign Resident Consultation Counter” was opened at the Unzen City Hall in September 2024.



← Scan here for more information.



Hinamatsuri Festival at various places in Nagasaki

“Shimabara Roman Hinamegurin”

Hina dolls are displayed at the Shimabara Castle Tourism Reconstruction Memorial Hall, samurai residences, shopping streets, and inns.

[Period] from Saturday, February 1, 2025, to Monday, March 3, 2025

[Places] the Shimabara Castle Tourism Reconstruction Memorial Hall, samurai residences, and various places in the city

“Nagasaki-Kaido Matsubara-shuku Hinamatsuri ”

You can see magnificent display of hina dolls at Matsubara-shuku on the old Nagasaki Highway, where foreign cultures once came and went.

[Period] from 10:00 am to 4:00 pm on Saturdays, Sundays, and holidays during February 16, 2025, through March 23, 2025

[Places] old Matsuya Inn, Omura City



Hinamatsuri Festival In Nagasaki, it was the custom to gorgeously celebrate the first Hinamatsuri Festival which a **Customs in Nagasaki** baby girl greets for the first time. It is said the parents invited neighbors as well as family members, showed guests hina dolls, and treated them with a feast. Nowadays, people present “Peach Castella” cakes as a thank you for a celebration. Peach castella cakes are sold by a lot of confectionary shops at this time of year, but they come in different sizes and flavors in each shop, and each family apparently has their own “favorite” peach castella cake.

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