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A Japanese culture experience class,
"Ikebana~ Have fun and create your own~" was held!

Date: 26th January 2025,
Location: Nagasaki International
Association

- Thirteen people living in Nagasaki Prefecture from New Zealand, Russia, China, Vietnam, Korea, Myanmar, Laos, Kazakhstan, and Bangladesh and four Japanese people took part in the class.
- First, Saika Noguchi, director of the Sogetsu School, explained the materials, tools, and basic Ikebana or Japanese flower arrangement methods. Then, Yoko Nakano, a volunteer interpreter, translated her explanation into English. The participants tried freestyle Ikebana. Every participant arranged the flowers in their own way and finished their Ikebana work nicely!
- Participants commented, "It was very difficult, but it was good to learn about Ikebana," "I was glad to have a good time with everyone," and so on.



Report on the Multicultural Coexistence Course



The Nagasaki International Association promote the creation of a multicultural coexisting society, holding lectures for multicultural coexistence to deepen mutual understanding between Japanese and foreign residents.

"Skills Improvement Course for responding to Foreign Residents in Child-rearing Support"

Date: 20th January 2025, Location: Nagasaki City Hall

- This course was held for public health nurses and relevant people, and 45 people participated, including online.
- Nguyen Thi Hanh, Vice President of the Nagasaki Vietnamese Association and a child-rearing mother, gave a speech about the everyday problems foreign residents face and the support they would like to get.
- While referring to the child-rearing situation in her native Vietnam, Hanh explained that foreign residents living in Japan face "barriers" of mainly language, systems, culture and customs, and gave advice on how public health nurses should respond to these issues.



Vice President of the Nagasaki Vietnamese Association and a child-rearing mother

Ms. Nguyen Thi

On page 4, we will introduce some multilingual tools that will be useful for pregnancy and childbirth in Japan.



"Learning from Case Studies: How City and Town Halls are Dealing with the Increasing Number of Foreign Residents"

Date: 4th February 2025, Location: Nagasaki Prefectural Municipal Hall

- This seminar was held for administrative staff and was attended by 22 people.
- The lecturer, Ms. Kaori Yano, gave a lecture on "Tips for communicating with foreign residents in Japanese," "Resident status," "Systems and administrative services you should know about," etc. Ms. Yano advised, "The work-related language that government employees use on a daily basis is difficult for foreign residents to understand, so it's a good idea to replace technical terms with easy-to-understand meanings and explain them in easy Japanese."
- In the later talk session, Ms. Hanh from Vietnam and Mr. Paudel Chhetri Thakur Bahadur from Nepal also took to the stage and told the participants, "Foreign residents who speak Japanese well are not necessarily able to read and write it."
- In the final workshop, guests of five foreign residents living in the prefecture (from Vietnam, Nepal, Sri Lanka, New Zealand, and Egypt) also participated in it. They exchanged opinions and interacted with each other on the topic of the daily work of city and town employees, and the seminar was completed.



Ms. Kaori Yano

The Council of Local Authorities for International Relations, Adviser



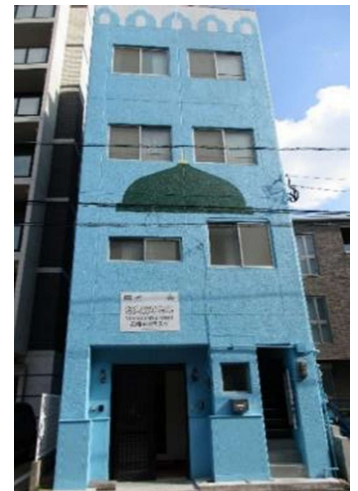
Nagasaki has become a city where people from different countries can live more easily.

~A mosque was established in Nagasaki City.~

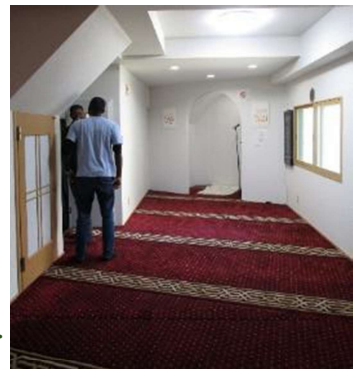
■ In April 2024, Nagasaki Prefecture's first Muslim worship facility, a mosque, was opened in Kawaguchi-machi, Nagasaki City. It was recently opened by the Nagasaki Islamic Center, a non-profit organization that is a group of Muslim volunteers living in the prefecture and support Muslims.

■ The weekly Friday prayer service called Juma has to be held in a group. So, until now, securing space for it has been an issue and they had to rent a room at a university or a community center to hold the service.

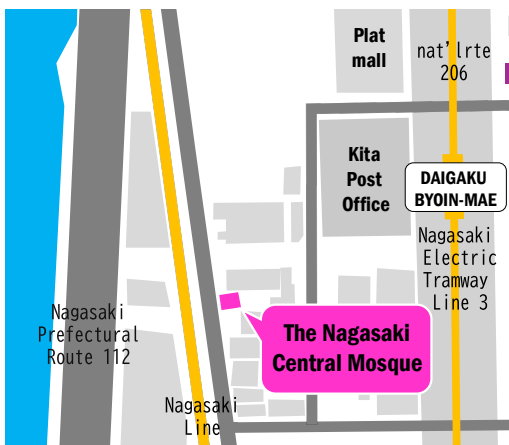
■ Mr. Ahamed, the representative of the center, said, "Nearly 700 Muslims live in the prefecture. It is really great for us to get together and pray anytime. We also appreciate being accepted by the neighborhood. We want to make this mosque not only the place where Muslims get together but one to exchange with the



Nagasaki Prefecture's first mosque, "The Nagasaki Central Mosque"



The prayer space



local people as 'a culture center'".

■ At June Culture Exchange Meeting, the culture of Islamic countries and the Islamic religion were introduced, and a meal meeting exchanging with the local people was also held.

©If you want to visit this mosque, please ask the Nagasaki Islamic Center.

TEL 070-8338-4137

"Nagasaki Islamic Center" exhibited at the "Nagasaki International Cooperation and Exchange Festival" held in September 2024.

They introduced Islamic culture and set up a corner where visitors could try on hijabs Muslim women wear on their heads.



A shop where you can buy halal foods in Nagasaki

The store mainly sells Indonesian ingredients.

You can get spices, seasonings, meat, noodles, sweets, etc.

Aulia Foods 6th Sanko Building 2F, 1-22, Wakaba-machi, Nagasaki City

Open from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. (Closed on Mondays)





Japanese Language Classes in Nagasaki Prefecture

You can attend every class free of charge or with a small amount of expenses. If you would like to learn Japanese, ask a Japanese language class in your neighborhood for advice.

Nagasaki, Sasebo, Shimabara, Isahaya, Omura, Goto, Saikai, Unzen, Minami-Shimabara, Nagayo, Joint of 3 towns of Higashi-Sonogi / Kawatana / Hasami, Shin-Kamigoto



Let's check it out the classrooms in your area

Japanese language class in Nagasaki city [Organized by Nihongo Network in Nagasaki]



We are looking for students and teachers at any time!

The place changes depending on the day, so please be sure to ask us before coming.

You can learn Japanese according to your level of Japanese ability.

[Date and Time] Every Saturday from 2:00 pm to 3:30 pm

[Participation Fee] 1,000 yen per month

[Place] South 2F Citizens Conference Room (Multipurpose Space):
Nagasaki City Hall (4-1 Uono-machi, Nagasaki City)
or 2F Small Conference Room A:
Nagasaki Prefectural Labor Welfare Hall
(9-6 Sakura-machi Nagasaki City)

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Expert consultation session for foreign people

You can have a free consultation with an administrative scrivener about matters related to residence status, legal matters, work, etc. If you would like a consultation, please make a reservation.

[Date and Time] The 4th Saturday of every month (1:30pm to 4:30pm)

(This schedule is subject to change, so please check our website or Facebook page for any updates.)

[Location] Nagasaki Prefecture Consultation Center for Foreign People
(Dejima Koryu Kaikan 1st Floor, 2-11, Dejima-machi, Nagasaki City)

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



For people from different countries preparing to give birth in Japan [Mother's Tree Japan]

We will show multilingual tools that are helpful for pregnancy and childbirth in Japan as follows:

Pointing board (illustrations, multilingual)

This is useful when explaining your physical and mental state to Japanese people.

Videos about pregnancy, childbirth and after childbirth

Midwives kindly show you support information not to worry about childbirth in Japan.

Other tools such as labor pain card, etc. .



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Website



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We support local multiculturalism and international exchange.

The Nagasaki Prefecture Consultation Center for Foreign People

We provide consultation services in 22 languages so that foreigners living in Nagasaki Prefecture can live comfortably and safely.

We are open Mon-Fri 9:00-17:30 (except public holidays)

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Status of residence, Health, childbirth, child-rearing, lifestyle...