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Special Story on page 3: Intergenerational home-share: Sharing ideas on the initiative in Kyoto Prefecture and the UK

In this edition, Maia Hall introduces a matching scheme between university students and elderly people for home-share intended to be affordable and promote good communication.

15th anniversary of Rings Japanese language learning support network

Event commemorating 15 years since the establishment of Kyoto Nihongo Rings "Come · See · Know – Let's find a Japanese language class in your town"

Date: 11th March, 2018 (Sun) 13:30-16:30

Location: Lifelong Learning Facility · Galleria
Kameoka roadside station

A commemorative event was held in Kameoka City in March to celebrate 15 years since the formation of "Kyoto Nihongo Rings", a regional Japanese language class network with 18 affiliated groups within the prefecture. This event focused on the affiliated organizations and was the first opportunity for Japanese language classes in the prefecture to come together. Participants gathered from all over, from Kyotango City in the north to Kizugawa City in the south.

Ms. Mari Watabe kicked things off with the following words: "seemingly small activities in a Japanese language classroom actually have great meaning and lead to peaceful communities and societies", before a lecture by Professor Mari Hamada from Kyoto University of Education. Other features of the event included class introduction booths, a promotional corner for the different classes, and a consultation booth for the introduction, education and training of Japanese language instructors. The approximately 200 participants of the event gathered at the venue could wander freely around the various classrooms and booths. A lot of lively discussion took place that day!

In addition to allowing instructors and supporters to meet each other, the event also provided the opportunity for members of the general public who are not usually involved in these classes to learn about Japanese language education and lessons. The event was very meaningful, with participants expressing that their involvement in the day has fueled in them a new interest in



Japanese language education support and even the desire to open a Japanese class where they live.

Introduction to the participating organizations *Tachibana Club (Yamashina Ward, Kyoto City)*



Students taking a Japanese language teacher training course at Kyoto Tachibana University run this club at the Kyoto City Youth Service Foundation Yamashina, which is attended by people wanting to learn Japanese properly, people looking to make Japanese friends and international students. The instructors aim to put into practice what they learn at university whilst also tailoring the content to the needs of the learners.

Speak Salon (Uji City)



Speak Salon organizes events where local people can really communicate and connect with each

other, such as an exchange party that is held four times a year, a fireworks display in the area, a stamp rally and a firefly event at the botanical gardens.

Yume Kikyu Dream Balloon (Joyo City)



Yume Kikyu Dream Balloon teaches classes to meet the needs of its students and has its foundation in

promoting multicultural coexistence. It provides opportunities to interact with Japanese people and to learn about local events and Japanese culture, such as by organizing a tour of a plum grove or yukata-wearing experiences. This group places high value on positive attitudes towards learning. This event was a fantastic opportunity to learn about the activities of and speak with teaching groups in other regions.

Map of Japanese language classes in Kyoto
Search for Japanese classes in Kyoto Prefecture here:
<https://www.kpic.or.jp/njfumini/nihongo/kyoshitsumap.html>



INFORMATION FROM KPIC

1 At KPIC, we are recruiting a native speaker of Tagalog who can translate from Japanese to Filipino.

- Requirements**
- Japanese skills must be equivalent to the JLPT N2 or higher
 - Must have permanent access to your email

If you are interested, please see the following web page for more details.

<https://www.kpic.or.jp/about/recruit.html>

Kyoto Prefecture CIRs common blog

<http://tabunkakyoito.wordpress.com/>



For more information, please refer to

Web <http://www.kpic.or.jp/english/>

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COUNSELING SERVICES for Kyoto's International Residents

1 Support Desk for International Students

Our counseling staff will give you information and advice for daily life, preparation for jobs, contacts with graduates working in Japan, etc. This service is free of charge.

- **Consultation days and hours** : Wednesday, Saturday and Sunday, 10:00-17:00
- **Languages** : Interpretation in English, Chinese, Korean, Filipino, Spanish and Portuguese available. Reservation required for interpretation.
- **Email** : counsel@kpic.or.jp ■ **TEL** : 075-342-0088

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An expert can respond to your visa-related questions including those about changing or renewing your status of residence. Please make a reservation at least one week in advance by Web form or Fax.

- Date**: Fourth Sunday of every month, 13:00-16:00 (30 minutes/person)
- Fee**: Free of charge.
- Details**: <http://www.kpic.or.jp/english/residents/consul.html>
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COUNSELING Q&A for Kyoto's International Residents



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I am hoping to find a job in Japan after I graduate from university. What kind of work is possible for me? I need advice on issues such as immigration control (change of status of residence from a student visa to a work visa).

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There must be a connection between what you studied at university and the work you are hoping to be involved in. The kind of work you will do once you join a company is very important.

The following 4 points are considered for a change of status of residence:

- Whether the applicant's education (major course, research description, etc.) and other backgrounds correspond to the technical skills and knowledge (s)he possesses.
- Whether the technical skills and knowledge possessed by the applicant can be utilized from the perspective of the job description.
- Whether the applicant is treated and remunerated appropriately.
- Whether stability and continuity is expected from the company's scale and performance, and whether the opportunity to perform his/her job function actually exists.

- Things to be aware of when applying for change of status of residence

For more details, please refer to the "Guidelines for change of status of residence from Student visa to Engineer / Specialist in Humanities / International Services visa"

http://www.moj.go.jp/nyuukokukanri/kouhou/nyuukokukanri07_00091.html

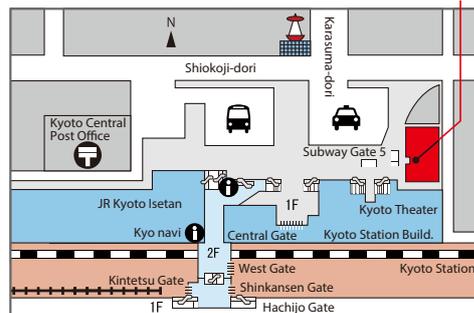
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