

★ IIA News Letter, November 2021 ★

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【Supporting vaccination for foreign residents by using the city arranged large buses】 (IIA Backing)
Inoculation of 85 people, mainly foreign residents, was carried out from September 12th at Osu Disaster Prevention Park. By providing support for vaccination reservations, vaccine and screening questionnaires, it seems that foreign residents were more relaxed about being inoculated.

<http://www.iia21.jp/vacosu.jpg>

【International Lounge steadily activated】 (IIA)

You might have seen the pretty Halloween decorations for October. In November, we are planning to display a cute kimono of Shichigosan (Celebration at the age of 7, 5 and 3). And December is the theme of the world-wide festival "Christmas". In this way, the International Lounge will continue to introduce world festivals and Japanese culture on a monthly basis from the new year onward. Please lend your country's goods for an exhibition. The theme will be announced on the home page, etc.

<http://www.iia21.jp/753.jpg>

【High School Entrance Guidance for non-native Japanese speaker students and parents】 (IIA Backing)

We held a guidance for students and parents who are unfamiliar with the high school entrance exams at Nikke Colton Hall on October 17th. A total of 96 participated, including 36 students, parents, teachers and volunteers. There were explanations about the high school entrance exam, high school introductions by teachers from 7 neighboring high schools, and a senior high school student explaining how to study for the exam as well as describing current high school life. We hope that prospective students will be able to enter the high school they are aiming for by referring to this guidance.

【Online meeting with Rosenheim citizen】 (Rosenheim City Committee)

Twelve people from Ichikawa City and Rosenheim City, Germany, held an online meeting with the Zoom application for the first time on September 7th. They successfully reported on the status of each group.

【Committee Meeting】 Interpre. & Transl. Committee (iTC)

The Committee Meeting of Interpretation & Translation Committee was held on 9th of October at Zennikkei Hall conference room. 20 participants including 3 joined online introduced themselves at the beginning. Following a presentation about the history and current activities of the committee, we lively discussed how to promote and expand our activities.

【Talk Salon: Mini-Halloween Party】

It was held on October 6th at the International Lounge, with a fully decorated Halloween ambience. We could meet many friends we haven't met for a long time due to COVID19. We enjoyed talking about various things. An African participant brewed an authentic rooibos tea which tasted really good. Chatting became lively and our bodies began to feel like dancing.

Being able to see each other directly can be more fun. I believe it is really good to have a talk salon in the Lounge.

<http://www.iaa21.jp/hallow211.JPG>

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【Online exchange meeting between Mama Elementary School and Leshan Normal Elementary School】
(Leshan City Committee)

Face-to-face Exchange activity from Leshan City to Ichikawa City was suspended due to the influence of the new coronavirus, but an online exchange meeting was held between both cities' Elementary Schools on Friday, October 22. Leshan pupils performed martial arts and musical instruments, and Ichikawa pupils performed kendama, long ropes jumping, and local fishermen's dance (Soran Bushi).

There was also a question-and-answer session from both sides, and they seemed excited.

The time to say goodbye came, and both sides said goodbye in the language of the other countries before the session ended. I sincerely hope that the exchange between the two cities will continue for as long as possible..

【Message from Issy-Les-Moulineaux City Committee】 -

The Issy City Committee is focusing on activities to welcome a delegation from the Issy, which is scheduled to come to Ichikawa in 2022.

Specifically, we are doing such activities as French language course for beginners, translation of a Ichikawa city map, studying the hospitality of Japanese culture, and other activities to experience the history and culture of Issy City. We started these activities on the third Saturday on every month except January and August from 10:00 to 14:40 at the International Lounge. Monthly events will be announced on the front page of the IIA official website.

We look forward to having your participation.