

Protecting Walking Children: Popopo Flag

Kyotango P.D. Gifts Safety Flags for Off-Campus Walks

The Kyotango Association of Traffic Safety and the Kyotango Police Department have gifted Kyotango-original Popopo Flags to keep children safe from traffic accidents. These flags are meant to be used when the children are out on walks, and have been given to all nurseries and preschools in Kyotango.

The safety flag is yellow and triangular. In its center rests the words “Osanpochuu” and an illustration, which was thought up by the Tachibana Nursery.

A flag presentation ceremony was conducted at Tachibana Nursery, on September 19th. There, Hiroataka Seto of the Kyotango Association of Traffic Safety addressed the crowd, saying, “We cannot have children losing their lives in traffic accidents. I hope that these flags are useful in preventing such occurrences.”

After the presentation ceremony, children participated in a traffic safety course conducted at the school yard. There, they learned what to look out for when crossing the street directly from traffic safety instructors and police officers. Then, everyone promptly went out for a walk.

Tachibana Nursery Chief Makiko Okuda commented, “I want to utilize the safety flags during walks and further protect our children.”



Amazing View from Kyotango's Tallest Peak 27th Koryujigatake Mountain-Climbing Festival

The Koryujigatake Climbing Festival was held on October 6th.

This event is aimed at utilizing the natural beauty and views of Koryujigatake, the tallest peak(1697m) in Kyotango, to vitalize the region and provide enjoyment to many people. This is its 27th iteration being put on by an executives committee consisting of organizations that operate in Jogahata-ku.

The hike started off amidst a light rain. 140 people participated from Kyotango City and beyond. Everyone climbed at their own pace while enjoying conversation and natural views. When the group reached the top, they were in awe at the view.



Japan's Roadside Stations Assemble!

Roadside Station Grand Prix 2019

The 2019 Roadside Station Grand Prix was held on September 21st and 22nd at Roadside Station: Tango Kingdom “Shoku no Miyako,” where around 13,500 people gathered.

There are 1160 locations spread throughout Japan as of June 2019. This event is meant to determine the best roadside station in Japan, and it is the 3rd time it has been held in Kyotango. Seventeen stations were selected to participate and sell their proud dish which incorporates their local products. Event-goers compared the different sweets and food and had a great time.

The local Tango Kingdom “Shoku no Miyako” prepared “W Sausage,” which is a sausage made out of Kyotanba Kougen Pork and Kyotango Matured Beef.

Atsushi Hashimoto, who came from Nagoya City, chowed down on a sausage and said, “The spices and tender texture make it so delicious. Now I want some rice!”

After tallying the results, it was clear that the “Phantom Wagyu” of Tosa Sameura, Kouchi Pref. shined above the rest.



Enjoying the Geopark in Autumn

Children's Nature Classroom "Challenge Walk"

The "Children's Nature Classroom 'Challenge Walk'" was held on October 5th. Five Kyotango elementary school students participated and walked a roughly 13-kilometers along the Ukawa river through Noma, Yasaka-cho and Hei, Tango-cho.

The children left the former Noma Elementary School at 8:20 in the morning. They enjoyed the view and learned about the plants that grow alongside the road from the Community Development Support Center Guide while following his lead down the mountain path to the Hei ocean swimming area. On the way, they visited the Kowaki Power Plant, along with its intake port and power facilities, and at 3 PM safely arrived at the swimming area.

The children said things like, "I learned about many kinds of plants," "I am tired but it was fun. I am happy that I made it to the finish," and "I think that Tango is a great place."

After finishing, everyone enjoyed salted and grilled sweetfish. It was a great day to savor the Geopark and all of its many blessings.



Learning the History and Charm of Tango Chirimen

“Tango Chirimen Lecture” at Omiya Regional Community Center

Lecture students learned about Tango Chirimen and visited Chirimen factories during the “Tango Chirimen Lecture.”

This event is meant to deepen understanding of Tango Chirimen, which is registered as a Japan Heritage and will soon celebrate its 300th year since inception. This was the first time that the Omiya Regional Community Center put on this event, which they structured into 3 themes: “The Past,” “The Present” and “The Future.”

On the “Present” themed day, September 24th, students visited a Tango Textile Manufacturing Cooperation factory, listened to explanations given by a factory worker, and saw the precise work done there first hand.

Students commented things like, “I really got a good feel of how much work and steps go into making white fabric,” and “I was really happy to be able to learn about Chirimen’s history and new applications.”



Renovating with “Friendly paintings of a friend”

“Create Shop KuriKuri” Celebrates 6th Birthday

The Create Shop KuriKuri, which is located within the Mine Shopping Center, sells products made at Kyotango City facility of the disabled as a part of its members work and training. The shop was renovated due to six years passing since its opening. “Friendly Paintings” were drawn onto the store’s shelves and walls to greet all who enter. On October 5th and 6th a celebratory anniversary festival was held. Many people came in pursuit of the “Friendly” handmade crafts.

The disabled friends will try their best to bring smiles to the faces of their clients as they man the shop Monday through Friday.

