

## Everyday Disaster Prevention

### Ryuukoku University Students Make “Disaster Prevention Calendar”

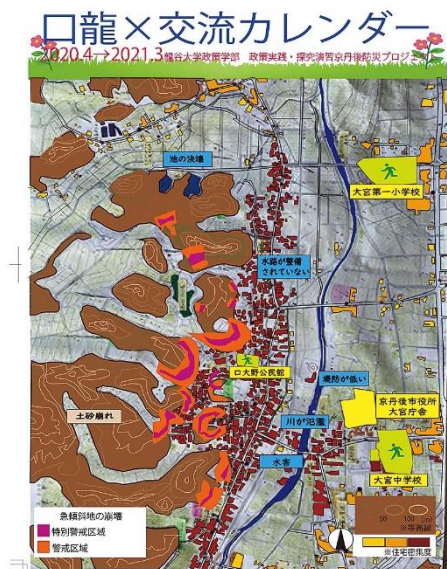
Ryuukoku University Faculty of Policy Science, which is under the supervision of professor Ryoga Ishihara, has been working on the “Kyotango Disaster Prevention Project” in Kuchiono-ku, Omiya-cho. Recently, faculty students have released the “Disaster Prevention Calendar.”

The “Kyotango Disaster Prevention Project” is a part of the “Kyotango City Yume Machi Zukuri Daigaku” (College for development of the ideal Kyotango City) and has been carried out since 2018. With the goal of strengthening regional disaster prevention efforts, students regularly visit Kuchiono-ku, walk about town, conduct oral surveys, and exchange opinions with residents. They have also made a “Disaster Prevention Map” of Kuchiono-ku, while playing an active role in the manufacturing of benches with oven functionality, and even implemented disaster prevention events during disaster prevention drill sessions.

This calendar is the size of an A4 sheet of paper and is meant to be hung on a wall. Its cover displays the “Disaster Prevention Map” of Kuchiono-ku, which can be detached and used separately. Inside, each month shares content such as useful disaster prevention information, question and answer games, and disaster prevention efforts conducted in the past two years.

Momoka Otani, representative of the group that produced the calendar, commented, “This is a compilation of the 2 years everyone in Kuchiono-ku strived to achieve. It would be great if people became more aware of what it takes to prevent disasters when they look at this calendar every day.”

The calendar will be handed out to all households of Kuchiono-ku in mid-March.



## Spring Has Sprung!

### Catching Traditional Isaza Gobi in Kumihama Bay

Isaza Gobi, a yearly sign of spring, have started appearing in Kumihama Bay.

Isaza Gobi are Gobiidae that are also known by the name “Shirouo.” They grow up to 3 to 4 centimeters in length, and are unique due to their entirely transparent bodies. They are most famous for being eaten alive at the event “Odori Gui.”

Fishing season extends from the end of February to the beginning of April. This year, special traps installed near estuaries will be used to catch Isaza Gobi swimming upstream to spawn. Isaza Gobi fisherman Haruo Kaji has been active in his craft for over 30 years. He commented, “We haven’t been able to catch as much as we did in the past, and the amount of fisherman has also decreased. Regardless, I want to continue this tradition.”



## Showing Affection for Yuhigaura

### Tachibana Elementary School 5<sup>th</sup> Graders Perform Self-Written Songs

On February 19<sup>th</sup> at the Hamazume-ku Danchi Center, Tachibana Elementary School 5<sup>th</sup> graders performed the song “Bokura no Yuhigaura,” a song they wrote about the local scenic spot “Yuhigaura.”

Tachibana Elementary School is implementing the plan “A School One With its Community,” in which students learn about Kyotango’s nature during their comprehensive study time. During this time students felt the desire to protect and advertise Yuhigaura, so over a span of 2 months, children wrote lyrics to a song about the area, and teachers wrote its melody.

On this day, in front of neighbors and guardians who assisted their studies, the children reminisced on making the song and talked about how it made them feel. They then raised up signs that called for the preservation of the environment and performed the piece.

Students commented things like, “I was nervous before the performance, but I want to keep showing people the good parts of Kyotango,” and “I want to treasure our nature.”

This song will spread the children’s feelings to the rest of the region, and the signs that they held will be displayed as soon as a display area is determined.



## Hospitality and Halal Food

### Taste-Testing Halal Food at Tango Kingdom

A Halal food taste test was held at Tango Kingdom “Shoku no Miyako” on February 19<sup>th</sup>.

This event is conducted by the Kyotango City International Association and the Kyotango City Tourism Association to increase the number of loading establishments where travelers from the Islamic world can confidently enjoy Kyotango cuisine.

Participants learned about the Muslim diet and lifestyle, as well as what to consider when making a Halal menu.

Afterwards, board spokesperson for the Kyoto Halal Network Association, Hikaru Ogawa, gave a lecture on things to pay attention to while cooking Halal food, as well as what condiments and ingredients are considered acceptable. Participants listened to his lecture and tasted the completed dishes.

Mr. Ogawa commented, “Making a new menu is difficult, so it is important to try and retool current menus into ‘Halal menus.’ It is also important to display ingredients to put customers at ease.”



## Cultivating Strength to Search and Share

### Mineyama High School Students Report on “Isanago Tankyuu”

The “Isanago Tankyuu” debriefing session was held at Kyoto Prefectural Minayama High School on February 21<sup>st</sup>. In this event, 2<sup>nd</sup> year students are divided into teams. Each team is responsible for presenting findings on a self-chosen topic researched over roughly a one-year period. With the school grounds and gymnasium as their stage, 66 booths were set up for viewing. First year students and teachers visited the booths and listened to the presentations. There were many topics such as “Famous Graduates of Mineyama High School” and “Kotobikihama and its Sea Trash Problem.” After the presentations were over during the Q&A period, the grounds were alive with crowds exchanging opinions.

Robot Research Club member Shota Nakagawa presented on “Reasons We Need Programing Classes.” He commented, “I chose this topic to spread the word on programing. I was pretty nervous, but I am glad to have been able to speak to so many people.”



## The Secrets and Joys of being a Tour Guide

### Geopark Guide Training Course

A Sanin Kaigan Geopark four-part tour guide course was held at Tango-cho city hall on February 26<sup>th</sup>.

This course is meant to train guides to become able to share the charm of Kyotango and the Geopark. Community Development Support Center NPO board chairman, Tadahiro Nakae, led the first class whose theme was “The History of Tango.”

There were many unknown facts discussed like how a rare column joint located near Kyogamisaki was used as material to build the Kyogamisaki lighthouse due to its rarity being unknown. Mr. Nakae commented, “You can entertain tourists if you learn side stories and history not included in textbooks.”

