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1 Thai Dancing Show

~A Dance Performance by High School Students from Northern Thailand!~

Acting as a bridge of friendship between Thailand and Japan, and promoting talented people to act as a bridge between both countries, The NPO Japan-Thailand Education Exchange Society has invited Northern Thai high schoolers to Japan to perform a dance for the public.

◆Time : April 4th 2017 (Tues.) 11 : 00 - 11 : 30am

◆Place : Kyotango City Hall Lobby

* No need to apply!



2 Easter Egg Hunt

~ American Culture for the Kids ! ~

◆Time : April 15th 2017 (Sat.) 10 : 00 - 11 : 30am

◆Place : Grassy Lawn in front of Tango Cultural Hall & Mineyama Community Center

◆Fee : ¥200 (collected on the day of the event)

◆Capacity : 100 People (first-come-first-served)

◆Other : Rain or shine • Bring an egg-hunting basket (if you have one)



Sponsor: Kyogamisaki Communications Base

Target Audience:

3-12 year olds

3 2017 General Meeting

◆Time : April 20th 2017 (Thurs.) 7:30 – 9:00pm

◆Place : Kyotango City Hall Meeting Room 201

◆Contents : 【1st: 2017 General Meeting】

*If you wish to attend, please contact the secretariat before April 17th (Mon).

【2nd: Lecturer: Camilla Ingegneri (Kumihama Assistant Language Teacher)

She will lecture about her experiences as an immigrant moving from Brazil to America, and about America's current immigration policies.

Lecturer Camilla (Born in Brazil, Raised in America)



4 Project Report

Splendid music performance charms 260 people!

Gender Equality Seminar ▪ International Comprehension Class

◆Date : January 14th

◆Place : Omiya Agricultural Center

Via joint sponsorship with the City Women's Council, and for a perspective on gender equality and international comprehension, we invited the piano duo of Ernst Seiler from Germany and Kazuko Seiler from Tokyo to hold a lecture and a concert.

From a capacity-exceeding pool of 430 applicants, 260 people braved the snowy weather to participate.



↑Mr. Seiler explaining a song performed in Japanese
←Charming the audience with a performance in sync



The two talked about the secrets to coordination in both their performances and in parenting.
Interviewer: Director Oka

Playing the music of Handel, Schubert, and Edvard Grieg, the couple played piano, with all four hands in perfect sync.

In the couple's interview, the two talked about things like the abundant nature in Nantan, and relaxed parenting.

《Participant's Impressions》

- ◆The Seilers are a fun couple. It was somewhat unexpected that they grow rice, but I was happy to learn about the joys of farming.
- ◆The duo's overlapping sounds and tones were very good. I enjoyed listening to the familiar songs.
- ◆The Seiler's stories were overflowing with humor, and their music stirred my heart.

Enjoying sushi made from local ingredients!

Nigiri Sushi Experience

◆Date : February 4th

◆Place : Tango Kingdom "Shoku-no-Miyako"

Using fish caught in Tango, 28 people participated in a sushi-making exchange experience.

Building up a plan from the fresh fish caught in Tango's fixed fishing nets, with the guidance of "Umeya-honpo" Mr. Umeda, participants clad in *happi* coats and headbands attempted making nigiri sushi. Taking the sushi rice in the right hand and the topping in the left, you wipe some wasabi onto the topping, and then combine the two parts in your right hand, adjusting it so that the topping rests neatly on the rice. Done!



↑Participants from America, the Philippines, Thailand, Indonesia, Barbados, China, and England take a commemorative photo by the sushi cart.

→ Mr. Umeda (photo right) prepared the fish, happi coats, headbands, and sushi cart.



Although the participants all said they'd only eaten sushi, but never made it, the whole group was able to make many beautiful pieces of sushi. Fish shabu-shabu (Japanese hotpot) was also provided, and participants ate that together with their sushi. The room was full of smiling faces and delicious scents, and everyone ate their fill.

←Decorations were placed around the finished sushi to make it colorful and bright (left photo)

←A participant from Indonesia was nervous for his first time making sushi, but said it was "fun and delicious" with a smiling face as he chatted with fellow participants.

Communication Power UP!

English Conversation Night

- ◆Date : February 13th, 20th, and 27th
- ◆Place : Mineyama District Community Center

This time, with the cooperation of 12 native speakers, and about 30 participants, everyone had fun with English conversation.

Although it was a cold, snowy night, in groups of four everyone introduced themselves, and got busy discussing travel, food, and recommended places in Tango.

Participants said “I was nervous when they first said ‘No Japanese!’ but the native speakers spoke slowly, so I was able to understand.” “Every time, I can speak to new native speakers, which is great fun!”

The participating native speakers said “The participants gave their all speaking English, so it was very fun! I'd like to participate again.”



Participants said they were pleased to get practice speaking, and that they felt a little more confident in speaking afterwards.



Beginner to Intermediate Level Up !

English Class

- ◆Date : February 27th, March 6th and 10th
- ◆Place : La Port

Phoebe Horgan (Coordinator of International Relations) taught English classes to about fifteen participants.

This time the themes were studying grammar from film, cooking, and songs. The lecturer Phoebe used simple and slow English



↑ Class materials. There are illustrations and easy-to-understand activities.

to instruct, and also explained some differences between American and British English.

Participants were highly motivated, saying “I wish there were more classes” and “I’m going to watch it on TV to review.”



← Lecturer Phoebe
The grammar explanations were in Japanese.

《Cable TV Broadcast!》

These English lessons will be after April on Kyotango Cable TV.

For the specific day and time of the broadcasts check the city announcement board, or press the “TV Programming Schedule” button on your remote control and check channel 11.

Bustling Japanese Class Exchange Party

「Japanese Class Exchange Party」

◆Date : March 8th

◆Place : Mineyama District Community Center

Eleven volunteers and 20 Japanese language students from the Philippines, Thailand, Vietnam, and China gathered for an okonomiyaki exchange party.

Usually the volunteers instruct students one-on-one for study, but this time many students gathered to discuss their study methods, goals, and first impressions of eating okonomiyaki.



For many students this was their first time making okonomiyaki, and they had fun trying to drizzle on the sauce and mayonnaise.

10-year city resident Mrs. Neeranut, from Thailand, said “Until now I didn’t have other foreign friends, but I made a lot of friends at this event, so I’m very happy! Come to my house to eat Thai food sometime!”

《 Recruiting Japanese Teaching Volunteers! 》

We are currently recruiting volunteer Japanese instructors for our Japanese classes. Because the classes are taught in Japanese, no knowledge of foreign language is necessary. If you are interested, please contact the secretariat.



→ Students from Vietnam (left) and Thailand (right) did a Thai dance to music.

← It was their first time meeting, but the students quickly started a lively exchange.



☆Member Organizations☆

- City Hotel Mineyama
- Hikari Art Museum
- “Cocoro-no-mori” the Forest of Mind
- Plaza Hotel Kissuien

- Amino Driving School
- Yuri Sports Club
- Marufuku Sanshou
- Matsumura Sangyou

Note from the Editor

As 2017 progresses, this group is nearing its 10-year anniversary. Until now, many people have participated in our events, and from here on out we want to continue to provide a “meeting place” for all kinds of events, so if you’re thinking “I’d love this sort of event,” please be sure to let us know!

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