Info for life in Kagoshima KAGO LIFE_Summer

Come mingle at the Global Cafe!

Article by Soyeon

Foreign residents of Kagoshima! Have you heard of the Global Cafe event held every second Saturday at the International Exchange Center in Kajiya-cho?

The Cafe lasts from 2 to 3:30 PM. Drinks are provided!





Foreign guest introduction



Drink corner



Nametags



Photo with the members in our last session

Japanese people and foreigners from many countries talk in

Japanese, English and more - perfect for those who just came to

Japan and those who want to meet new people!

I participated this time with Rebecca, and we had fun talking with people of many ages. Many of the people who come speak

English, so there's no need to worry if you can't speak

Japanese yet. The event is divided into three sessions, each having 20 minutes to talk and a 10-minute break. The groups change each session, so you can talk with many people you wouldn't usually be able to. Participation is free, so please feel free to come if you wish to make new friends in Kagoshima!

City Hall isn't scary! Take advantage of services for Kagoshima citizens Article by Rebecca

Q1 What procedures/consultations can be done at City Hall?

A Procedures include residence registration (when you first move to Kagoshima, change addresses within Kagoshima, or leave Kagoshima), registration for National Health Insurance and Pension, My Number Card, birth notifications, death notifications, marriage/divorce notifications, issuing residency certificates, applying for benefits, receiving a Mother and Child handbook, and more!

You can also consult about any matter related to life in Kagoshima City. While there is multilingual support (see Q2), if you are still nervous, we recommend first going to the International Exchange Center's Consultation Desk for Foreigners (16 languages available)! For more details, visit https://www.kiex.jp/desk/

Q2 I'm nervous since I can't speak Japanese...

A No worries! The CIRs in the International Affairs Division provide interpreting services in English, Chinese, and Korean. (Available M-F, 9:00-17:00. Please note that we may be unavailable at these times, and cannot interpret outside of City Hall) If CIRs are unavailable or you need another language, remote interpreting services using a tablet are available. The available languages are the same 16 languages as the International Exchange Center's Consultation Desk.

Q3 Where should I go first when I go to City Hall?

A When you don't know where to go in City Hall, you can tell a nearby staff what you are there for and they will show you where to go. If you need interpreting, staff will contact the International Affairs Division for you. (You can also come directly to the International Affairs Division on the 2nd floor of the West Annex Building. There are pamphlets available in many languages, so please feel free to take a look.)

Also, when you enter from the main entrance, there is an information screen. You can search for City Hall desks by touching the screen. English, Chinese (simplified), and Korean is also available.



Information screen

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Sun-sun Call Kagoshima

Sun-sun Call is a service for answering your questions about City Hall procedures, event information, and facilities. Interpreting into seven languages (English, Chinese, Korean, Portuguese, Spanish, Thai, Vietnamese) is also available.

TEL 099-808-3333 Available 8 AM-7 PM, 365 days/year

Kagoshima City event information

畿Kagoshima Kinko Bay Summer Night Fireworks Festival 爨

- ♦ Kagoshima's summer highlight, and one of the largest fireworks shows in Kyushu. About 15,000 fireworks color the summer night sky with Sakurajima in the background. Check the Festival's website to purchase paid seating.
- ♦ Date and time: Sat. August 24. 19:30-20:40
- ♦ Location: Kagoshima Port Main Port Area
- ♦ Contact: Sun-sun Call Kagoshima TEL808-3333



Kagoshima Burari City Walking ~Kagoshima Cuisine Walking Course~

- ♦ Walk with a volunteer guide and enjoy somen nagashi (flowing noodles) and more (reservation required)
- ♦Fee: Adults 1000 yen. Elementary/Junior High 500 yen (Cost for somen nagashi not included)
- ♦ Location: Jigenji Park
- ♦ Contact: Kagoshima Sightseeing Guide Station





AKagoshima Kenko-no-mori Park Outdoor Pool Open!



♦ Fee: General 300 yen. High Schooler 200 yen. Elementary/Junior High 100 yen (Elementary students in 3rd grade and younger must be accompanied by a guardian)

♦ Contact: Kagoshima Kenko-no-mori ParkTEL238-4650 FAX238-4548

Make life easier with Kagoshima City's app KagoTips!



Click the links in the app and you will find official information about life. events, transport, and more in Kasoshima. The app includes info on consultation places, so be sure to check if you' re in need of help. Available in many languages!

Introducing satsuma-imo sweets



Article by Soveon

Did you know that Kagoshima yields the

greatest produce of satsuma-imo (sweet

potatoes) in all of Japan?

This time we went with Marunion to

try out some sweets using satsuma-imo!



Kagoshima PR Character Marunion

Cafe Minamikaze (Festivalo 2F)





• Festivalo is famous for its "Lovely" baked sweet potato cake. You can enjoy a freshly baked Lovely here, at the cafe on the second floor! Make a trip here if you'd like to know what a nice. warm Lovely - different from the usual souvenir - tastes like.

3515 san-go-jyuu-go

In Kagoshima dialect, "san-gojyuu-go" means "laidback and slow-paced." You can enjoy a variety of satsuma-imo sweets here. we had a cheese yaki-imo (baked Sweet potato) and a potato cheesecake. Both were delicious!



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