



# Multilingual Newsletter

For foreign residents of Kagoshima City

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## CIR Report

Article by Rebecca LeVeque



### ■ We danced in this year's Ohara Matsuri!

Ohara Matsuri is an autumn tradition of Kagoshima and the largest festival in Southern Kyushu. I participated for the first time this year and danced as a part of the City Hall group with Kaili during the Night Festival on November 2<sup>nd</sup>! Preparations were difficult, with multiple dances to remember and the yukata fitting, but I had so much fun during our performance, and it ended before I knew it. I also enjoyed the empowering and passionate Ogojo (meaning "strong and amiable woman" in Kagoshima dialect) taiko drum performances. I am glad to have been able to participate in a tradition of Kagoshima.



While I was unable to go to the main festival the next day (Nov. 3), I heard it was a blast, with a Disneyland 40 Year Anniversary Parade in addition to the usual music and dancing. Did those of you who went enjoy it? For those of you who have yet to take part, be sure to visit next year!

## Event Information!

### ◇ Tenmonkan Millionation 2024



► Time period : Friday, Dec. 1  
2023~Thursday, Jan. 14 2024  
18:00~22:00

► Tenmonkan Park, Bunka-dori, Ginza-dori  
Approximately one million lights create a gorgeous and colorful illumination!



The Magnions are waiting for your Instagram-worthy photos!  
Instagram @magnion\_official  
For more details, go to <https://www.kagoshima-yokanavi.jp/event/10079>

### ◇ Magma Sweet Potato Train

► Enjoy the scenery of Kagoshima City on a lit-up city tram while eating hot sweet potatoes!

Website: <https://magmayakiimotram.com/>



### ◇ Kotsuki River Riverside Fest

Food trucks and market booths gather alongside Kotsuki River on the 4<sup>th</sup> weekend of each month!



► Place : Lawn on the left shore of Kotsuki River

► Times : Fri 16:00 ~ 20:00  
(Sat/Sun/Holidays) : 11:00~ 20:00

Website: <https://kotsuki-riverside-fes.jp/>

### ○ Get out and about with city transportation!

#### ① Use Rapica, Kagoshima's transport card

Have you heard of Rapica? You can use it not just on the city tram and buses, but the Sakurajima ferry and Kagoshima Kotsu, Nangoku Kotsu, and JR Kyushu buses as well! (You don't need a ticket or change – it's super convenient!) There are discounts on rides as well!



You can purchase Rapica at any of the City transport purchase spots. I purchased mine at the Shiyakusho-mae purchase spot (Meizan-cho 4-4). You can purchase it for ¥3000 (¥500 serves as a deposit, and you can return your Rapica if you no longer need it and get the deposit back). There is a ¥250 premium with the initial purchase, so the initial value you can use for rides is ¥2750.

You also get a 10% discount when you reload your card! (Example: When you reload with ¥1000, ¥1100 is added) Be sure to ask tram and bus drivers when you wish to purchase or reload a Rapica card. **Transportation Bureau:** <https://www.kotsu-city-kagoshima.jp/>

#### ② Excursion buses and sightseeing

Get a taste of the extraordinary with CUTE, a pass that can be used for city buses, trains, and ferries for one or two days!



You can use the Kagoshima App "Wakuwaku" to conveniently purchase digital tickets! Check it out regularly for useful information!

This unlimited pass is perfect for weekend outings! You can spend time leisurely exploring the city as you please. Use it to the max to experience seasonal scenery, meals and experiences! CUTE also comes with a discount passport for tourism facilities, and you can check out the Kagoshima City Tourism Guide website for a model course to get ideas of where to go! **For more details, check out** <https://www.kagoshima-yokanavi.jp/>

#### ③ Explore the city with Kagorin share-cycles!

The new and improved Kagorin provides electric assist bicycles to make getting around easier! Discover the beauty of Kagoshima during every season! One-day sightseeing passes are available as well! **For more details, go to** <https://docomo-cycle.jp/kagoshima/>

### The Magnions' mini Kagoshima trip!



We rode on the Sister City/Friendship City trams!



City buses made walking around the city easy!



Cycling along Kinko Bay during sunset!

### ♡ Kagoshima Curry Special (January 22 is Curry Day)

Curry Day originates from January 22<sup>nd</sup>, 1982, a day in which the Japanese Association for Dietetic Research and Education served curry, which children all loved, to schools all over the country to commemorate the 35<sup>th</sup> anniversary of school lunches in Japan.

#### ♡ Chabuya Kareido (Curry Hall)



This restaurant's unique spice brings a distinct delicious flavor! There's so much to choose from, from the usual katsu curry to limited-time menus! I ordered the Autumn Vegetable Ginger Pork Marinated Curry, which was perfect for a chilly day! The aged brown rice has enzymes and is healthy!  
-Kaili -

#### ♡ Café Kanojo no ie Tenmonkan



I had the yaki-curry! Since it was a lunch set, it came with soup, salad, a drink, and dessert. There are menu items besides curry too, so check it out if you're interested!  
-Soyeon -

#### ♡ Soup Curry Restaurant Satsuma Goya (Tenmonkan)



There are so many meat and vegetable options to try – I went with cube pork (kakuni) and vegetable! There are a variety of ways to customize your meal, including spice levels and the amount of rice. Highly recommended for chilly winter days!  
-Rebecca -

### ♡ Magnions' Kagoshima Discoveries ♡ (These volcano sprites are born of magma and have been bubbling with excitement in Magmacity since long ago!)



Our Magnion family loves curry! Compare restaurants and find your favorite curry too!



Have you heard of Kagoshima City's official app, KagoTips? The app guides you to official links with tons of info about life, events, transportation, and more in Kagoshima! There is also info about a variety of consultation services, so give the app a download if you find yourself in need of help. Of course, the app is available in multiple languages – as of now, Japanese, simple Japanese, English, Mandarin (Simplified and Traditional), Korean, and Vietnamese are included. You might be surprised at just how much there is in Kagoshima. Feel free to use KagoTips to enjoy your life in Kagoshima to the fullest!

♡ Stay tuned until next time for even more new discoveries!