

Monthly Glocal News

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HAPPY NEW YEAR!



Diplomats' Study Tour to Tawaramoto Town, Nara Prefecture



Karako Kagi Remains
Historical Landmark Park



Presentation by local craftsmen

The Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Japan and Tawaramoto Town held a Study Tour to Tawaramoto Town for the diplomatic corps in Japan from November 18 to 19. In this tour, diplomats visited the Karako Kagi Remains related facilities and some sites of local agriculture and other industries of the Town. They deepened their understanding of the area's history, culture and industry.

Regional revitalization from the perspective of international people
-vol. 13- Ms. Durna Ozkaya

The beautiful rural life in the southernmost town of the main land of Japan



A commemorative photo with Turkish language class students



Ms. Ozkaya joins an ethnic dance in a Turkish national costume at the Fire Festival of Kushimoto Town

Ms. Ozkaya was born and grown in a small village in Turkey and started studying Japanese at university. After graduation, she experienced working at a Japanese company and the embassy of Japan in Turkey. In 2018, she moved to Japan and started working as a Coordinator for International Relations (CIR) in Kushimoto Town, Wakayama Prefecture. The long history of friendly relations between Kushimoto Town and Turkey began after the distress of the Erutgrul, which shipwrecked off the coast of Kushimoto Town in 1890, and the year of 2020 was a milestone of their relations for 130 years. Ms. Ozkaya has been making continuous efforts to be a good mediator between two countries.

Enjoy learning about water through a board game! (Ono City, Fukui Prefecture)



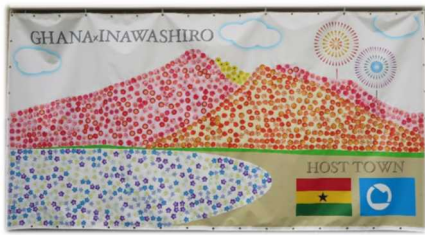
Board game to learn the importance of water



A class using the board game

Ono City of Japan and Orleans City of France give assistance on water to Timor-Leste and Parakou city of Benin respectively. Based on exchanges between Ono and Orleans City starting from 2017, the two cities and Parakou city jointly produced a board game to promote understanding to the importance of water resources. Since "Water Day" on August 1st this year, Ono City has been lending the board game as teaching materials in school classes and also using it on-site lessons. Would you also like to learn about water through the board game?

Blooming flowers in the Host Town, Inawashiro Town in Fukushima Prefecture, welcome the counterpart country, the Republic of Ghana –Dr. Hideyo Noguchi was the start of their relations–



Mount Bandai and Lake Inawashiro are colored by pieces of flower petals on the "Flower art -Host Town Inawashiro- "



Cheering message from the local citizens in Inawashiro Town to the people in Ghana

Dr. Hideyo Noguchi, known as a prominent bacteriologist, was born in Inawashiro Town and passed away in Ghana. There have been various exchanges between Japan and Ghana including the visits of presidents of the republic of Ghana to the town. The town became a Host Town of Ghana for the Tokyo 2020 games and supports the country. "Flowers" that show the support of the local people are now full in bloom in the town.

A new style of exchange - The Door of Online - International exchange using ICT at Hokkaido Sapporo Intercultural and Technological High School



Exchange of opinions



Cultural Exchange

Hokkaido Sapporo Intercultural and Technological High School sets an educational goal that is "leading students to become a global citizen respected by the people of the world". Even under the influence of COVID-19, the school is engaged in online interaction with Russian schools using ICT knowledge they are learning. Fruitful exchanges such as cultural and musical performance have been carried out. The students also found a new form of exchange valuable, saying "I felt familiar with different cultures." It is expected that their exchanges will be developed further in the future.

TWEET THE BEST from @LocalMofa



We can hear the sizzling sound at any moment!
A tweet about Kawara Soba which is the famous cuisine in Shimonoseki City, Yamaguchi Pref. gained the most attention this month. The way in which colorful ingredients are served on the tiles heated at about 300 degrees is very characteristic. It is a hot gourmet that we definitely want to eat in cold winter.



Tottori Okayama Shimbashikan



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Experience the heartfelt "hospitality"!
"Tottori Okayama Shimbashikan" is an antenna shop jointly operated by the two prefectures, which was born in Shimbashi in 2014 and reopened after renewal in September 2020. The concept of the shop is expressed by a coined word "MOMOTENASHI", combination of three Japanese words: MOMO(peaches) from Okayama, NASHI(pears) from Tottori and OMOTENASHI(the feeling of hospitality). Let's find a wide range of blessings from the Sea of Japan through Seto inland sea!

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