

Exchange meeting “Open your heart”



Theme of the first meeting “Let’s talk about child care”

The exchange meeting was held on June 25. We discussed about “Difference of schools in Japan and foreign countries.” The good news is that many participants gathered. A professor and a student studying abroad at Saitama University, a teacher of Kawagoe Technical Evening High School, Japanese language teacher dispatched from Saitama prefecture, a professor of Nihon Fukushi University, and Japanese teachers for foreign children. Many of foreign mothers and their children, who are the main guest for the day, also gathered at FICEC. 18 participants gathered at this meeting.

★Reason of opening this meeting at FICEC

At FICEC we have been supported foreigners for 20 years or more and we have been worried about some cases. Foreigners who come to life consultation to FICEC seem to be difficult to enter real Japanese society. Why can't they become self-sustaining? Why do they just rely on other people? Don't Japanese accept them at once? Or is there any invisible wall between Japanese and foreigners?

When I was teaching Japanese language at elementary school and junior high school in Fujimino city, the principal said “A Chinese student went back to his home country with his parent without any notion to school. He came back after two months, when the lunar New Year ended. The student does not understand Japanese well and cannot study if he does not come to school.”

In many cases, foreign parents in Japan call their children from their home country. But such children do not understand Japanese. When they enter to school in Japan, many problems will come out, as a matter of course. Therefore, to solve such problem, I thought it is a good idea to have exchange meeting and exchange opinions.



★Opinions of foreign mothers at the meeting

Club activities in Japanese school is very strict, relation of seniors and juniors is very strict and it seems like an army. In China and Thailand, children live in dormitory and are well brought up at school. In Japan, parents are very busy for class visits and Parent-Teacher Association activities. Japanese mothers are very strong and looks like a super woman. My Japanese husband expects me to be the same as a Japanese mother but it is very hard work.

In nursery school, children just play around and they don't study there. I am very anxious about it.

★Next exchange meeting

I came from Taiwan. I like the word “When in Rome, do as the Romans do.” Why don't you live like this in Japan? Then I think you can enter real Japanese society and can be used to Japanese customs and rules. Japanese people should also open your mind and accept such foreigners. Now all the world is going to create a peaceful society without discrimination. For the next exchanging meeting, please check Facebook and website of FICEC.

The theme is “International marriage”. Is international marriage good for you or bad? Please join our meeting.

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Let's enjoy Bado-tennis!

Let's enjoy a new sports called "bado-tennis." Fujimi-shi is trying to diffuse it. A soft sponge ball and a badminton court is used. You can try to play it at the trial lesson and make friends here. Come and join the lesson!

*Place: Gymnasium of Suwa Elementary School, Fujimi-shi

*Date: August 26 (Sat.) 14:00 to 17:00

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Event in Fujimino-shi

(1) Art Festa Fujimino 2017



An event of a great scale will be held in Fujimino-shi. This year's theme is "Tomoiki", which means to let's live together.

You can enjoy various performance such as many exhibition, concert, hula dance or sign language dance, and bazaar. It takes all day to enjoy the event. FICEC will participate in this event with games of Korea and Philippines, and Philippines dance, for international performance.

*Date: October 7 (Sat.) 10:00 to 16:00

*Place: Industry & Culture Center, Soyoca Fujimino, Round park

(2) Let's celebrate 3rd Nishi-Ko Festival together!



*Place: Nishi Kohminkan, Kami-Fukuoka

*Date: September 10 (Sun) 9:45 to 14:00

You can enjoy baton twirling, Awa-odori (dance) and snack bars here. FICEC will open delicious Taiwan and Chinese dishes here.

Permanent bazar space opened at FICEC!

Every spring and autumn, bazar is held at FICEC, which is very popular among foreigners coming here. Now the bazar is opened all time in a room on 2nd floor of FICEC. You can come anytime you want, and it may support your simple daily life goods. A big bazar in autumn season will be prepared soon. Please come and see, when you come to Japanese lesson, or bring your friends along. You will sure to find various goods and interesting things here.



INTERNATIONAL FORUM,

Fujimi-shi: Let's enjoy all day with a door opened to the world



Every year "International Exchange Forum" in Fujimi-shi starts with Japanese drums. It is a place for very precious experience to know various foreign culture. Last year we could listen to a great gospel song.

FICEC will participate in various plan such as "games in foreign countries" and "Speech of foreigners."

*Place: Culture Hall, Fujimi-shi Kirari-Fujimi 1st floor, Multi hall

*Date: October 7 (Sat) 11:30 to 15:30