

# NCIA



Nikko City  
International Association

## 2023 IN REVIEW



### INTERCULTURAL EXCHANGE EVENTS

### JAPANESE LANGUAGE CLASS



### PREGNANCY & CHILDBREARING SUPPORT

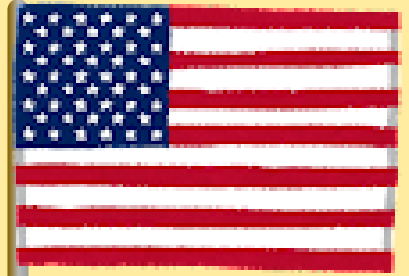
### HOLIDAY PARTIES





## INTERCULTURAL EXCHANGE: ~Sister City Introduction~

During a typical year, Nikko City and its overseas sister city, Rapid City, South Dakota in the United States, hold **exchange events and homestays** for middle- and high-school students. However, due to the pandemic, they have been cancelled. Currently, as the virus settles down, we are working towards restarting such events.



SAT., SEPTEMBER 2, 2024

In cooperation with Imaichi High School, we set up a booth at the school's culture festival. Aiming to revive our sister city exchanges, we introduced Rapid City, the exchange events of years past, and put various handicrafts received from Rapid City out on display.



## INTERCULTURAL EXCHANGE: ~Fiesta Mexicana 2023~

On Saturday, September 16, we attended the **Fiesta Mexicana** put on at Odaiba. Plenty of Mexican foods and other goods were available for purchase, and on the day that we visited, there was a ceremony ("El Grito") celebrating Mexico's declaration of independence.

We were able to feel a great sense of connection with Mexican culture.

We were also able to listen to a mariachi performance and share in the merriment. Everyone had a wonderful time!





# INTERCULTURAL EXCHANGE: ~Cooking Italian Cuisine~

Toyooka Community Center

Saturday, 1/27/2024

“LET’S COOK WORLD CUISINE!”

Sveva, a volunteer from Italy, guided a class in preparing 3 popular Italian dishes:

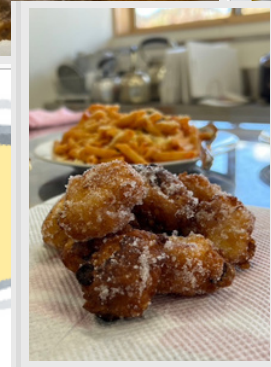
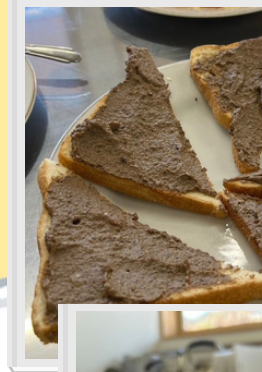
~ CROSTINI CON FEGATINI ~

~ PASTA ALLA NORMA ~

~ FRITELLE DI RISO ~

Italian cooking is not to be made in a rush, so each dish was made one by one with great care. “The process of making the dishes itself is also something to be enjoyed,” Sveva commented.

While preparing the dishes, participants could ask various questions about Italy and its cuisine, successfully getting to learn more about its culture.





## ~2023 Tochigi Bus Trip~

### NCIA's Japanese language class holds an annual bus trip around Tochigi!

This year's destinations — per the request of a student in the class — were Nikko City's **Nikko Toshogu** and Utsunomiya City's **Oya History Museum**. Though it was a little cold (it was November 12th, after all), a total of 30 participants including students, teachers, and NCIA members came along to have their fill of rich nature and culture while engaging in intercultural exchange.



### *FREE TIME @ TOSHO-GU*

In front of historical buildings and scenery representative of Japan, participants struck cool poses for pictures and reverently took in the gravity of the occasion, embracing the myriad ways to enjoy the visit.



### OYA HISTORY MUSEUM

At the museum, we went on a tour of the Oya Stone Underground Mining Site, a result of digging out Oya stone for more than 70 years.

Though many of the participants had gotten drowsy from being on the bus, they seemed happy exploring a space that they otherwise would not have encountered in their normal day-to-day lives.

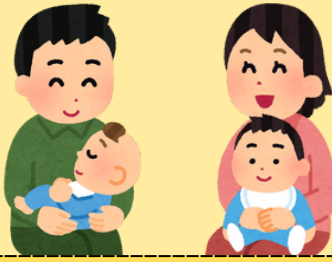


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# Pregnancy/Childrearing Counseling Event & Christmas Party



In Fujiwara, the number of married and pregnant foreign residents is increasing. The city health department's interventions begin in the early stages of pregnancy. Despite living in the same region, barriers due to differences in language and country of origin can cause isolation amongst foreign residents.

In response, we put on a pregnancy/childrearing counseling event geared specifically towards foreigners. Along with the cooperation of the health department, we provided participants with items to protect against the cold.



Fujiwara Administrative Center  
Friday, 12/22/2023






NEW MEMBERS WELCOME!



## Japanese Language Class ~ 2024

NCIA holds **FREE** Japanese language classes for foreigners!  
Come study Japanese with our volunteer teachers!

- ☆ **DURATION & DATES:** March~July 2024 · Every 1st, 2nd, and 4th Thursday
- ☆ **TIME:** 7:00-8:30pm
- ☆ **WHAT TO BRING:** Pen & Notebook 
- ☆ **ADDRESS:** NIKKO Civic Activities Support Center · 304-1 Imaichi, Nikko City
- ☆ **LOCATION:** NIKKO Civic Activities Support Center · 1st Floor · Hotoku Hall

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Violet Needham (ヴァイオレット・ニーダム)



日本語

English

 If you will be participating for the first time, please notify the office!

For more details, please visit our website:

<https://www.nikkocity.org/class.html>

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Aiming to advance international exchange and understanding on the citizen level, we conduct various activities that take advantage of Nikko City's various unique and special qualities.

Sister city exchanges can allow one to make contact with overseas cultures, interact with foreign locals, and share in various intercultural experiences while living on-site. Anyone from children to elderly folks can enjoy and learn from our events and lectures.

Please feel free to participate!

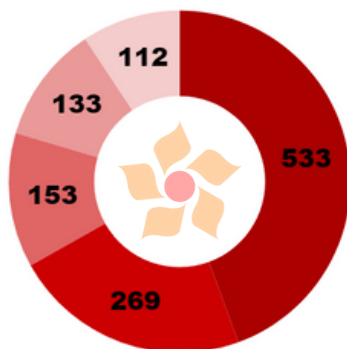
Registration link:

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#### Nikko City Foreign Resident Population Accurate as of February 1, 2024

- Vietnam
- Nepal
- The Philippines
- Myanmar
- China



#### Annual Membership Dues

Individual Membership: ¥3,000\*

Family Membership: ¥5,000

Corporate Membership: ¥10,000

\*18 and under: **FREE!** However, those born on April 1st must defer to the previous year.

\*\*Memberships are renewed annually in April. Those who wish to end their memberships must submit their notification by July of the previous year.