

# Koryu

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**Theme:**

**Gathering all smiles in good spirits!  
Active Festival for all us!**

<b>DATE:</b>	2 <sup>nd</sup> August Sunday 14:00~20:00
<b>PLACE:</b>	Around Ritto city hall and part of Gingko street
<b>SPONSOR:</b>	Ritto Citizen Summer Festival executive committee
<b>THE RIFA BOOTH:</b>	25 volunteers participated (including 6 registered foreigners)

The cultural exchange committee planned the operations for RIFA's first booth. RIFA asked for volunteers from their members, the registered foreigners from China, Vietnam and Brazil. The volunteers prepared, cooked, and sold the food. Many citizens stopped by the RIFA booth.

At the RIFA booth, we served Brazil-style beef skewers and Chorizo. We also served many types drinks including beers(from Australia, Mexico, Denmark, Holland), Guarana from Brazil, Mango juice from Thailand, and Inca Kola from Peru.

The weather improved in the afternoon, but the temperature was so hot at 30centigrade. As the day got hotter, more people bought beers, and the Chorizo was soon sold out!

Mango juice was the most popular among the soft drinks.

Our staff grilled beef skewers over a charcoal fire, so it got much hotter in the tent than outside. The staff took turns for breaks and enjoyed buying and drinking beers and juice. It looked like so much fun!



Staff put the meat onto skewers



The signboard advertized mouthwatering treats.



Many Japanese-Brazilians stopped by the booth.



The RIFA president Okada handed a contribution to the Social Welfare president Kuroda

¥29,647 (a surplus of the sales from the booth) was contributed to the Ritto Social Welfare conference. This will be used for the Shiga registered Foreigners Supporting Network.(This was reported in the Kyoto newspaper 26<sup>th</sup> August)

# "You can see world through workshop like casket"

Held jointly with JICA Osaka International Center

The classes have been designed as an international educational workshop being facilitated by the former members of JOCV(Japan Oversea Cooperation Volunteers) and VSJO(Volunteers for Society of Japanese Origin). The participants would enjoy the workshop all together hearing and learning their voluntary activities. We would be delighted if the participants will take advantage of the workshop for talking within family.

( Any persons can join even if the school children are object of the classes)

## 1ST WORKSHOP : WHAT IS REPUBLIC OF GHANA LIKE ?

( held at Chuo-Kominkan on June 21 under 44 participants including voluntary staffs)

The facilitator was Kanae Takagi San who joined the activities of preventive measures against H.I.V in Republic of Ghana

The workshop started with a Q/A session on Ghana ! She put very interesting questions to the participants. Below are examples of questions..

Q : What color is used for uniform of school children in Ghana ?

A : Chocolate color

Q : What is meaning of name of Kofi Annan, the former Secretary-General of The United Nations, coming from Republic of Ghana ?

A : Men who are born in Friday

The Ghanaian goods were presented to the participants who answered perfectly. Following to the Q&A session, they enjoyed to make the original cards and bookmarkers with finely colored Ghanaian cloths, and also learnt the technique to make a surprising device. They could make a nice present for father's day , consequently.

( The workshop was inserted in the Yomiuri Newspaper )

Only one participant could answer to all questions correctly.



## 2ND WORKSHOP : LET'S TRY TO MAKE THE NATIONAL FLAGS.

(held Chuo-Kominkan on August 24 under 53 participants including voluntary staffs)

The workshop was led by Kazuhiko Ohtsuki San who worked in Nepal as voluntary teacher in area of science/mathematic.

The workshop was facilitated on the supposition that the king of nation he was visiting asked Kazuhiko San to design new national flag and king's hope was that new flag would express "Peace", "Prosperity" and "Nature". The participants thought all together about what color and shape would meet king's hope. Various ideas were generated, such as rainbow color for "Peace" , shape of rice bowl for "Prosperity" and etc.

They spent a valuable day during summer vacation resulting in having more interests to the national flags.



In the world, Nepali flag is only one of which shape is not square.



**THE SUBSEQUENT WORKSHOPS ARE BEING PLANNED AS FOLLOWS.**



### 3<sup>rd</sup> workshop : Mexican Christmas party

- Date/Time :** 10:00-15:30 on December 19  
**Place :** Chuo-Kominkan  
**Contents :** What is PINATA being fully filled with confectionary ?  
Let's enjoy to make TACOS listening Latin music.  
**Note :** A part of cooking material cost will be charged to the participants.



### 4<sup>th</sup> workshop : Kendama crosses over the world

- Date/time :** Late in January, 2010  
**Place :** Chuo-Kominkan  
**Contents :** You can see characteristics of people in Mozambique through their play of Kendama, and also enjoy Kendama performance of world champion.



### 5<sup>th</sup> Workshop : Arabian culture/ Jordanian foods

- Date/Time :** Community Center Haruta-Higashi  
**Contents :** What kind of taste Jordanian Foods are ?  
\* Already filled to the capacity

The details such as date/time and contents of program will be guided in RIFA Homepage when finalized.

# Members' Gathering

Date & Hours : Sat 11<sup>th</sup> Jul 13.00-15.30

Venue : Ritto Bowling ☆Gym

# of Participants: 35 (15 were foreign residents)

Type of Event : Bowling Tournament & Lee's Speech



This was the first time bowling for many foreign residents, but after learning how, they had a good time. Every participant took home prizes including 'Invitations to Biwako Cruise on the Michigan ship' and seasoning from a Peruvian grocer.

In Lee's speech (from China), we Japanese learned something new about life in Japan.

# Learning A Language & Communicating

## ENGLISH LESSONS

Started on Wed 19<sup>th</sup> Aug.  
Taught by Mr. David Smedley, who came from the UK to Japan last year.

This is the first time for him to teach adults. With his wife, a sixth form English teacher, he has spent several months preparing. The lessons are held until next March. Come and learn about British culture and make friends with course mates!

I want to teach face-to-face talk is normal for our culture.



## CHINESE/ KOREAN LANGUAGE CLASS

(Taught by Ms. Cho in return for the kindness of the volunteers who taught her)



The class started on Sat 25<sup>th</sup> July and there are already many participants. Classroom topics range from reference to a famous person such as Jackie Chan to questions about pronunciation. It is you and the instructor together that make the class. You are still welcome to join us.

Fees: ¥100/class: will be used for Japanese Lesson's course materials

## INTENSIVE JAPANESE

(24 LECTURES)

~Entrusted by the Agency for Cultural Affairs~

For foreign residents with little or no Japanese in or near Ritto city. Held on Tue & Fri mornings between 7<sup>th</sup> July and 6<sup>th</sup> Oct, beginners' class was divided into two, depending on their level. Hiragana and katakana were thoroughly taught; basic grammar and conversation were practiced in class as well.



# Lecture On Demand

A lecture was held on Wed 22<sup>nd</sup> July at Ritto Chamber of Commerce & Industry. Takashi Matsui is a Portuguese interpreter at RIFA's consulting corner for foreign residents and a representative of Nihon Brazil You-I Net. He talked about 'Japan from a Japanese-Brazilian perspective' at a regular meeting of Ritto Rotary Club. He reminded us of the importance of Japanese-Brazilians to the economic development of Japan. He would like Japan to be a society where they can continue to work even in the recession.



# INFORMATION

Inquiry and application for events at;  
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## THE 33RD INTERNATIONAL EXCHANGE EVENT

### OUR STALLS OPEN AT "SHIGA GA IIMON ICHI" FAIR

(Date) Sunday 8th of November  
(Place) Symbol Square of SAKIRA, Ritto-city  
(Sinboru-Hiroba)

*No admission fee is required!*  
*The fair is going to be carried out rain or shine!*

In last year's the tenth anniversary business, we managed stalls and various stages relating to seven country and regions with the about 100 people's cooperation.

Similarly, we are going to open stalls at this year's "Shiga ga iimon ichi" fair.

We welcome many people to participate in this event as a staff. If you are interested in being part of the staff team, please let us know.

*The stalls were full of a large number of people, in last year's fair.*



## THE 34TH INTERNATIONAL EXCHANGE EVENT

### MYSTERY BUS TOUR

(Date) Sunday 29th of November  
\* Details have not yet been decided.



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Unfortunately, this year's Michigan-Shiga Goodwill Mission from Michigan state was called off because of the influence H1N1.



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## COLLECTION OF RIFA MEMBERS

### 【Member's fee】

Individual	2,000yen
Family	3,000yen
Corporate	10,000yen

### 【Special favor】

- 1) Discount of fee for participating in RIFA events or various classes/salons
- 2) Deliver bulletin "Koryu" and event guidance

*The fee of a family / the juridical person was changed.*

*These more affordable enrollment fee were proposed for you!*

*We wait for cooperation to the quick 2009 fee payment.*

## COMMITTEE

### 【General affair & Public Relations】

#### (Somu-Koho Iinkai)

Publish "Koryu" (quarterly)  
PR for RIFA to expand membership  
Prepare/manage our homepage

### 【Cultural Exchange】

#### (Bunka-Koryu Iinkai)

Plan / Implement events and classes  
Exchange activities with friendship-towns

### 【RIFA Voluntary Activities】

Interpretation and translation  
Teaching of Japanese  
Home-stay/Home-visit  
Introduction of culture, or others

*We are waiting your participation in RIFA committees/voluntary activities! Be active, enjoyable, and more positive. Let's warm up RIFA together.*

## SHUNKASHUTO ; THE FOUR SEASONS

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During my visit to Mexico in this summer, I participated in a publication commemorative ceremony and an announcement party of the "Samurais in Mexico". It is a story of the first colonization group to Central/South America sent by Takeaki Enomoto. It is published not only in Japanese but also in Spanish. The story is described in a cartoon style for young people's good approachability.

The Japanese youths crossed the sea for the realization of their dream. They survived the unknown life in the jungle. Unaccustomed language and strange culture. Permanent struggles against thief and diseases. They got over the much difficulty by the wisdom or the passion and contributed to the Mexican society. This book is based on their history.

I visited Enomoto colony "Acacoyagua". Just after arrival, I was attacked by terrible dizziness, vomiting and diarrhea. Besides, it was a miserable situation that water is not supplied for a few days. I could not stand all day long either.(moco)