

## General Meeting for Year 2010 Was Held



From 13:30 to 15:30 on March 8, 2010

At No.2&3 Conference Room at Chuo-Kouminkan

The RIFA general meeting for year 2010 was held under attendance of tow guests, Nakamura San, Deputy Mayer of Ritto City and Ohta San, Chairman of City Council.

All proposals were approved at the meeting.

This year, RIFA has been newly entrusted by the city with the businesses to promote "Multicultural Coexistence" in Ritto. Welcoming one additional clerk to the office, RIFA is going to implement the businesses not only for "International Exchange" but also to promote the development of "Multicultural Coexisting" communities where everyone could feel livable.

### [Outline of Businesses to Promote Multicultural Coexistence in Ritto]

#### ① Livelihood Guidebook in Five Foreign Languages

Providing necessary information on daily life for foreign residents in the city

#### ② Support Foreign Residents to Learn Japanese Language and Social Systems

1) Group meeting for health consulting and social systems learning

2) Group meeting to pre-study Japanese language capability test

#### ③ Events Focusing on "Multicultural Coexistence"

Plan and implement the events by organizing new committee

## International Understanding Class,

### "Time in Thailand"



report

Held after the general meeting at Chuo-Kominkan on March 8.

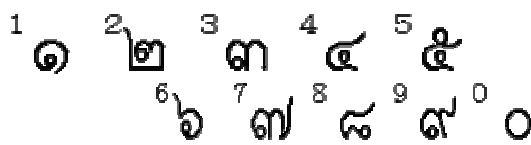
We invited again Purani Funaoka San who lectured "Living Slowly and Laughing well : Time in Thailand" in the international understanding class that was held last year and well received by the participants.

She also mentioned the recent riot in Bangkok and commented as follows.

"You might have impression that Thai would be fearful country. However, I am sure that majority of Thai people are gentle."

After introducing Thai letter that is round and very pretty, the participant enjoyed the stretch exercise under her kind and warm instruction. All participants relaxed mentally and physically

#### ● Extra : Thai Figure



## Delivery Based Class. "ALT's Job"



report

At Rotary Club of Ritto Shoko-Kai on March 12

Jesse Schlaud San lectured his ideas for the students to study English joyfully. He came from the State of Michigan and has been working at the elementary school in Ritto, as Assistant Language Teacher(A.L.T). The participants heated up by experiencing the game which is actually utilized in the class.

## Experienced Multicultural in Canada. Want to share my experirnce.

I was going to go to Vancouver just to study English, I couldn't tell my Vancouver's life without Multicultural...  
I knew that there are multinational countries.

1,  
When I arrived at an airport, I found Japanese girl, but she was Korean girl actually. I had no idea to say anything, because I couldn't speak English well at that time. So I asked "Do you like Kimuchi?"...

2.  
I was worked at a hamburger shop. The manager who is Filipino was big "Koyuki" fan, he often talked passionately about her.

3.  
I had on more part time job. There were many Indian costumers. I could figure out who is veggie or not step by step.

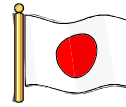
4.  
I taught a Canadian who was my roommate how to make puff cream. She told me that I had ever seen such a adorable sweets!

5.  
I went to gym to lose weight before I went back to Japan. The owner was muscle Jamaican. He gave me so hard training every day. So I gain weight after all...

I was sometimes confused by culture gap. But we are all equal.  
We met again and again and talked what we think about each other.  
We were getting good connection more than we met first time.  
Especially, romances were common in all countries.

I'm working at RIFA from May.

I am surprised that RIFA members are enthusiastic about international exchanges. I am looking forward to working RIFA with you and hope that I can be of further service.



Japan



Korea



Philippine



India



Canada



Jamaica

