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<Kawasaki Citizens' Festival>

From November 2nd (Fri) to 4th (Sun) the 41st Kawasaki Citizens' Festival was held, and members of the Representative Assembly participated on the third day. During the opening parade not only the Representatives but also their families and friends joined, some wearing traditional costume and waving flags, smiling and waving their hands to the people watching along the road and drawing attention to the Representative Assembly for Foreign Residents.

Unfortunately, it rained in the afternoon, but still a lot of people visited the booth of the Representative Assembly and it felt very rewarding. The trial of costumes from around the world and the display of the world's toys and instruments was especially popular among the visitors accompanying children. With the tasting of hot teas, we were able to introduce various teas from around the world to the citizens of Kawasaki and so deepen the interaction with them which made it a very meaningful time. We hope to further deepen our relationship with the citizens of Kawasaki by continuing to take part in this event in the future as well.

(Choi Kyoungsim)



The Open Meeting

The 2018 Open Meeting was held on December 16th (Sun) at the Nakahara Community Center. This year we had around 70 visitors and the Meeting took place from 2pm to 5pm.

At this year's Open Meeting we divided the participants into 6 groups and had a group discussion about topics like, what kind of problems foreign residents are facing in their everyday life or ideas for multi-cultural coexistence. After the group discussion each group presented what they had discussed about and at the end Mr. Nakano Yuji, professor from Komazawa University who kindly acted as commentator, gave his comments.



From the questionnaire survey we received feedback like: "It was great that the group work made me feel like we are creating something together", "I think in a society where foreign residents are increasing in number, it is a big topic how to live together. At first one should try to get in touch with foreigners. From there communication will arise. I hope to participate in this meeting again if I have the chance.", "Foreign residents need to be conscious to be able to get active within the society. Foreigners should also participate in many events, conferences or meetings."

After the Meeting a party was held. Even though the time was limited, a lot of meaningful exchange was possible. We wish to thank everyone who participated.

► My impressions of the Open Meeting

The goal of this Open Meeting was to hear the opinions of citizens apart from the Representatives and share the topics we are discussing about in the Assembly with a lot of people. In the group discussion everyone participated very actively, and we were able to discuss in a very good atmosphere. We'd like to use everyone's valuable opinions as reference for our further discussions within the Assembly.

In the party after the Meeting a lively conversation continued, and new friendships grew. For everyone who could not participate in this Open Meeting, we hope they will attend our usual meetings or actively join the city's many events.

(Ogoshi Milton Tomio)

◀ Subcommittee Discussion Reports ▶

◆ Information and Public Relations Subcommittee

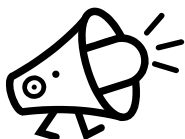
In the Information and Public Relations Subcommittee, we are dealing with the following discussion topics: 1) Information and consultation, 2) PR and raising awareness for the City's initiatives via companies and Japanese language schools, 3) Disaster preparedness information for foreign tourists. Up to now we have discussed in the subcommittee about topic of information and consultation. Within the discussions we have reconfirmed that a lot of information for foreign residents are already available and have organized the main issues for discussing such a huge topic as information and consultation. Important information that relate to people's lives and wellbeing (disaster preparedness, hospitals etc.) should basically be available to all people. We're planning to deepen the discussion on how to enable foreign residents to access this kind of information properly.

Information and Public Relations Subcommittee Chair Choi Kyongsim

◆ Education and Employment Subcommittee

In the Education and Employment Subcommittee, we are dealing with the following discussion topics: 1) Japanese language support for children at school, 2) Education for multicultural and international understanding, 3) Employment support. Up to now we have discussed in the subcommittee about the topic of Japanese language support for children at school. Through the discussion we realized that 1) Kawasaki already has a support system to dispatch cooperators for Japanese language guidance etc., 2) in the recent years children with migration background are increasing, especially those children who need Japanese language support, and 3) as a result the support cannot keep pace with the increase of need. In the next sessions we want to continue deliberations about each topic and move on working together to reach good proposals.

Education and Employment Subcommittee Chair Urakova Mahabat



Why not attend a meeting?

—Meeting Schedule for FY 2018—

Location: Kawasaki International Center

(10 minutes' walk from Motosumiyoshi Station, Tokyu Toyoko/Meguro Line)

Map: <http://www.kian.or.jp/accessmap.shtml>

Time: From 2pm to 5pm

1 st Session	1 st Day: April 21 st (Sunday)	2 nd Day: May 19 th (Sunday)
2 nd Session	1 st Day: June 16 th (Sunday)	2 nd Day: September 8 th (Sunday)
3 rd Session	1 st Day: October 13 th (Sunday)	2 nd Day: December 8 th (Sunday)
4 th Session	1 st Day: January 19 th (Sunday)	2 nd Day: February 9 th (Sunday)

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Anyone may come to listen to the discussions of the Assembly, which are held in Japanese. Why don't you come and see the Assembly at work!

Communication with Foreigners



My Japanese is not perfect, but in Japan I always make sure to speak to people in Japanese. Because most Japanese people kindly speak to me slowly or repeat what they asked in simpler Japanese I can enjoy the conversations. But there seem to be some people who are concerned that I might speak to them in English and they start panicking.

There are foreigners who can speak Japanese. If a foreigner speaks to you, please relax and listen. Even with short words or gestures a lot of things can be conveyed.

(Romanda David)



Multilanguage information for foreign residents



For Foreign Residents of Kawasaki —List of Main Administrative Service Counters and Useful Telephone Numbers for Foreign Residents of Kawasaki City

“For Foreign Residents of Kawasaki” is a booklet summarizing information and contacts about the main administrative services for Foreign Residents. It is split into categories like “Emergencies”, “Resident Registration/Residence System”, “Social Insurance and Pension”, “Health and Welfare”, “Education and Culture”, “Living and Consultation” and includes each contact address and telephone number. It is issued in 8 languages (Japanese, English, Chinese, Korean, Portuguese, Spanish, Tagalog and Vietnamese), so also people who are not as good in Japanese are able to read it.

The booklet can be found at all Ward Offices and Citizen halls as well as the International Center.



<http://www.city.kawasaki.jp/250/page/0000049029.html>



List of multilingual publicity materials of Kawasaki city

In Kawasaki a lot of information are issued in “Japanese with Ruby”, “Simple Japanese” or “Multilingual”. The “List of multilingual publicity materials of Kawasaki city” gives an overview what kind of materials can be found where.



<http://www.city.kawasaki.jp/250/page/0000046133.html>

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Looking forward to your opinions or impressions about the Assembly and this newsletter.