

Come & Join Us!

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Nihongo Koza (Japanese Teaching Class) for Non-Japanese

Time: Mondays 10:00-12:00
Place: Global Toyonaka Let's study Japanese so that you will be able to teach it to the people who just come to Japan. You may bring your children.

Salon for Foreign Mothers & Children

Time: Every 1st & 3rd Thursdays 10:00-12:00
Place: Mainly at Toyonaka International Center
Mothers and fathers are welcomed. Let's enjoy talking and playing together!

Reuse Bazaar

Time: July 10 (Sat) 10:00-12:00
Place: Kurashikan
You can get clothes (including Kimono), tableware, daily goods, etc. very cheap.

Nihongo Koryu Salon

Time: Every Fridays 19:30-21:00
Place: Toyonaka International Center (B1)
Intimate lessons suited to students' individual needs. Chat & tea time will be fun!

Japanese Class for High School Students - 6 days Summer Course

Free Japanese intensive course for high school students whose first language is not Japanese
Time: July26-31 13:00-17:00
Place: Osaka Shimin Bunka Center NANIWA

Night Kanji Class

Time: Every Wednesdays 19:30-21:00
Place: Toyonaka International Center 2F
Students who wish to learn Japanese including Kanji (Chinese character) are welcome.

Please support the education of the children in Nepal!



TIFA Nepal Project enables underprivileged children in Nepal to receive education, working with the members from Nepal. Your membership fee and donations will be used for raising them and their scholarship. Please support the project so that we will be able to continue the activity into the future.
Supportive Group for TIFA Nepal Project
Annual fee :¥ 5000 or more
Your donations greatly appreciated.
For details, please contact TIFA Office.

Membership Invitation

- **Active Member** ... Entrance Fee ¥2,000 Annual Fee ¥6,000 (¥500 per month)
- **Supporting Member** Annual Fee ¥3,000 or more
Your donations are appreciated.
For details, please contact the TIFA Office

Information: Toyonaka International Center was moved to the 6th floor of 'ETRE Toyonaka', next to Hankyu Toyonaka Station.



Announcement

The 4th TIFA International Kids Camp

Time: Aug 23(Mon) – 25 (Wed)
Place: Shonen Shizen-no ie (at Shukuno, Nose-cho)
Participants: Students from 4th grade of elementary school to 3rd grade of junior high school.
 Non-Japanese leaders are wanted.
If you are interested in, please inquire TIFA office.

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TIFA was founded in Nov. 1985 in Toyonaka City, Osaka. It is our aim to appreciate and encourage multicultural and peaceful coexistence through community-based activities and global cooperation programs

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Let's be a bridge between our area and the world

Toyonaka International Friendship Association (TIFA) has been working with the aim of helping foreign residents to enjoy their life in our area. We will celebrate the 25th anniversary this year and hope that our area will become a more multicultural place where people learn & respect different cultures and live happily. We also have been working together with people in Nepal, Philippines, Thailand, etc. for mutual understanding and cooperation. Please join our activities!

For the Foreigners

TIFA holds Japanese Classes for the foreign residents, entrusted by the Agency for Cultural Affairs since 2007.

Japanese Teacher Training Course



Every Monday morning, people from various countries come to the Japanese class at Global Toyonaka near Toyonaka Station.

The unique point of this class is that both the teacher and the students are foreigners. This class was started in the purpose of understanding Japanese language needs of the participants from the foreigners' viewpoints. The experiences of learning and using Japanese as a second language and living in Japan are used to understand the language needs of the participants. We choose the topics that are closely connected to our daily lives, like grocery shopping, child raising, healthcare etc. which help the participants to connect Japanese language studies with their daily lives. As the result, the class attracts many mothers with young children.

The people who have learned here help others as teachers, using their experiences and knowledge – I feel such a warm linkage is now being established.
(Samanthika)

Japanese Course for High School Students

In 2009, TIFA started to set up Japanese course (3 series: summer, winter, spring) for high school students whose native tongue isn't Japanese. Aims of this program are not only to study Japanese which is needed for their regular classes at school but also to learn Japanese useful for their daily lives. They could learn Japanese geography & history practically by visiting a museum & having experiences of Japanese way of living.

Through this course, they had a great time to exchange with each other and share their situations and expand their friendship. What's more, we have to say this program surely gives them a place where they can be relaxed & free from hesitating to speak in Japanese.

This year, we are going to hold this course again.



TIFA also offers Japanese classes in the evenings, for the people who work in the daytime. You learn practical Japanese language in a friendly atmosphere.



TIFA Global Salon

My way ~what I think after living in Korea and Japan~

February 14 (Sun.) at Kurashikan

Guest speaker: Ms. CYON Sonyou



TIFA holds seminars by foreign residents to share different cultures. Everyone is welcome to join. We would be pleased to hear your requests regarding the theme or the country.

This time, we invited Ms. Cyon to the TIFA global salon. I have heard about her from a Chinese student of dept. of literature in Osaka University that she is a wonderful teacher and all foreign students love her. Ms. Cyon used to teach Japanese at a high school in Korea. When she was in the late-thirties, she came to Japan to study linguistics under a notable professor in Kobe University. She studied very hard to receive the degree and got a job at Osaka University. Currently, she teaches Japanese to foreign students of the dept. of literature. She says foreign students often get into panic when they come to Japan. That is because people treat them as scholars though they come to Japan for a basic study. Some foreign students face a problem with a visa or scholarship while they have to study very hard to receive a degree during their stay. It is very tough. Some students become mentally sick by the pressure that they need to finish a thesis without basic knowledge. Ms. Cyon advises those students who are struggling with a big theme, to start with small things just in front of them. She is devoting herself to help foreign students in the hope that they will be happy to study in Japan. "I really understand how they feel because I was just like them." Her smile is so beautiful. The foreign students are very lucky to see such a wonderful teacher! (Tasaka)

TIFA Global Salon

Michael's talk about Germany

How did Germany face to past war?

Feb. 27(Sat.) at Kurashikan

Guest speaker: Michael Demel

Michael came to Toyonaka last October. He is 19 years old, just finished German senior high school. He works on social service activities in Japan instead of military service. (The German constitution accepts a right to refuse military service.)



He told about postwar peace policy and peace education of Germany in English by using many pictures. (Interpretation was provided)

In Germany, they realized change of government and the law "there was no prescription for genocide" by People Power, and raised all energy to sweep away Nazi power being active everywhere for over 20 years after war defeat. And to prevent revival of the extreme right power, they make a steady effort such as peace movements by the citizen and the thorough peace education in schools not to let the history go back. Not to mention the contents of the speech, I was surprised a youth of 19 years old gave presentation about the contemporary history of his own country confidently. I keenly realized the importance of history education and the responsibility of adults telling to the next generation about the history, especially the war and peace.

Michael is going to work in a kindergarten and elementary and junior high schools in Toyonaka till the end of September. (Tsutsui)



Citizens' Net Seminar

A journalist and an Afghan woman talked about the current Afghan situation from their respective standpoint

April 3 (Sat) at Toyonaka International Center

Guest speaker: Mr. Fumikazu Nishitani and Ms. Khatol Amilzada

In the seminar organized by International Exchange Citizens' Net Toyonaka, a local networking group of cross-cultural organizations, Mr. Nishitani introduced images of Afghan children struggling to live in refugee camps and hospitals. The freelance journalist questioned whether an air raid on a whole village only to kill one or two Taliban possibly hidden there is morally correct. He also expressed concern that the President Obama who said the war is just was awarded Nobel peace prize. The journalist's righteous anger impressed the audience.

Ms. Khatol, who came to Japan 5 years ago to study nutrition science, explained hardship Afghanistan women and children are facing. She pointed out the fact that the number of women and children died from diseases and malnutrition is much larger than that of soldiers lost in the war. Afghan women, she said, would not be happy with the Taliban that prohibits women from having education and ignores violence to women.



Mr. Nishitani aspires to convey the harsh realities of the Afghan war as much as he could, while Ms. Khatol hopes to contribute to the education for Afghan children. She told us that Afghan people respect the Japanese for their attitude to love peace. The audience confirmed the importance to pursue the ongoing grass-root activities with a global viewpoint so as not to disappoint expectations of the Afghans. (Okuda)

YES YOU CAN! ~Please Come And Join Us~

TIFA also offers events such as Japan-Thailand Youth Interchange, International Festival, etc.

Global Saloon

Foreign residents introduce their culture, and Japanese people their experiences abroad as guest speakers. Enjoyable programs even for those who have never attended international exchange! We hope more people will be aware of different cultures through our programs.

International Understanding Education

An activity for the youth, the bearers of international society in future! With the help of foreign residents, we hold TIFA International Kids Camp in summer, as well as providing programs at schools, etc.

World Cookery

Foreign residents and students teach family cuisines of their countries. Participants cook together, eat together, and listen to the things of the country. Enjoyable programs both for tongues and minds.

Bazaar

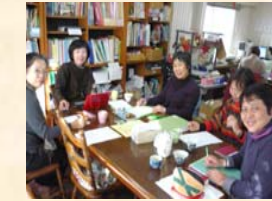
We hold bazaars to meet the needs of foreign students and residents to get necessities in good price. It is an important activity to encourage the reuse of materials as well, but we have difficulties like storing or delivering the goods.

Global Environment

With the belief that environmental problem is a global issue of common concern, we have involved in the activities of studying it and acting in our daily lives. Please join our monthly casual meeting, Kankyo Idobata Kaigi, on the 3rd Sundays.

TIFA Seminar

Our seminars and lectures are to learn the movement of the world and get global perspective. We want to offer chances to listen to the first-hand information from the guest speakers that we cannot get from mass media.



TIFA Office

WELCOME!

Nepal Project

We have supported women and children in Sindhuli, Nepal since 1994 to empower them. 'TIFA Happy Girls' Home' which was established in 1999 and has been run by a local NGO and us, is the place for the girls who were orphaned by the conflict to live communally. We have started the education support for children near Katmandu. Supporters wanted!

Afghanistan Project

This new project has started since last year. Women and children in Afghanistan are forced to live a hard life in the confusion with no way out. What should we do now? What can we do now? First, we would like to listen, learn and think.

Multi Cultural Salon for Mothers and Children

We support foreign mothers and children in the neighborhood. At the salons, which are held twice a month (1st and 3rd Thurs.), we enjoy the programs such as a study session, a health counseling, fancywork, cooking, and hiking.

Host Family Project

The host family project accepts about 20 foreign students in Osaka University every year at the request of Osaka University. Additionally we cultivate personal exchanges by accepting overseas guests actively. Though the length of their stay depends on the student, we can promote a deeper understanding and friendship



if we have a curiosity about different cultures and hospitality regardless of the language skills.