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★ IIA News Letter, January 2021 ★

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Year of 2021 started under strong tense of COVID-19. Words such as nesting (stay at home), teleworking, and three Cs are so popular these days.

We hope that the disaster will be overcome as soon as possible and vital IIA activities will carry out vigorous international exchanges again.

The name of this magazine was changed to “News Letter” from last month. Please enjoy the newsletter this month.

【New Year Message to all members】 (President: Hisae Narita, Vice President: Fumiko Inoue, Kunihiko Ikuta)

Happy new year. We would like to extend our congratulations to all members on having the new year in good health. Last year, IIA's many planned events were canceled or postponed due to the spread of the novel coronavirus that forcing us major changes in our daily lives. We are wondering how foreign residents in the city are spending their daily lives in such a hard time and we are thinking about what we can do for them in terms of coexistence with foreign people. In conclusion, we wish everyone the year 2021 will be a brilliant and hopeful year.

【Notice : Recruitment of "Supporters for non-Japanese resident at disaster shelters”】
(President: Hisae Narita)

It has been 10 years since the Great East Japan Earthquake, but disasters are still occurring in Japan. Non-Japanese residents will be put in a vulnerable position at that time due to communication difficulties.

Since 2006, IIA and Ichikawa City have signed an agreement that IIA supports non-Japanese residents at the evacuation shelter in the event of a disaster. One of the greatest strengths of IIA members is well understanding of non-Japanese residents' situation and mind. We have decided to recruit " Supporters for non-Japanese residents at disaster shelters " from the members. In the future, we plan to provide trainings and lectures to these supporters how to act at shelters. We are currently preparing the application guidelines. We look forward to your active participation.

【Chef teacher without cooking??!!】 (IIA)

The attractive point of this class is for cooking. However, no cooking due to Corona this year. The idea this time was "Cuisine competition by Spain and Taiwan!“ They visited Fumihama and Nakayama Elementary Schools to introduce their countries' cuisines. Spanish cuisine is

to be cooked slowly and brought out the taste of vegetables well. Taiwanese cuisine uses rich ingredients and gorgeous.

The students were surprised to know that they eat five times a day in Spain. On the other hand, they can take breakfast at a food stand and go to school in Taiwan. Finally, special dishes prepared by each chef's were shown. They are Spanish omelet and Roulo fan. It was a short but fun and well understanding of each country. Thank you, Jose-san and Chen-san. (Miwa Murai)

<http://www.iaa21.jp/chefspn2101.jpg> ←Spanish team

<http://www.iaa21.jp/chefchn2101.jpg> ←Taiwanese team

【Chinese Study Class and Salon】 (Leshan City Committee)

There are various ways to study Chinese. I give you some advice, but you are the person to find the most suitable method.

I suggested a way to study by watching a drama with Chinese subtitles this time. Even if you don't understand it at first, just listen to it and start by getting used to the Chinese atmosphere. I'm looking forward to seeing the results. (Ayako Sakyo)

【Language study classes】 (iTC: Interpretation & Translation Committee)

The monthly workshops are for members of the committee to improve language skills. The Chinese class held on the 5th of December (Sat), 2020 had 5 participants including 2 natives of China. The English class held on the 12th of December (Sat), 2020 had 15 participants including one native of UK. Native speakers of Chinese and English are also welcomed to join our committee and the workshops. Let`s talk together with us!

<http://www.iaa21.jp/itcchn2101.jpg> ←Chinese Study Class

<http://www.iaa21.jp/itceng2101.jpg> ←English Study Class

【New and Old Medan City】 (Medan City Committee)

Medan City Committee would like to invite you to our page on IIA website in which you can see the video of the current Medan City, introducing historic buildings, local foods, fruits, traditional crafts, and more with a rhythmical background music. Also in the another video, you can see the Medan City in the 1930s (90 years ago). Perhaps because of the economic growth, it is surprising that cars were running 90 years ago.

Lake Toba, which has been certified as a UNESCO "Global Geopark", is also posted. (Masako Aono)

<http://www.iaa21.jp/folder/medan20.mp4> ←Current Medan City

<http://www.iaa21.jp/medan1930.mp4> ←Medan City in 1930's

<http://www.iaa21.jp/toba11.jpg> ←Lake Toba