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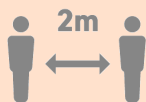
Association News

COVID-19 in Aizu-Wakamatsu

As you no doubt already know, the first cases of COVID-19 (coronavirus) started appearing in Aizu-Wakamatsu in August.

It is increasingly important to remember that although this is a scary situation for many, we must be kind and mindful of others. Continue to manage your personal risk by staying home as much as possible, and following professional medical advice (wear facemasks, wash hands, gargle, maintain a 2m distance between people, etc).

The days are still hot, so be mindful of your health, and keep each other safe! The AWIA will also be implementing measures to protect participants during classes and activities, so ask us for more information!



Fall Japanese Lessons Online option available!

Japanese lessons for foreign residents will begin again from September. This year, in response to feedback from our participants, we will have an online option available for those who do not want to or cannot attend in person. Scheduling is flexible, so ask us if you're interested!

12 Lessons (90min per class)

Date/Time: Flexible

Fees: ¥ 4000 (AWIA members)

¥ 6000 (non-AWIA members)

Sign up: contact the AWIA directly



Hello! はじめまして!

Hello, nice to meet you!

My name is Nola Novak and starting this month, I'll be joining the AWIA as a Coordinator for International Relations. Three



years ago, I moved to Japan from my hometown in America and started working as an English teacher in Niigata City. Last fall, I came to Aizu-Wakamatsu for the first time during a hiking trip, and when I saw the view of the beautiful Aizu landscape from the top of Mt. Bandai, I knew I had to come back to Aizu again. I'm so excited to have the opportunity to work and live here in Aizu-Wakamatsu, and I'm looking forward to serving the international community as a CIR. If you're in the area, feel free to come by the AWIA and say hello! I'd love to hear about where you're from, and your favorite things to see and do in Aizu-Wakamatsu.



**Cherubin
Mugisha**



Little Trip Around the World— Burundi!

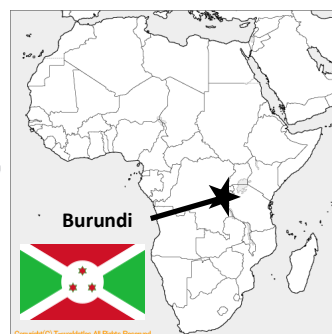
A reminder about our upcoming Little Trip Around the World event! This month we have guest speaker Cherubin Mugisha from Burundi in east Africa. The talk will be held in English and translated into Japanese. Don't miss it!

Date: September 12 (Sat),
10:00~11:30

Place: Aizu Keikodo 3F, Kenkyushitsu
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Cost: Free (participants limited to 15
people, face mask required.)

Apply: Contact AWIA by Sep 11 (Fri).



Aizu Matsuri 2020



The Aizu Festival will be held in late September (currently 20th~22nd, but subject to change). However, due to the ongoing COVID-19 situation, the festival will be held in a different way this year.

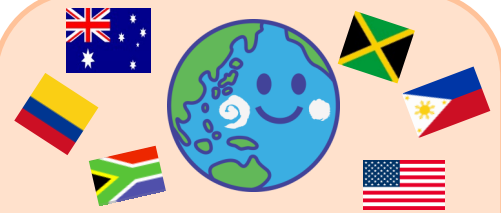
As the theme of the three-day festival is about remembrance and appreciation of the Aizu clan ancestors, the Aizu Festival Association is currently considering and planning events that can be held under "new lifestyle" guidelines. A small ceremony for local descendants of the clan and other recognised officials will also be held at the Fugado on September 20, with Ayase Haruka (star of the Aizu-set drama 'Yae no Sakura') also in attendance. It will be the 7th year running that she has attended. The Festival Association is planning to release a video of this event the following day.

Special opening of the Fukushima Prefectural Guest House

The Guest House (formerly Takamatsu Miyaojima Bettei) is an imperial villa built in the style of traditional Japanese housing, and as such is a very rare building. Normally, only the gardens are open to the public, but for a short time, the interior will also be open on allocated dates. Bookings required (at least 2 days prior to planned visit). Masks required on premises.

Limit of 8 people per day, tours starting from 10:00.
Fee: ¥1070 (¥910 for high school students, ¥800 for elementary to junior high age).
Tour: Tour of Tenkyokaku, royal tea time, guest house tour (total time approx. 90min)
Dates: September 12 ~ November 8
Bookings: 0242-65-2811

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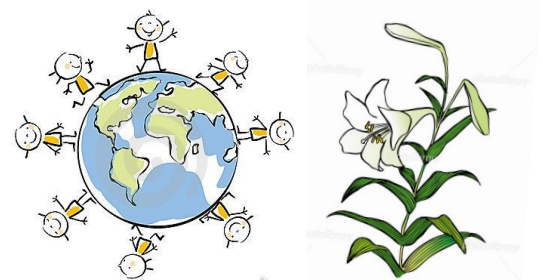
Reminder of Free Access to Cultural Facilities for foreign students

With the cooperation of the prefectural Manager for Cultural Facilities, this system is intended to allow the foreign students of Fukushima prefecture to view the cultural facilities here free of charge, in order to deepen their appreciation for and understanding of Fukushima and its history.

This system is applicable to international students with a valid student visa, who are enrolled in universities, graduate schools, junior colleges, specialized courses, or other applicable educational facilities within Fukushima prefecture.

A full list of applicable facilities is available on this prefectural website (in simple Japanese).

<https://www.pref.fukushima.lg.jp/sec/16005e/ryugakuseiindex.html>



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