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Living Information

Temporary Closing Notice for International House, Osaka

The i-house will be temporarily closed on Wednesday, January 20th due to maintenance and electric equipment inspection. We apologize for causing this inconvenience.

The Information Center's phone service will be available from 9:00 to 17:00.

Tel: 06-6773-6533

Tanoshii Nihongo classes will be carried out as usual. (19:00 – 20:30)

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Prepare for Disasters!

January 17th is "Disaster Preparation and Volunteer Day" and from January 15th to January 21st is "Disaster Preparation and Volunteer Week.

Fifteen years have already passed since the Great Hanshin Earthquake occurred on January 17th, 1995. We must recall the devastating effects of that earthquake in order to prepare for future disasters.

Osaka Disaster Prevention Net (Japanese, English, Chinese and Korean) provides information on weather, earthquakes and other natural disasters.
<http://www-cds.osaka-bousai.net/osaka/index.html>

If you register, you will receive "Disaster Prevention Information" e-mails about caution about heavy rain, flood, typhoons, earthquakes and tsunamis. Evacuation instructions

will be announced by Osaka Prefecture. This service is conducted by Osaka Prefecture and every municipality. Registration is free.

By the broadcast treaty, multilingual FM radio station, FM.COCOLO (76.5MHz) provides disaster information in case of disaster. Get the right information and act in advance.

Inquiries: Office of Emergency Management, Osaka City

Tel: 06-6208-7388 Fax: 06-6202-3776

Application for Municipal Housing

Osaka City offers an application for tenants of Municipal Smiling (Child-Rearing Support Type), Municipal Smiling and Municipal Specific Rental Housing for middle-income earning households with higher income than the standard of applying for municipal housing. Applications will be accepted on a first-come, first-served basis.

Osaka City will offer vacant rooms from Monday, February 1st 2010. However, your income and other conditions will be considered in the application.

Application:

Mon-Fri: Osaka Municipal Housing Corporation, Applications Section
(Osaka Municipal Housing Information Center 5F)

Sat, Sun and National Holiday: Osaka Municipal Housing Information Center 4F

Inquiries:

Osaka Municipal Housing Corporation, Applications Section

Tel:06-6882-7012 Fax:06-6882-7021

<http://www.city.osaka.lg.jp/toshiseibi/>

<Counseling on housing>

Osaka Municipal Housing Information Center

English, Chinese, Korean: 10:00 – 17:00 (Closed on Tuesday, the day after National & Year-end/New Year)

Tel: 06-6242-1177 Fax: 06-6354-8601

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Event Updates

Disaster Preparation Lesson for Foreign Residents!

Have you ever experienced an earthquake? Earthquakes occur frequently in Japan. A fire breaks out in case of an earthquake. How do you act in such an emergency situation? To prepare for an emergency, why don't you join our disaster preparation class and also experience a simulated earthquake with an intensity level of 7?

*Participants will receive disaster prevention goods!

*Date & Time: Sunday, January 24th 14:30 -(Meeting Time: 14:15)

*Venue: Osaka City Abeno Life Safety Learning Center

Abeno Forsa 3F 3-13-23 Abenosuji, Abeno-ku, Osaka

*Admission: Free

*Contents:

Experience a simulated earthquake, How to evacuate, How to extinguish a fire,
First Aid

*Language: English, Chinese, Korean (with volunteer interpreters)

*Applications & Inquiries

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Japanese Movie Screening with Subtitles in Foreign Languages

The Osaka International House Foundation and The Japan Foundation Kyoto Office

will present special screenings of famous Japanese movies with subtitles in English or Korean once a month on Fridays in January, February and March 2010.

Schedule:

【1st Screening】

Friday, January 15th, 2010 18:30~

“Tasogare Seibei” (The Twilight Samurai) 2002

Subtitles in English

【2nd Screening】

Friday, February 12th, 2010 18:30~

“Tokyo Sonata” 2008

Subtitles in English

【3rd Screening】

Friday, March 19th, 2010 18:30 ~

“Nippon no kuroi natsu” (Darkness in the Light) 2000

Subtitles in Korean

Venue: International House, Osaka (i-house) – MET Hall (2F)

Admission: 500 yen / 1 screening

Tickets: Tickets are available at the i-house's Information Center (1F).

*The visual quality of some these movies may be poor in certain scenes, so please take this into consideration before attending.

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For further information:

<http://www.ih-osaka.or.jp/i.house/>

Global Citizen's "Talk Plaza" Vol.2 "Bridge between India and Japan"

Mr. Kunna Dash, who runs an Indian restaurant, established the India-Japan Friendship Center for cultural exchange between the Japanese people and Indian people. Mr. Dash will talk about his unique history and grassroots activities with a warm-hearted humor. We are looking forward to your participation!

Date & Time: Sunday, January 24th 14:00 – 16:00

Venue: International House, Osaka Conference Rooms A & B

Admission: Free

Applications: Please send a postcard, fax or e-mail with postal code, address, your name, telephone number and number of applicants.

Applications & Inquiries:

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"Talk Plaza" Vol.2

Osaka International House Foundation

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E-mail: talk@ih-osaka.or.jp

For further information:

<http://www.ih-osaka.or.jp/i.house/010/09talkplaza2.html>

One World Festival

One World Festival is a "Festival of international cooperation connected with the world to feel, to touch, and to help each other", in which major NGOs, the NPOs, the UN, educational institutions and companies in the Kansai region come together to promote international cooperation.

You can also enjoy stage performances, ethnic foods and folk music while gaining a greater understanding of international cooperation.

No need to book. Please join us!

Date & Time: Saturday, February 6th 10:00 - 17:00
Sunday, February 7th 10:00 - 16:00

Venue: International House, Osaka

Admission is free. (Ethnic food stalls and lectures may be charged.)

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New Year's Tea Ceremony

Have a bowl of Japanese *Macha* tea with traditional Japanese sweets! Highly purified water will be used. No need to book. Admission is free. Enjoy traditional Japanese culture in a relaxed New Year's atmosphere!

Date & Time: Wednesday, January 6th – Sunday, January 31st
(Closed on January 12th, 18th and 25th.)

Venue: Waterworks Memorial Hall (Suido Kinen Kan) Rest corner
(Subway Midosuji line, Nishinakajima Minamikata Station, Exit 2)

Admission: Free. Please take a participation ticket at the reception on the day.

Inquiries: Waterworks Memorial Hall (Suido Kinen Kan)
Kunijima 1-3-1, Higashiyodogawa-ku, Osaka 533-0024
Tel: 06-6324-3191 Fax: 06-6324-3114
<http://www.owgs.co.jp/water-museum/index.htm>

International Picture Book Readings “AI-AI”

AI-AI International Picture Book Readings is an event for children and parents of all nationalities to enjoy. We provide an opportunity to make friends while experiencing different languages and cultures through picture books from all around the world. Not only can you enjoy book readings in various languages, but there are also sing-along and panel theaters.

No need to book, just turn up on the day! It's free, so please come and enjoy some fun reading!

★ We are looking for native English and Chinese speaking volunteers for picture book readings.

For further information:

<http://www.ih-osaka.or.jp/i.house/english/031/post-6.html>

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Japanese Lessons

Fureai Salon

Enjoy learning Japanese with experienced volunteer teachers!

The initial class is free. No booking needed. Visit us on the class day before the class starts (14:00).

※ The Fureai Salon will be closed on January 23rd and February 6th 2010.

【Class Style】 One-on-one basis. In some cases, you may have a group lesson depending on the number of participants

【Date & Time】 Every Saturday, 14:00 - 15:30 (Classes may be closed)

【Venue】 International House, Osaka

【Tuition】 ¥500 for registration , ¥1,500 for 12 lessons (valid for one year)

For further information:

<http://www.ih-osaka.or.jp/i.house/english/031/post-6.html>

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Interpreters Required

Volunteer Thai Interpreters Required

We are looking for volunteer Thai interpreters who are able to interpret between our staff and people seeking advice.

Conditions for Volunteering:

- * You are able to work at home.
- * Thai interpretation applicants must be able to work Mondays.
- * Registration fee to volunteer is 300 yen per year.

Volunteer Indonesian Interpreters Required

We are looking for volunteer Indonesian interpreters who are able to interpret between our staff and people seeking advice.

Conditions for Volunteering:

- * You are able to work at home.
- * Indonesian interpretation applicants must be able to work Wednesdays.
- * Registration fee to volunteer is 300 yen per year.

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Living Information Services Available in 7 Languages

Information Plaza Osaka

Information Plaza Osaka offers free consultation and counseling services by professionals, over the telephone or in person, for issues relating to life in Osaka.

<http://www.ih-osaka.or.jp/i.house/english/020/information-center.html#i-osaka>

Counseling for Foreign Residents

Counseling services for foreign residents, including legal advice, are available in 7 languages (English, Chinese, Korean, Spanish, Portuguese, Indonesian and Thai).

<http://www.ih-osaka.or.jp/i.house/english/030/post-4.html>

Living Information

Have you seen our website with useful living information for foreigners in Osaka? There is information about various topics including medical agencies with foreign language services, living procedures (i.e. registration for foreign residents), housing, and much more. (Available in Japanese, English, Chinese, Korean, Spanish, and Portuguese)

Access at: <http://www.ih-osaka.or.jp/enjoy/en/index.html>

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Access to International House, Osaka

<http://www.ih-osaka.or.jp/i.house/english/900/post-15.html>

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i-koko (International Exchange Event, Information Station)

This website is hosted by International House, Osaka, to provide information on international exchange events held by other organizations and volunteer activities.

(Japanese only)

<http://www.i-koko.com/>

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Available Languages: (Japanese, English, Chinese, Korean, Spanish, Portuguese)

Should you wish to change your registration details or stop receiving this E-zine, please enter the email address you used to register.

To update: http://www.ih-osaka.info/asp/user_mail_top.asp?Lang_flg=1

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