

Sekai wa Hitotsu

Gifu International Center (GIC)

**International Exchange &
Multiculturalism Information Magazine**

November 2021 **No.151**

© 岐阜県 清流の国ぎふ・ミナモ # 0195



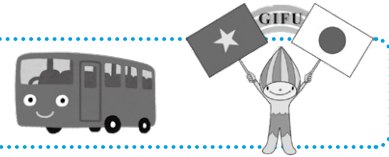
Announcing the “Discover Gifu and Business Tours” Bus Tour for Vietnamese Exchange Students!

Economic growth in Vietnam is remarkable and many companies in the prefecture have advanced to Vietnam, and we are deepening exchanges with Vietnam, where the number of international students in the prefecture is increasing rapidly. An Exchange Student Network is being developed to promote and sustain networking with Vietnamese people.

As part of that endeavor, and in order to further mutual understanding between Vietnamese exchange students and businesses with connections to Vietnam, and to encourage the exchange students to spread the knowledge that they have gained here back home, we hosted the “Discover Gifu / Business Tours” Bus Tour.

Date Tuesday, 27 July, 2021 8:30 to 16:00

Participants 9 Vietnamese exchange students from Asahi University



Business Tours

— Businesses in the prefecture that employ foreigners or have expanded into Vietnam —

➢ Suzuki Eikodo Co., Ltd. (Yoro Distribution Center)

- Manufacturer and wholesaler of candy. Has also expanded into export business.
- Vietnamese employees talked about the company and working in its overseas business unit, and gave advice.



Presentations from business reps



Eagerly attentive exchange students

This was the first time for many of the students to visit a business, and they were nervous at first. They actively asked questions and gave their thoughts, and had a good discussion with the businesses.

Sightseeing

— Historical sites and attractions in Gifu Prefecture —

➢ Gifu Sekigahara Battlefield Museum / Historic Site Tour (Sekigahara-cho)

- After experiencing the Battle of Sekigahara and the Warring States Period viscerally in the museum's theater and viewing tower, there was a tour of archaeological sites with a guide to help understand Gifu Prefecture's historical assets.



Group photo at the museum



The Battlefield of Sekigahara

It was a chance to see the attractions of Gifu and Sekigahara while learning the history of the Warring States period.

The Course: 1 Tokugawa Ieyasu's last camp, 2 the battlefield, 3 Ishida Mitsunari's camp

Hosted by: Gifu Prefecture, Gifu-Vietnam Friendship Association
Organizers: Gifu International Center Foundation

Training for Japanese Language Assistants for Children of Foreigners

Because of the increasing number of children of foreign parents, GIC is supporting the training of language assistants for children in the area.

We held the following training seminars on topics such as children of foreigners starting high school and learning Japanese and other subjects, classroom visits and discussions about the latest in learning support.

Place Frevia Multicultural Center (Kani City), and on Zoom Web Meeting

Participants Those interested in Japanese language support for children of foreigners, or teachers from Japanese language schools in the area.

	Date/Time	Topics	Participants	Teacher(s)
1	Jul 29(Th) 13:00 - 16:00	High School Entrance/Career Support (lecture and classroom visit (High School entrance support "Satsuki Classroom"))	In-person 14	(NPO) Kani City International Association Office Manager Mayumi Kakamu
2	Aug 10(Tu) 13:00 - 16:00	Japanese for academic subjects - Activity planning for Japanese language support - (lectures)	In-person 18 Zoom 30	Tokyo Gakugei University Professor Hiromi Saito
3	Aug 26(Th) 10:00 - 12:00	Beginning Japanese language instruction for entering school (lecture)	Zoom 12	Kani City Board of Education "KANI Bara Classroom" Head Teacher Toshikazu Wakahara Coordinator/Instructor Yuko Oguchi



Lecture



Classroom visit

- The 4th session will be postponed or canceled due to the coronavirus situation.
- Support from: Kani City International Center (NPO)

To those who have been vaccinated for COVID-19

● Re: Vaccine Passports (For overseas travelers)

Municipalities are accepting applications for vaccination certificates, which are official proof of completing the COVID-19 Vaccine (vaccine passports).

Eligible Persons Those who meet both of the following criteria.

- (1) You have been inoculated with COVID-19 vaccines in accordance with the Vaccination Law.
- (2) You need this certificate because you will travel to a foreign country where having the certificate will entitle you to an easing of that country's quarantine measures.

Examples of people who are ineligible:

- Those without plans to travel abroad
- Those who were vaccinated in other countries (vaccinations that do not comply with the Japanese Vaccination Law)

Where to Apply The municipality that issued the vaccination card when you received your vaccination (usually the city, town, or village where you have your residential registration).

Necessary Documents for Application

- (1) Application form
- (2) A passport that is valid for your planned date of travel
- (3) Vaccination card or identification document
- (4) Vaccination certificate or vaccination record

Note: In some circumstances, other documents may be required.

This information may change depending on the situation at the time.

For detailed application procedures and the latest information, please contact your municipal office.

* Based on the Ministry of Health Labour and Welfare website

(https://www.mhlw.go.jp/stf/seisakunitsuite/bunya/vaccine_certificate.html)

● Please be careful even after vaccination!

Even after vaccination, you can still become infected with COVID-19. The preventive effect is as high as about 95%, but it takes 1-2 weeks from the second vaccination to show the effect. One vaccination is not enough.

In addition, after the second vaccination, infection cannot be prevented 100%.

"Wear a mask" "Wash or sanitize your hands" "Not only avoiding 3 C's, even only 1 in 3 C's should be avoided" "Stop when you are not feeling well"

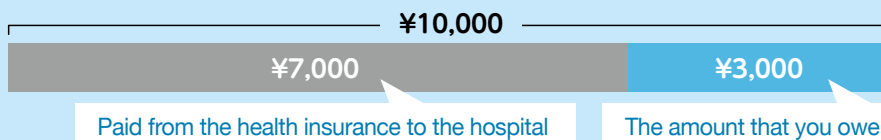
please continue with the Steps of Implementing the "New Behavior Guidelines"

What to do about health insurance after you quit your job

In Japan, all citizens are required to join a public health insurance plan.

Membership in a health insurance plan confers benefit such as only having to pay 30% of health care costs (*1), and receiving a payment at the time of childbirth. Even if you require expensive treatment, you can go to a hospital for care without worrying.

Example: Cost of ¥10,000 for diagnosis at a hospital



There are several different kinds of health insurance, including health insurance cooperative and mutual aid associations, as well as the national health insurance. The one with the most members is the Japan Health Insurance Association (JHIA).*2 The following example explains what happens when a JHIA member quits a job. Insurance premiums depend on individual circumstances, so please use this only as a guide.

*1 Depends on your age, etc.

*2 Japan Health Insurance Association (JHIA) members are mostly employees of small and medium size businesses. It operates a public health insurance plan.

What to do after you leave your job

○Return your insurance card to the company.

Your health insurance card becomes invalid the day after you leave your job. Make sure to return all cards issued for family members, too.

○Apply to join one of the following health insurance plans.

Options for after leaving the company include the National Health Insurance and a family member's insurance plan. JHIA has an optional continuation system that you can use for two years after leaving the company. Compare the costs, and choose one of the following options.

Insurance Group	Insurance Plan Optional Continuation	National Health Insurance	A Family Member's Insurance Plan (for dependents)
Where to Apply	Japan Health Insurance Association Regional Office for your region	National Health Insurance desk at your local municipal office	Your family member's employer
Conditions	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Membership in insurance plan for at least 2 months prior to quitting. Apply within 20 days after quitting 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Not a member of any other health insurance plan or the health care system for the elderly Not receiving social welfare payments Generally, must have residence permit for 3 longer than 3 months *For details, ask at the National Health Insurance desk at your local city/town/village office	Inquire at your family member's employer
Insurance Premium	Double what you paid while you were working *Up to a limit	Depends on the number of family members and the previous year's income	Head of household's insurance premium (no extra cost)

Procedures for Optional Continuation with the Health Insurance Association

- Obtain a Declaration of Eligibility for Optional Continuation from the JHIA website and print it out
- The following must be delivered to the JHIA office in your prefecture of residence within 20 days after your last day of work
 - Declaration of Eligibility for Optional Continuation
 - Document showing the income of the insured person*

* Except those under 16 year old. Residence registration certificate or other documents may be required.
* As a rule, dependents are limited to those living in Japan.
- When your application is processed, your new insurance card will be sent to your home. Please pay the premiums by bank transfer before the deadline.

JAPAN HEALTH INSURANCE ASSOCIATION (Kenpo) Gifu Branch

〒500-8667 Nohi Nissei Building 14th floor, 2-8 Hashimoto-cho, Gifu City
058-255-5155 (General enquiries)
Opening hours 8:30-17:15 (Excl. Weekends, Public Hols. and New Year Hols.)
HP: <https://www.kyoukaikenpo.or.jp/shibu/gifu/>

Information is available in Japanese, English, Chinese, Portuguese, and Vietnamese!



Introducing groups operating in Gifu

YORO INTERNATIONAL EXCHANGE ASSOCIATION



The Yoro International Exchange Association was founded in 1998 for the purpose of contributing to international goodwill and building a town that is ready for internationalization. It has been led by private citizens since 2000, with a core of volunteer members receiving support from the town expanding their activities into international exchange, internships and symbiosis.

Currently there are 106 members, including those from outside the town, and 20 supporting members (businesses). There have been cooking classes featuring the cuisines of Vietnam, China, Germany and others, lectures about countries such as Turkey, Brazil and Rwanda, and historic tours, food fairs, and recreational activities for foreign interns. They have also held events for children, such as Halloween parties and Let's Play in English, and many other events like potluck dinners and Christmas parties with games and singing, continuing for 23 years.

Since last year, the coronavirus situation has made it difficult to carry on those activities, so they have transitioned to online activities. In June a meeting was held to connect members from New York and around Japan. Warm greetings were also sent from Vietnam and Germany. Later, a regular "Wa-Wa-Wa Salon" has been held where members have heard about the current state of affairs in India, and stories from New Zealand. An exchange and communication meeting with the city of Bad Soden in Germany, which has a long history of exchange with Yoro, was also held.

The association's continuous, citizen-led international exchange activities were recognized in November of last year with an award from the Yoro municipal government, and this year in May with an all-Gifu Prefecture award for meritorious citizens. We hope we can continue to find joy in uniting Yoro with the people of the world, and continue offering learning opportunities about multicultural symbiosis, and enjoy the valuable meetings and learning opportunities through these activities for years to come.



History Field Trip



Cooking Experience

COVID-19 INFORMATION

Consult us if you're worried!

◇ In these cases...

- "I have a fever... what if I'm infected?"
- You've lost income due to COVID-19 and it's hard to make ends meet
- "What do I need to do to get vaccinated?"
- "Where can I get a PCR test to fly home?"



COVID-19 Foreign Language Consultation Center
in 14 Languages: TEL 058-263-8066

Gifu Prefectural Government
Gifu Prefecture Consultation Center for Foreign Residents

INFORMATION

Gifu Prefectural Consultation Center for Foreign Residents

Please get in touch if you are facing difficulties regarding life in Japan in areas such as taxes, housing, education, and welfare. We work with administrative parties to help you find solutions to your problems. ※We cannot provide services in certain areas such as medical interpreting.

Opening hours: Monday to Friday 9:30 – 16:30

※excluding public holidays and the new year holiday period

Phone number: 058-263-8066

Languages: English, Chinese, Portuguese, Tagalog, Vietnamese, Korean, Indonesian, Thai, Khmer, Nepali, Burmese, Spanish, Malay, Mongolian

Issued By

Gifu International Center (GIC)

Gifu Chunichi Building 2F,1-12 Yanagase Dori, Gifu City, 500-8875
Tel: 058-214-7700 Fax: 058-263-8067
E-mail: gic@gic.or.jp URL: https://www.gic.or.jp
Opening hours: Sunday to Friday 9:30 – 18:00
Closed: Saturday, Public Holidays, New Year Period
Languages: English, Chinese, Portuguese, Tagalog, Vietnamese

Date of Publication

November 1, 2021

(Published three times yearly in July, November, and February)

