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Greetings from Mongolia! - Khishigjargal Jargalkhuu (Miyakonojo's newest Mongolian CIR!)



Khishgee, riding a camel in Mongolia

Hello everyone!
 My name is Khishigjargal Jargalkhuu, and as of August 25th, I have been sent from Mongolia to Miyakonojo City to be its new Mongolian CIR (Coordinator of International Relations). Please call me Khishgee*.

When I was in my first year of university in 2008, I participated in a Japanese language summer camp exchange program between Miyakonojo City and students majoring in Japanese at the Mongolian University of Science and Technology. Our seniors at university who has gone on to be CIRs, as well as a number of citizens from Miyakonojo, made connections with students like myself who could not yet speak Japanese fluently; It is thanks to these connections that I came to understand Miyakonojo's beauty, and dreamed that I would one day become a CIR and go to Miyakonojo myself. That dream has become a reality, as I now stand here in Miyakonojo City as a CIR.

It has been but a few short weeks since I arrived in Miyakonojo City, but I have been warmly welcomed by everyone at work and Miyakonojo at large. Just the other day, our Chinese and Australian CIRs treated me to some of Miyakonojo's best Chicken Nanban. It was absolutely delicious! I'm looking forward to trying many more delicious things as I continue to work hard in my role as CIR.

While everything at work and at home is fresh and new to me, I look forward to introducing the wonders of Japan and Mongolia's culture, traditions, and much more. Gaining a deeper understanding and appreciation of foreign cultures is a combined effort, so I'm counting on everyone's support and cooperation!

*Note from the editor: when writing Mongolian names and phrases using English spelling, 'kh' does not function the same as in standard English! Most importantly, the 'kh' can function either as a hard (as in go-kart) or soft (similar in sound to the 'wh' in whose or 'f' in food) sound, depending on the letters that follow. For our CIR's name, simply imagine the k is silent!

Here are a few photo's from our CIR's first few weeks in Miyakonojo!



Left: Khishgee's first school visit.

Right: Khishgee's courtesy visit with Mayor Ikeda.



Khishgee's first appearance on live radio with MRT!



The aforementioned chicken nanban, moments before being happily consumed!



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Aussie Bites! (Little White Goat Soap, CIR George Goonan)



Hand-made soaps that were given out as prizes at the 2022 Bonchi-de-Travel event were all sourced from this one store!



Left: One of the soaps on offer at Little White Goat Soap.
 Right: Caitlin Lindsay, proprietor of the store.

Australia is now home to a large range of all-natural soaps. While those of you who came to “Bonchi de Travel” in January of this year may already be aware, I just had to talk once more about this company. As to why, Little White Goat Soap is a small business run solely by Caitlin Lindsay, and at the young age of 15! Her award-winning soaps are quite simply the best, are made in a variety of designs and aromas, are gentle on the skin, and are handmade using 100% all natural ingredients! Little White Goat Soap is located in Wamuran, 30 minutes away from Brisbane, in the same Moreton bay region where Miyakonojo’s middle school students go on exchange to. If you have the opportunity to go and try some of their hand-made soap for yourself, I highly recommend you give it a go!



Just some of the goats Caitlin cares for on her mother’s farm, all known by name!

Information & Notices

◇ Miyakonojo City’s Beginner Japanese Course is Looking for Participants! (Total 10 sessions)

This Japanese course is aimed at international residents that have not studied Japanese before. Hiragana and Katakana will be studied. Please let international residents you are in touch with know about this course.

Date & Time: November 7th (Mon) to December 8th (Thu), 2022. Classes run every Monday & Thursday from 5PM - 6:30PM (90 minute sessions, 10 total)

Location: Komatsubara-chiku Kominkan Study Room 2 (Kenshushitsu 2)

Capacity: 5 students (if there are many applications, participants will be screened)

Open to all international residents living in Miyakonojo.

All participants must buy the course textbook at a cost of 1,100 yen.

Applications: Call, Fax or E-mail by October 24th (Mon). Check the city hall home page for more details.

Send all inquiries and applications to:
 Miyakonojo City Hall

Internationalisation Promotion Office

TEL: 0986-23-2295

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Please note that this event may be cancelled or delayed due to prevailing circumstances.



Movies info

C-Plaza Cine-port (Tel: 0986-24-2571)

17-9 Nakamachi, Miyakonojo, Miyazaki Map-Code (GPS): 117 488 540*55



- *Helldogs* (Japanese)
- *One Piece Film - Red* (Japanese)
- *Jurassic World - Dominion* (Japanese Dub)
- *Kingdom 2: To the Far Land* (Japanese)
- *Minions Fever* (Japanese Dub)

- *The 1st of every month is ¥1,100 for everyone.
- *Every Wednesday is ‘Ladies’ Day’, all ladies ¥1,100.
- *The cinema is closed every Tuesday.
- *For session times visit: <http://movie.walkerplus.com/th286/schedule.html> (Japanese)