

## 你好！Nihǎo, Hello Everyone! - Chinese CIR, Sha Kinji

Hello everyone, I am the new Chinese Coordinator for International Relations, Sha Kinji. Remembering my name might be slightly difficult for you all. 妮<sup>ni</sup> is a character used in China often for female names

and it means 'girl'. 均<sup>jun</sup> means 'average'. When I asked my mother about the origins of my name, she said it was given with the hope that "It's okay if you aren't special. Being average is more than enough. I want you to live in your way". A current Chinese buzzword that describes it would be something like 佛系<sup>foxi</sup> or, 'you don't have to join the rat-race'.

I was born in Chongqing and raised in Guangdong Province. From elementary school to college I spent all of my time in Guangdong and returned to Chongqing only for summer and winter breaks. Because of that, when I returned to Chongqing for work after college, I had no idea how many districts Chongqing has or even where I was-shocking all of my coworkers. But please rest assured. I've now spent close to 8 years working



Me in Kanfu

in Chongqing so I've become fairly knowledgeable.

Chongqing is also abbreviated to 渝<sup>yu</sup> and has other names such as 'The Mountain City' (Shancheng) and the 'The River City' (Jiangcheng). It is located in southwestern China with a population of approximately 32 million and is home to areas like the world cultural heritage site 'Dazu Rock Carvings', world natural heritage site 'Wulong Karst landscape', and sightseeing spots like Jinfo Shan (the highest peak of the Dalou Mountains, located in the upper reach of the Yangtze River). Additionally, as the birthplace of Bayu culture it is a city with over 3000 years of history. Chongqing is also famous for

its distinctive topography, healing hot springs, and spicy aromatic hot pot. If you have the opportunity to visit in the future, please contact me! I will do my best to introduce you to the local cuisine and sightseeing routes!

During college, I spent a year in Japan in Hyogo-prefecture's Kobe City for a study abroad exchange program. But looking back now, I am shocked myself that 10 years have already gone by. Compared to 10 years ago, not only my age, but my position is also considerably different. I've gone from 'student' to 'Coordinator for International Relations'. When I talked with the other participants from various countries at the Tokyo Orientation, they were surprised that 'China has no daylight savings time' and 'Beijing's time is used nationwide'. Around the time that people in eastern China are eating lunch, people in the western regions may have not yet seen the morning sun. Although an obvious thing for me, I realized that to people of other countries it's shocking. I believe that surmounting differences like this and reaching mutual understanding are precisely what 'international exchange' is defined by.

When I was looking it up, I found that Miyakonojo has lots of alluring points. Beautiful mountains suitable for mountain climbing and hiking, seasonal natural sights, delicious chicken, beef, and pork, and complete childcare support. As a mom raising a 2 year old, this is the most reassuring point.

I have all sorts of feelings like anticipation and nerves mixed together, but for me, this experience in Miyakonojo is irreplaceable. I'm looking forward to my time here from now on!



Under the Chaotianmen Bridge



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