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SHIKOKUCHUO INTERNATIONAL
FRIENDSHIP ASSOCIATION

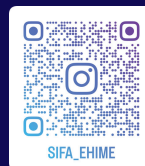
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Discover the World!

On Saturday, May 30th, we held the first Discover the World event at the Citizens Exchange Hall led by Shikokuchuo ALT Johnathan McMurray. He put together a fun and engaging event for the 26 participants who got to learn about British culture through clay animation. Johnathan explained the different animation styles and had groups discuss what their favorite films are and what type of animation are used. Then everyone got to enjoy some popcorn and classic British snacks while watching videos of clay animation in action. After a short break, Johnathan hosted a Kahoot quiz revolving around clay animation, translating popular movie titles from Japanese to English, and general UK trivia. Thank you so much to Johnathan for introducing a fun aspect of your culture to all of us and thank you to the many participants who came and enjoyed the event!

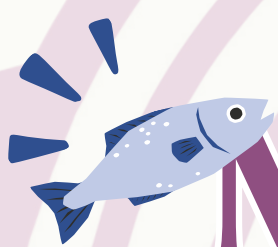


QUIZ NIGHT

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On Wednesday, June 10th, we hosted Quiz Night 5 at the Citizens' Exchange Hall. We had 13 participants split into 4 teams playing a variety of games to test their trivia knowledge. Each team was victorious in one of the games, but it was Team Spidey who came out on top to become the Quiz Night 5 Champions. All of the participants left with a prize and plenty of knowledge to take back home. Thank you so much to everyone who participated, and a big congratulations to our champions! We hope to see you all there for Quiz Night 6!



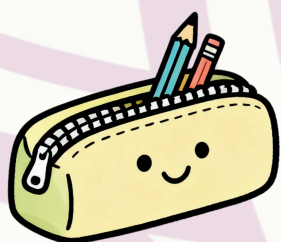


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HAWAIIAN COOKING CLASS



On Saturday, July 4th, we hosted the Hawaiian Cooking Class at the Health Center Cooking Room. It was the second cooking class hosted by Shikokuchuo ALT Kayla, who led the Nikkei Cooking Class where we made California Rolls and Spam Musubi. This time, 21 participants made Loco Moco, a Hawaiian cuisine staple featuring rice, a hamburger patty, a fried egg, and gravy stacked into one big, delicious plate of food. The groups made their own hamburger patties, eggs, and gravy and then placed it all on top of the cooked rice. The participants enjoyed eating their loco mocos, and butter mochi, which is a popular dessert in Hawaii that Kayla made before the event. They also tried tasting guava and POG juice. Thank you to Kayla for leading the class, and thank you to the participants for coming out to enjoy Hawaiian food together! Mahalo!

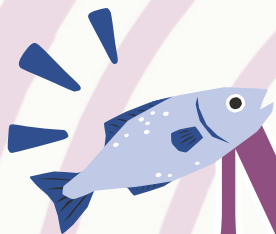


CIR School Visits



Over the first term of the 2026-27 school year, the CIR has made visits to five elementary schools across Shikokuchuo. For some classes it was their first lesson with the CIR, so they learned about popular foods, sports, and nature spots in the United States. For other classes it was their second and even third time meeting the CIR, so they learned about the variety that California has to offer, as well as lesser-known festivals and holiday celebrations that go on in America. All classes enjoyed a different kind of quiz game to test their knowledge on what they learned throughout their respective lessons. Thank you so much to the students for doing their best!

In June, the CIR not only made visits to elementary schools, but also three preschools in Shikokuchuo. All of the visits featured a fun self-intro guessing game, songs to get the kids moving, and playing games that focused on learning the names of colors, animals, and fruits. It was really fun to meet the students and give them a chance to take part in some international exchange.



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SIFA PANEL DISPLAY



FROM MAY 25TH TO JUNE 22ND, THE SIFA PANEL DISPLAY WAS FEATURED AT THE CITIZENS' EXCHANGE HALL. LAST YEAR, THE DISPLAY SHOWCASED THE CIR'S HOMETOWN OF SAN FRANCISCO. HOWEVER THIS YEAR FOCUSED ON THE WORLD CUP. THE PANELS SHOWED FUN FACTS ABOUT THE DIFFERENT COUNTRIES WHO QUALIFIED, EXPLAINED THE CITIES THAT JAPAN PLAYED IN, AND HAD SPACE FOR PEOPLE TO PREDICT THE RESULTS OF THE TOURNAMENT. THERE WAS ALSO A PANEL DEDICATED TO SIFA ACTIVITIES AND INFORMATION ABOUT FOREIGNERS LIVING IN SHIKOKUCHUO. THANK YOU TO EVERYONE WHO STOPPED BY TO CHECK IT OUT!

BEGINNER ENGLISH

From April 17th to June 5th, SIFA hosted a six-lesson beginner English course. The 7 participants learned new grammar and practiced speaking in English through games and other activities. They were able to use the new phrases and things they learned to speak with their peers and the CIR about their own experiences. Thank you to the students for coming to the class! Great work everyone!

EVERYDAY ENGLISH

DURING JUNE AND JULY, ACROSS FOUR SESSIONS, WE HOSTED THE THIRD EDITION OF THE EVERYDAY ENGLISH EVENT AT THE WELFARE CENTER. 15 PEOPLE PARTICIPATED AND TOOK PART IN A VARIETY OF CONVERSATION-BASED GAMES AND ACTIVITIES WITH THE LOCAL ALTS AND CIR. DESPITE THE DIFFERENCE IN ENGLISH LEVELS, WE WERE ABLE TO ENJOY COMMUNICATING IN ENGLISH AND MEET SOME NEW PEOPLE ALONG THE WAY. THANK YOU TO EVERYONE WHO CAME OUT TO EVERYDAY ENGLISH!



THANK YOU ALTs!

This summer, five ALTs will be saying goodbye to Shikokuchuo, as they head back home, move somewhere else in Japan, or head off to live a different foreign country. Below are their farewell messages as they head off into the next chapter in their lives. A big otsukare and thank you to all of the ALTs that are leaving, and hopefully they will pop by and say hello again the future!

ALLEN



The past 3 years in Shikokuchuo have been without a doubt the best 3 years of my life. I truly am the luckiest person in the world for having the opportunity to live here. Shikokuchuo will always have a special place in my heart, and I will always consider Shikokuchuo as my second home. I want to say thank you to all of the students, teachers, and friends I've had the pleasure of meeting. You've given me countless memories that I will cherish for the rest of my life. I'm extremely sad to leave, and I'm really bad at saying goodbye. So instead I'll leave you with a Thank You and a See You Again!

From originally planning to stay only one year, three years later Ehime has held a very special place in my heart. I'm grateful for everyone in this community – staff and students at each school, international friends, friends in sports and local restaurant owners – for making this experience unforgettable. This isn't goodbye, just a short farewell because I most definitely will come back to the place I'm privileged to call my second home.

DEVIN



JOHNATHAN



Thank you for five wonderful years, Shikokuchuo.

It is hard to believe that my time here has come to an end. I have been incredibly fortunate to live and work in such a welcoming community, where I have made unforgettable memories, met lifelong friends, and experienced so many moments that I will always treasure. I am grateful to everyone who showed me kindness and made me feel at home from my very first day in Shikokuchuo.

As I begin a new chapter, I wish everyone happiness and success in the years ahead. I hope our paths cross again someday.

Hey everyone! Thanks for legitimately some of the best years of my life. I'm not sure where I'd be without coming to Japan's best paper city but I'm certainly glad I ended up here. Meeting everyone and living this insane life has been so, so rewarding and I wouldn't change it for the world. Thankfully, I won't be too far away in Hiroshima so let's meet again when we get the chance. Until then, cheers 🍷.

JUSTIN



SAM



After spending this past year in Shikokuchuo, it now holds a special place in my heart. I was met with such a warm and welcoming community that it made the decision to leave a difficult one. I will miss my coworkers, students, friends, and the life I have created here. But this isn't goodbye forever, whenever I visit Japan I will definitely be stopping by Shikokuchuo to say hello.

EVENT INFO

NAKAZONE DANCE FESTIVAL

AUG. 8 (SAT) 18:00~
NAKAZONE ES
GYMNASIUM

**SIFA
BOOTH!**

Would you like to try popular summer games enjoyed abroad? Then come to the SIFA Booth at the Nakazone Dance Festival! Let's enjoy bon-odori dance and international exchange all at once!

English Cafe

HS and up

Date: August 19th (Wed)

Time: 19:00~20:30

Where: Citizens Exchange Hall
2F Conference Room

Fee: Members: 500 yen
Non-Members: 1,000 yen

Up to 15 people Sign up by Friday, August 14th



Would you like to enjoy casual conversations in English with the CJR and local ALTs? Then come join the English Cafe!

THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT!

GET IN TOUCH WITH US!

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