

SIFA TIMES

JUNE • JULY 2026

2026-27 SIFA General Meeting



On Saturday, May 10th, we held the annual SIFA General Meeting at the Kawano Fureai Exchange Center. 45 people participated in the meeting, including board members and special guests. We were honored to have National Diet Representative Takumi Ihara, Shikokuchuo City Council Chairman Mikio Manabe, and others give speeches in support of SIFA. After the speeches, the SIFA staff went over the past year's activities and outlined the projects and events ahead for the 2026-27 fiscal year. To get everyone to mix and mingle, the CIR led a Kahoot Quiz about the meeting packet and hosted a bingo contest where each person won a small prize. Attendees then received a bento box to take home to finish the day. Thank you to everyone who attended the SIFA General Meeting!

[Donation acknowledgement]

We received a generous donation from Mr. Yamanaka, Advisor to the Shikokuchuo City International Exchange Association. We will put this generous contribution to good use in our efforts to promote a multicultural society, including international exchange activities and support programs for foreign residents. We would like to express our heartfelt gratitude to Mr. Yamanaka for his continuous support.

2026-27 SIFA General Meeting Agenda

The following items were presented and approved.

- Item 1: 2025-26 Association Report
- Item 2: 2025-26 Budget Review
- Item 3: 2026-27 Schedule Review
- Item 4: 2026-27 Budget Review
- Item 5: Board and Treasurer Appointment
- Item 6: Staff Appointment



THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT!

CORPORATE MEMBERS

アイネット株式会社
 アイム株式会社
 旭調木株式会社
 株式会社アルファ・プランニング
 イトマン株式会社
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 カナ工紙工株式会社

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 川上板金工業所株式会社
 川之江造機株式会社
 岸良一建築設計事務所
 協和紙工株式会社
 有限会社熊野養鶏
 株式会社高栄製作所
 合鹿製紙有限会社
 株式会社ゴウダ
 佐々木紙工株式会社
 サト一産業株式会社
 三合商事株式会社
 三共エンジニアリング株式会社
 三星道路株式会社
 学校法人四国音楽学院
 社会福祉法人四国中央市社会福祉協議会
 公益財団法人四国中央市スポーツ協会

四国テクノ株式会社
 シンワ株式会社
 淳製紙株式会社
 株式会社スギウラ
 税理士法人鈴木会計
 株式会社瀬戸内組
 大王製紙株式会社
 大黒工業株式会社
 大富士製紙株式会社
 株式会社瀧本鉄工建設
 株式会社中央ステンレス
 戸田汽船株式会社
 有限会社豊岡農場
 トーヨー・ロジテック株式会社
 有限会社中西電気商会
 西日本鑿泉株式会社
 尾藤建設株式会社

社会福祉法人福寿会
 福助工業株式会社
 株式会社フロントエンド
 星高製紙株式会社
 丸石製紙株式会社
 三島工業株式会社
 株式会社ミヤザキ
 有限会社明和紙工
 株式会社モリオト
 山下工機株式会社
 やまと印刷株式会社
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 ユニ・チャーム株式会社
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ORGANIZATION MEMBERS

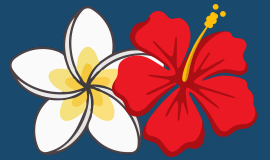
伊予三島ロータリークラブ
 うま商工協同組合

愛媛県立三島高等学校
 四国中央市ラグビーフットボール協会
 四国中央ユネスコ協会

瀬戸中央テック協同組合
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EVENT INFO



HS AND UP!

EVERYDAY ENGLISH

4 TIMES (THU)

JUNE 18 JUNE 25
JULY 2 JULY 9

WHERE: WELFARE CENTER 4F HALL
FEE: MEMEBERS - 1,000 YEN
NON-MEMBERS - 2,000 YEN
UP TO 12 PEOPLE
SIGN UP BY JUNE 11 (THU)



WOULD YOU LIKE TO LEARN USEFUL ENGLISH WITHOUT USING A TEXTBOOK? THEN COME TO EVERYDAY ENGLISH! WE WILL PLAY FUN GAMES AND HAVE ENGAGING ACTIVITIES WITH THE CIR AND SHIKOKUCHUO ALTS AT YOUR OWN PACE TO PRACTICE EVERYDAY CONVERSATIONS YOU CAN USE IN YOUR DAILY LIFE.



HAWAIIAN COOKING CLASS

HS AND UP!

JULY 4 (SAT)

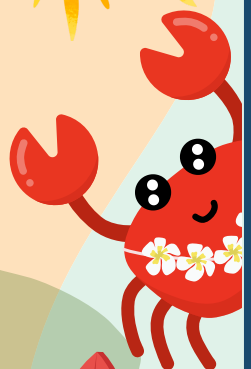
WOULD YOU LIKE TO EXPERIENCE HAWAIIAN CULTURE THROUGH DELICIOUS FOOD? WE WILL BE MAKING LOCO MOCOS WITH ALT KAYLA! LET'S MAKE LOCO MOCOS, EAT TOGETHER, AND ENJOY HAWAIIAN CULTURE!

LOCO MOCO

SIGN UP!



TIME: 10:00 ~ 12:00
WHERE: HEALTH CENTER 2F COOKING ROOM
FEE: MEMBERS - 700 YEN
NON-MEMBERS - 1,500 YEN
UP TO 20 PEOPLE
SIGN UP BY JUNE 29 (MON)



ALOHA

EVENT INFO



SIFA PANEL DISPLAY

FREE

COME CHECK OUT
THE PANEL DISPLAY
FEATURING THE
UPCOMING WORLD
CUP AND PAST SIFA
EVENTS! FEEL FREE
TO STOP BY!

UNTIL JUNE 12TH
CITIZENS EXCHANGE HALL
1F LOBBY

TIME: 8:00~21:00
(MON-SUN)



NEWS FLASH

Easter Festival

Last Saturday, April 11th, we hosted the SIFA Easter Festival at the Welfare Building. The 12 kids who joined the event started off by coloring their own Easter eggs and adding stickers for decoration. Then they tried different jumping games, watched a magic trick from a special guest, and enjoyed a fun obstacle course. For the last activity, the kids participated in an Easter Egg Hunt where they found many different eggs with stickers and candy inside. Thank you to all of the participants and helpers who came out! Happy Easter!!



NEW AND FORMER STAFF MESSAGES

**FORMER
DEPARTMENT HEAD**



**ATSUSHI
ISHIKAWA**

AS PART OF THE PERSONNEL CHANGES IN APRIL, I WILL BE TRANSFERRING TO THE CITY COUNCIL SECRETARIAT OFFICE. ALTHOUGH MY TIME WITH SIFA HAS BEEN BRIEF AT JUST ONE YEAR, I AM DEEPLY GRATEFUL FOR THE OPPORTUNITY TO HAVE BEEN DIRECTLY INVOLVED IN VARIOUS EVENTS AND INTERNATIONAL EXCHANGE PROGRAMS. I AM VERY GRATEFUL TO CHAIRMAN HOSHIKAWA, THE BOARD MEMBERS, AND ALL THE MEMBERS FOR THEIR SUPPORT. I WISH SIFA AND THOSE INVOLVED IN ITS EVENTS AND ACTIVITIES CONTINUED SUCCESS. THANK YOU VERY MUCH.

**NEW
DEPARTMENT HEAD**



**AKITOMO
GODA**

HELLO TO ALL SIFA MEMBERS! MY NAME IS AKITOMO GODA, AND I AM PLEASED TO INTRODUCE MYSELF AS THE NEWLY APPOINTED EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF SIFA. AS OUR LOCAL COMMUNITIES BECOME INCREASINGLY INTERNATIONALIZED, IT IS BECOMING EVER MORE IMPORTANT TO FOSTER A MULTICULTURAL SOCIETY WHERE WE LEARN FROM AND SUPPORT ONE ANOTHER WHILE RESPECTING EACH OTHER'S CULTURES AND VALUES. WITH MY APPOINTMENT TO THIS POSITION, I AM COMMITTED TO WORKING THROUGH SIFA'S ACTIVITIES TO PROMOTE SUSTAINABLE INTERNATIONAL EXCHANGE AND THE DEVELOPMENT OF A MULTICULTURAL COMMUNITY. I LOOK FORWARD TO WORKING WITH EVERYONE OVER THIS YEAR.

**FORMER
SECTION CHIEF**



**KOJI
FUKUDA**

DUE TO THE RECENT PERSONNEL CHANGES, I WILL BE TRANSFERRING MY POSITION WITH SIFA. LOOKING BACK ON THESE PAST TWO YEARS, WITH MY FIRST TIME AS PART OF SIFA OVER 14 YEARS AGO, I HAVE ONCE AGAIN FELT THE JOY AND PLEASURE OF COMMUNICATING FACE-TO-FACE WITH BOTH OLD ACQUAINTANCES AND NEW FRIENDS. I HOPE TO CONTINUE DOING MY PART TO SUPPORT SIFA'S ACTIVITIES AS WE STRIVE TO MAKE SHIKOKUCHUO CITY A PLACE WHERE EVERYONE CAN SMILE. I LOOK FORWARD TO EVERYONE'S CONTINUED SUPPORT. THANK YOU VERY MUCH FOR YOUR KINDNESS AND SUPPORT OVER THE PAST TWO YEARS.

**NEW
SECTION CHIEF**



**TAKEO
SUZUKI**

HELLO, SIFA MEMBERS. MY NAME IS TAKEO SUZUKI, AND FOLLOWING THE STAFF CHANGES IN APRIL, I HAVE BEEN APPOINTED AS THE HEAD OF THE ATTRACTION DEVELOPMENT DIVISION. THIS IS A NEWLY ESTABLISHED DIVISION CREATED AS PART OF THIS FISCAL YEAR'S CITY HALL ORGANIZATIONAL RESTRUCTURING. IT OVERSEES INTERNATIONAL EXCHANGE, MULTICULTURAL COEXISTENCE, GENDER EQUALITY, AND THE PROMOTION OF SHODO PERFORMANCE. THANKS TO THE DEDICATED EFFORTS OF OUR MEMBERS OVER MANY YEARS, THE COMMUNITIES OF MULTICULTURALISM AND INTERNATIONAL EXCHANGE IN OUR REGION HAVE CONTINUED TO EXPAND. BUILDING ON THIS FOUNDATION, I LOOK FORWARD TO PROMOTING SHODO PERFORMANCE TO BOOST OUR CITY'S APPEAL BOTH DOMESTICALLY AND INTERNATIONALLY. I LOOK FORWARD TO YOUR CONTINUED SUPPORT AND COOPERATION.

FORMER SIFA STAFF



**MIDORI
NOMOTO**

I AM NOW ON MATERNITY LEAVE AND HAVE FINISHED MY TIME AS PART OF SIFA. ALTHOUGH MY TIME HERE WAS BRIEF AT AROUND TWO YEARS, THE OPPORTUNITY TO WORK WITH SO MANY PEOPLE HAS BEEN MY GREATEST TREASURE. WHILE MY ENGLISH SKILLS REMAINED THE SAME DUE TO MY OWN LACK OF EFFORT, I LEARNED A LOT. AS THERE WERE MANY THINGS I DIDN'T KNOW UNTIL I WAS ASSIGNED TO THIS POSITION. THANK YOU ALL SO MUCH FOR YOUR SUPPORT. THANK YOU VERY MUCH!

NEW SIFA STAFF



**TAKAKO
MORIYA**

HELLO, SIFA MEMBERS. MY NAME IS TAKAKO MORIYA, AND I HAVE RECENTLY BEEN ASSIGNED TO THE VIBRANCY CREATION SECTION OF THE ATTRACTION DEVELOPMENT DIVISION AS PART OF A RECENT PERSONNEL RESHUFFLE. IT HAS BEEN ABOUT TWO MONTHS SINCE I JOINED THE TEAM, AND I'VE COME TO REALIZE THAT PEOPLE FROM ALL OVER THE WORLD LIVE IN SHIKOKUCHUO CITY, CREATING MANY CONNECTIONS TO THE WORLD RIGHT HERE IN OUR COMMUNITY. I HOPE TO CREATE MANY OPPORTUNITIES FOR PEOPLE TO CONNECT WITH ONE ANOTHER THROUGH SMILES, TRANSCENDING DIFFERENCES IN LANGUAGE AND CULTURE. CENTERED AROUND THE CIR JACK, WE WILL DELIVER FUN AND APPROACHABLE PROGRAMS THROUGH EVENTS AND EXCHANGE ACTIVITIES SO THAT EVERYONE FEELS. "I'M GLAD I PARTICIPATED!" AND "I WANT TO COME BACK!" PLEASE FEEL FREE TO JOIN US. LET'S ENJOY MOMENTS TOGETHER THAT BRING THE WORLD A LITTLE CLOSER!

FORMER SIFA STAFF



**MOE
UDAKA**

IN MY ROLE AS A MEMBER OF THE INTERNATIONAL EXCHANGE SECTION, I'VE HAD THE OPPORTUNITY TO INTERACT WITH MANY PEOPLE AND GAIN VALUABLE EXPERIENCE. I FEEL THAT MY EXPERIENCE WITH THE JHS OVERSEAS EXCHANGE PROGRAM HAS BECOME A VALUABLE ASSET FOR ME. JUST AS IT HAS FOR THE JUNIOR HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS WHO PARTICIPATED, THIS INCLUDES A ELEVATED SENSE OF RESPONSIBILITY AND A BROADER PERSPECTIVE GAINED THROUGH MY WORK. LOOKING BACK ON THESE PAST TWO YEARS, WHILE THERE WERE CERTAINLY ADMINISTRATIVE TASKS AND FORMAL, STRUCTURED MEETINGS, I FOUND MYSELF ENJOYING EVERY ASPECT OF MY WORK, SO MUCH SO THAT MY FRIENDS AND THOSE AROUND ME EVEN ENVIED ME. I WAS FEELING A BIT SAD ABOUT HAVING TO LEAVE THIS ENJOYABLE WORK ENVIRONMENT DUE TO THE STAFF CHANGES, BUT WHEN I ATTENDED THE SIFA GENERAL MEETING IN MAY, A BOARD MEMBER TOLD ME, "PLEASE COME BACK," WHICH MADE ME FEEL SO WARM AND CUT MY SADNESS IN HALF. MY FONDEST MEMORY IS NOT ONLY OF THE WONDERFUL PEOPLE ASSOCIATED WITH SIFA, BUT ALSO OF THE TWO YEARS I SPENT WORKING HAPPILY ALONGSIDE PEOPLE WHO WERE INCREDIBLY KIND, FUNNY AND DEPENDABLE, FLUENT IN ENGLISH, AND PEOPLE WHO CAME UP WITH GREAT IDEAS. IN MY NEW DEPARTMENT, I INTEND TO DO MY BEST BY APPLYING WHAT I'VE LEARNED OVER THESE PAST TWO YEARS. I AM DEEPLY GRATEFUL FOR ALL YOUR SUPPORT. THANK YOU VERY MUCH.

LOAN WORDS

JAPANESE USES PLENTY OF LOAN WORDS, BUT SOMETIMES THOSE WORDS DON'T ALWAYS COME ACROSS THE WAY THEY ARE INTENDED. HERE ARE A FEW CONFUSING EXAMPLES OF LOAN WORDS BEING USED FOR A DIFFERENT MEANING TO HOW THEY ARE USED IN ENGLISH.

ブルーシート
BLUE SHEET



タープ
TARP

ベビーカー
BABY CAR



ストローラー
STROLLER

プラム
PRAM

キーホルダー
KEY HOLDER



キーチェーン
KEYCHAIN

シャープペン
SHARP PENCIL



レッド・ペンシル
LEAD PENCIL

メカニカル・ペンシル
MECHANICAL PENCIL

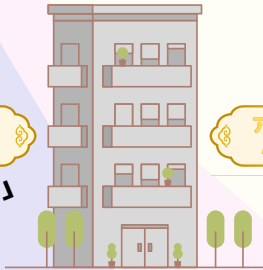


マンション
MANSION

アパートメント
APARTMENT



英語で「マンション」
は屋敷です!



チップス
CHIPS

フレンチフライズ
FRENCH FRIES

フライドポテト
FRIED POTATO

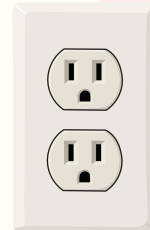


オープンカー
OPEN CAR



コンバージョン
CONVERTIBLE

コンセント
CONSENT



アウトレット
OUTLET

THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT!

GET IN TOUCH WITH US!

SHIKOKUCHUO INTERNATIONAL FRIENDSHIP
ASSOCIATION (SIFA) ATTRACTION
DEVELOPMENT DIVISION
MULTICULTURALISM SECTION
(HOSOKAWA · MORIYA · MATULL)
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EMAIL: SIFA@CITY.SHIKOKUCHUO.EHIME.JP

HOW TO PAY
SIFA MEMBERSHIP FEES
BY ATM BANK TRANSFER

PAY TO 伊予銀行三島支店 普通 1596241

SIFA CHAIRMAN TADASHI HOSHIKAWA

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