

◆We will hold 「Summer Festival (Free event)」 【New】

Children and adults of all nationalities are welcome!

Foreign rock-paper-scissors, face-in-hole, and much more!

Invite your friend and come and experience the festival atmosphere.

We are looking forward to your participation.

※We will continue to lend and return books as usual, but please be aware that it will be noisy throughout the day.

Date: Friday, August 22, 13:30-16:30
Location: Hyogo International Plaza
Intended for: Anyone can participate (No prior application is needed)
Participation Fee: Free
Inquiry: Hyogo International Association Hyogo International Plaza
TEL : 078-230-3060 E-mail: plaza@net.hyogo-ip.or.jp

◆ 「The 30th Different is Wonderful Children's Essay Contest

(第30回 ちがうことこそすばらしい 子ども作文コンクール)」 【New】

Application Period: From Thursday, July 17, to Tuesday, September 30
(Must arrive by this date.)

Eligibility: Elementary, middle, and high school students residing in Japan and aged 20 or younger as of July 2025. Any nationality or language is welcome.

Essay Content: A piece should express the thoughts and feelings of children with roots in various countries and regions about their peers, schools, and society.
Written in Japanese, Chinese, Korean, etc., within 3,000 characters or 1,500 words in Western languages. The work must be unique and unpublished. One entry per person.

How to Apply: Clearly state the following contents: the title of the piece, name*, school name, grade, age, nationality, roots, number of years residing in Japan, name of the school contact person, and school location.

*The name must include the reading, and if there is an ethnic name, it also must be included.

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Submissions must be digital data input in Word, Ichitaro, etc.

The format and choice of language are free.

- Organizer:** All Kansai Education Network for Foreign Residents in Japan/
全関西在日外国人教育ネットワーク (abbreviated as Kansai Net/関西ネット)
Hyogo Prefecture Office: Hyogo Prefectural Council for the Education of
Foreign Residents (abbreviated as Hyogoken Gaikyo/兵庫県外教)
TEL/FAX : 079-425-1245 E-mail : kengaikyo@jeans.ocn.ne.jp
- Submission/Inquiry:** Please contact the Hyogo Prefectural Council for the Education of Foreign
Residents above.
- Details:** Please search for “Hyogo Gaikyo (兵庫外教)” or email our office.

◆Bird collections at Hitohaku (in English) 【New】

A researcher will explain about Hitohaku's bird collections (one of the largest in Japan) while touring the exhibits.

- Date:** Sunday, August 10, 13:00-13:30
- Location:** Museum of Nature and Human Activities, Hyogo, Study Room , 4th floor
(実験セミナー室)
- Language:** English
- Quota:** 10 people
- Participation Fee:** Free
- Intended for:** Anyone (non-native Japanese speakers)
- Organizer:** Dr. Ota
- Registration:** From 12:50, at the Study Room (First come, first served)
- How to Apply:** At the venue on the day of the event
- Inquiry:** Lifelong Learning Division, Museum of Nature and Human Activities, Hyogo
TEL : 079-559-2002 FAX : 079-559-2033
- Details:** <https://www.hitohaku.jp/MusePub/eventdetail/?id=24377>

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◆Create Your Own ‘Original Blend Tea’! 【New】

Why not take this opportunity to enjoy an experience that will enrich your daily teatime?

We welcome Mr. Tamura, who has many certifications including Japanese tea instructor, will be our instructor.

We will get to know the charm of Japanese tea in a full-fledged way.

Anyone interested in Japanese tea and international exchange is welcome, regardless of nationality or age!

Date:	Sunday, September 7, 14:00-16:30
Location:	HIH Hyogo International House 1 st floor, NadaCome
Details:	Quiz about Japanese tea , Lecture on the ‘correct’ way to brew Japanese tea, Making your own original blend of tea, etc.
Language:	Japanese and English
Quota:	30 people
Participation Fee:	1,500 yen
Organizer:	International Japanese Tea Association Intercollegiate Circle ‘Socie-tea’
Application Deadline:	September 6 (It will close once the quota is met)
How to Apply:	Online application form: https://x.gd/ilhAh
Inquiry:	takano.yukihiro@gmail.com (Representative Yukihiro Takano)