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Ibaraki University Earth Club



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Welcome to the International Students' Association

Ibaraki University, School of Engineer





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Founded in May 2001 by the International Students of Ibaraki University, School of Engineer

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Events 私達のサークルの活動

Welcome Barbecue Party for the New International Students

Date: May 13th 2001

Place: Suwa Plum Park, Hitachi City

Participation: 65 people

Organized by Hilton Goi and Kyoko Asano

Summertime Barbecue at the Beach

Date: July 17th 2001

Place: Kwarago Beach, Hitachi City

Participation: 40 people

Organized by Hilton Goi

Hilton Goi's Birthday Hanabi Party

Date: August 17th 2001

Place: Kwarago Beach, Hitachi City

Participation: 20 people

Organized by Jun Murayama

International Exchange at Cultural Festival

Date: October 27th 2001

Place: Ibaraki University, Hitachi Campus

Participation: 80 people

Contents: International Food and Countries' Presentation

Organized by Jun Murayama, Antonio Stenio, BatZorigo, BatSaihan, Paulo Vanuaila and others.

Futsal (Indoor Soccer) Championship

Date: October 28th 2001

Place: Ibaraki University, Hitachi Campus

Participation: 100 people

Organized by Hilton Goi, Jun Murayama and Antonio Stenio

Merry Christmas Party

Date: December 14th 2001

Place: International Students Dormitory, Hitachi City

Participation: 15 people

Organized by Jun Murayama

New Year Commemoration Party

Date: January 12th 2002

Place: International Students Dormitory, Hitachi City

Participation: 15 people

Organized by Hilton Goi

Ski Tour

Date: February 28th and March 1st 2002

Place: Inawashiro Ski Area, Bandai Mountain, Fukushima Prefecture

Participation: 40 people

Organized by Ibaraki University

Sayonara Party for the Graduation Students

Date: March 9th 2002

Place: International Students Dormitory, Hitachi City

Participation: 45 people

Organized by Hilton Goi and Professor Shinki Nakamura

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Samurai Parade at Sakura Matsuri Festival

Date: April 6th 2002

Place: Heiwa Douri Boulevard, Beach, Hitachi City

Participation: 6 people from our University

Organized by Professor Atsushi Minato and Hilton Goi

Korea/Japan World Cup 2002 Presentation

Date: To be confirmed

Place: To be confirmed

Participation: As many people as possible.

Organized and presented by Hilton Goi and other members.

Useful Information 役に立つ情報

Scholarships and Financial Aid for Foreign Students

Information on Scholarships and Financial Aid for Foreign Students are available at the Students' Affair Office in our University.

Tel. 0294-35-6304, 0294-37-1926

You can also ask our Members for advices and information.

Contact: Hilton Goi. E-mail: hilton77@yahoo.com

Scholarship List <http://www.is.zim.tottori-u.ac.jp/is/seido/syougakukin/other/>

Rotary Club, Yoneyama Scholarship Association <http://www.rotary-yoneyama.or.jp/>

Part Time Job (Arbeit) Information

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Japanese Language Learning Centers in Hitachi City

Ibaraki University, School of Engineering

Japanese Language Classes for Foreign Students

Contact: Professor Yuutarou Murakami

Tel. 029-271-2406 (extension 5237)

Sakura Japanese Class

Every Saturday from 10AM to 11:30AM

Fee: 1500 yen/semester

Contact: Ms. Masako Baba

Tel. 0294-53-6359

Anzu Japanese Class

Every Friday 1PM to 4PM, First, Second and Third Tuesday 7PM to 8:30PM

Fee: 300 yen/month & 1500 yen (textbook)

Contact: Mrs. Kyoko Kamada

Tel.0294-33-3399

Ibaraki Kokusai Gakuin Japanese School

Tel. 0294-21-5931

Chinese Language Self Learning System

Didactic Material on Chinese Language are available at our University.

You can lend video tapes to and learn Chinese Language free of charge.

Contact Professor Atsushi Minato, at:

TEL&FAX 0294-38-5271

E-mail: minato@base.ibaraki.ac.jp

Web: <http://www.base.ibaraki.ac.jp/minato/>

Multilanguage Translator and Interpreter Services

Multilanguage Translation and Interpretation Services can be provided by the Members of Ibaraki University World Club. For information, contact Hilton Goi

E-mail: hilton77@yahoo.com

Housing, Living in Hitachi City

Information on Rental House and Apartments for Students and Families
Are Available at the Shopping Store (Seikyo).in our University.

Counseling and Advising for Any Questions

You can also talk to our Members and to our University's Professors for advices and information.
Contact: Hilton Goi for indications and orientations. E-mail: hilton77@yahoo.com

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Enjoy your Daily Life in Japan. Talk in Japanese

Hilton Goi

I was 16 years old when I first came to Japan. At that time I could not speak a word in Japanese, I just traveled to Japan to visit my older brother who was working at a factory in Mie Prefecture. I stayed in Japan for two months and observed that everything here (the society itself, the economy, people's habits, etc) was very different from my homeland, Brazil. I really enjoyed my stay in Japan because everything here was new for me, but I could have enjoyed much more, if I were able to read and write in Japanese, if I could talk to Japanese people. Everything was amazing for me, but something was not good and I was a little sad for that. It was the fact that I could not communicate. I could not read, write, speak or understand what people were saying. I felt sorry I was an uncommunicative person here, and I wanted to change it, but two months were too short.

In Brazil, just after my Graduation of the High School, I got another chance to come to Japan, this time I was decided to learn the Language and Culture of Japan, the country of my ancestors. One year of Japanese Language course at Kokusai Gakuyukai in Tokyo made it possible for me to communicate well in Japanese. I also could meet students from all over the world, we were studying Japanese Language to enter a College or University in Japan. I made a lot of international friends, our conversations were all in English at the beginning, and little by little we put some Japanese words inside it. The words we learned at the School were things to be tested in the daily life and communication with other people. I never forget my happiness when I first tried to speak a Japanese

word I had just learned and people could understand me. I felt I really could be a communicative person and I worked hard on it, enjoying the studies at the same time. In one year my Japanese improved pretty well, the Japanese classes finished, it was time for me to go and start the main study program at the College of Technology (Kosen). I entered Yatsushiro Kosen in Kumamoto Prefecture, southern Japan. My major was Information and Electronic Engineering.

At the Kosen I was a newcomer foreign student in the Japanese students' classrooms that was my first time inside the Japanese Society. Fortunately I had a warm reception and I was very welcome by my classmates. The students came to talk to me, asked me many things about me and my country; and taught me so many things I have to thank all them for everything. I also had a tutor who was a nice person and a good friend. He helped me a lot in the daily life and Language, especially he taught me many words in Kumamoto-ben, the local dialect. All the people there (people of all ages) usually speak in Kumamoto-ben, and I could only speak and understand the Basic Japanese. I had learned at the Japanese School, so I was surprised for that unique way of speaking. It is not a generalization, it is a fact that I have experienced. Anyway, it was not a cultural shock for me, I just thought: "That is not like the Japanese. I learned at school... Ok, so now I have to start all again, I have to learn another new Language." I knew I could do it, because I had learned a completely new language (Japanese) in one year, so it would not be a problem to learn a dialect inside Japanese Language in three years. And I did it. I lived in Kumamoto for three years and got used to talk to local people using the local dialect, and actually I realized that it is much easier to talk in Kumamoto-ben than in formal Japanese. The words are

shorter and the combinations of sounds make the dialect a practical way of speaking.

I graduated from the Kosen and decided to continue the studies at a Japanese University. I came to Hitachi city two years ago and now I am a postgraduate student at Ibaraki University (Ibadai). My major is Media and Telecommunications Engineering. Here in Ibaraki Prefecture I repeated the same experience I had in Kyushu five years ago, a different place and a different way of speaking. I was lucky to meet nice people here with great hospitality. I still remember the dialect I have learned in Kyushu, I just do not use it here in Hitachi because nobody would understand me. In fact, the changes of ambient here were not so big for me, because many residents in Hitachi city came from different places in Japan and the language mainly used here is the formal Japanese. Of course Ibaraki-ben is also used, but a person in Hitachi city can live using formal Japanese only. That makes easier for a foreign student to get used to the local language, thus to the daily life in Hitachi city.

For an international student, it is essential to understand Japanese Language, otherwise it is impossible to complete the studies at a Japanese University. However, for many graduated students, the studies at the University can be lead in English, so some of these students unfortunately do not learn the local Language. The same happens to many people who come to work in Japan, some of them likely think they do not need to learn Japanese. In my point of view, they have to realize that in a foreign country our daily life depends directly on our understanding of the local Language. We always need to communicate to the people around us, everywhere we are. So my advice for all the international people living in

Hitachi is: Don't be afraid or shy of making mistakes or speaking wrongly. Just do it, ask people to correct your Japanese and it will improve fast, then you will have a much more pleasant life in Japan, that is for sure.

I am very glad that in Hitachi city there are volunteer groups like the Sakura and the Anzu which have classes of Japanese Language, and many people are interested in cultural exchange; gentle people who want to help the international residents in Hitachi. I was helped a lot too, since I came to Hitachi, and I always wanted to give back, to contribute with international cultural exchange. I was choused to be the leader of International Students Association of Ibadai's Hitachi Campus for this year, and I will do efforts to promote events of international exchange and friendship between the Japanese and international students, Japanese people and the international community in Hitachi city. Lets make many good friends and enjoy our stay in Japan. I am looking forward to seeing you, if there is anything I can help, please let me know. Hitachi Campus is open door for cultural exchange.

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