



Oh-i!



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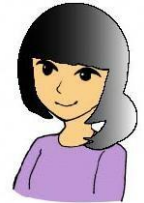
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What can you do at Utsunomiya City International Association (UCIA)?



In the April issue of "Oh-i!" I told you a little bit about what I'm doing at UCIA, and this time I will tell you a bit more.

Tell me! Tell me!



UCIA offers a variety of international exchange opportunities, such as through Japanese language classes, foreign language courses, explanations on Japanese culture, bus tours, facility factory tour trips, cooking classes, etc.



Japanese sake tasting experience on a facility factory tour



Also, in cooperation with Utsunomiya City, UCIA accepts students from sister cities (for homestays) and dispatches junior high and high school students abroad as well.



Japanese cooking class

UCIA also offers comprehensive consultations for foreign residents (page 4) and interpreting/translation services (fees apply).

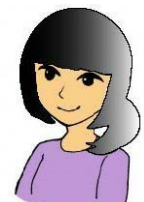


Zen meditation experience on a bus tour



Calligraphy experience at a homestay

Next time, I will invite my friends to go!



◇ Making direct withdrawals from your bank account is a convenient way to pay water and sewerage fees.

If you pay your water and sewerage fees by direct withdrawal from your bank account, you will get a discount of 25 yen (tax included) per month. (Those who only use the sewerage system will not get the discount.)

Please fill out an application form available at any bank, district civic center, branch office, or at the Water & Sewerage Bureau (you can also download it from the city website) and stamp it using your passbook stamp. Apply in person or by mail.

Please apply at the Customer Reception Center (Kawara-machi), Waterworks & Sewerage Bureau, 〒320-8543.

Those who request can receive an application via mail.

Inquiries Waterworks & Sewerage Bureau, Customer Reception Center ☎028-633-1300

◇ When you want to start or stop using the water and sewerage system, you need to contact the Customer Reception Center at least 3 days in advance.

When you want to start or stop using the water and sewerage system, please contact the Customer Reception Center ☎028-633-1300. In addition, it is also possible to complete moving procedures for the water, sewerage, electricity, gas, etc. all at once via the internet using the “Moving Renrakucho.”

This service is available 24 hours a day.

Moving Renrakucho ⇒



2023 Fiscal Year

Japanese Classes にほんごきょうしつ



Study Japanese with others. This is information on Japanese classes at locations other than UCIA.

| Venue | Day | Time | Level | Cost | Inquiries |
|--|----------|----------------------|----------------------------|-----------------------|--|
| Machi Dsukuri Center (5-9-7 Motoimaizumi) | Monday | 10:00AM - 12:00PM | Beginner - Advanced | 500 yen/ month | Ippo Ippo Nihongo 028-637-7394 |
| | Sunday | 1:15PM - 2:45PM | Primary | 9 times/ 4,500 yen | NPO Dekthai Group 090-7720-7575 |
| Tochigi International Association (9-14 Honcho) | Tuesday | 10:00AM - 12:00PM | Beginner - intermediate | 300 yen/ time | FJC Nihongo Tomonokai 028-635-9595 |
| | Thursday | | Advanced | | |
| | Friday | | Beginner - Intermediate | | |
| International Plaza (4-1-1 5F Baba-dori) | Saturday | | | | |
| Kiyohara Chiku Shimin Center (15-4 Kiyohara Kogyo Danchi) | Saturday | 7:00PM - 9:00PM | Beginner - Intermediate | 1,000 yen/ term | Kiyohara Chiku Kokusai Koryukai 028-667-1014 |

Utsunomiya Satsuki & Flower Fair

🕒 May 27 (Sat) to June 4 (Sun)

😊 This is an event to become familiar with flowers and trees through Satsuki (azalea), which is the city flower of Utsunomiya City. Approximately 250 Satsuki grown by flower-lowers from around the country will be exhibited at the venue. You can enjoy the charm of flowers through buying Satsuki, seeing how to care for them, and participating in charity auctions.

Cost Free

@ Roadside Station Utsunomiya Romantic Village (254, Nissato-machi Hei)

☎ Tourism & Exchange Division 028-632-2456

International Exchange Salon 🎵

🕒 Every 4th Saturday 4:00PM - 6:00PM

May 27 (Sat)

😊 An event at which you can talk with people from various countries 🎵

Cost Free

@ Utsunomiya International Plaza (4-1-1 Baba-dori)

☎ 028-616-1563



Hello Asagao-san 🎵 Seed Sowing - Flower Pressing

🕒 Seed sowing experience: May 20 (Sat)
10:30AM - 11:30AM

Pressed flower class: July 22 (Sat)
10:30AM - 11:30AM

😊 Sow morning glory seeds in the garden of the South Library, and when the lovely flowers bloom, make them into pressed flowers. 🎵

Cost Free

Limit First 15 families

@ South Library South Corridor (Sowing Seeds)
Meeting Room (Pressed Flowers)
(56-1 Suzumenomiyacho)

☎ 028-653-7609

Peruvian Cooking Class

🕒 May 20 (Sat) 10:00A - 3:00PM

😊 Have fun interacting while making a delicious Peruvian chicken dish, "Arroz con pollo" together! 🎵

Cost 800 - 1,000 yen

@ General Welfare (Sogo Fukushi) Center
7th floor kitchen (1-1-15 Chuo)

☎ Utsunomiya City International Exchange Association 028-616-1870

Anime Movie Party

🕒 May 21 (Sun)

① 10:30AM- 11:40AM

② 1:30PM - 2:40PM

😊 Captain Tsubasa
Destined Rivals Me and Kojiro Hyuga

Cost Free

Limit First 50 People

@ Higashi Library Audio-Visual Library
(3-5-1 Nakaimaizumi)

☎ 028-638-5704



Mr. Lama Yubraj from Nepal



We heard from Mr. Lama of the UCIA Foreign Support Network about Nepal, how to learn Japanese, his work, and what he values!

नमस्ते ! (Hello in Nepali)

Lama is from Sindhupalchok, Nepal and he came to Japan ten years ago.

UCIA: What kind of country is Nepal?

Lama: There are many tall mountains and it is famous for Mount Everest, the highest mountain in the world. Nepalese people are polite and kind.

UCIA: What was your motivation to come to Japan?

Lama: In Sindhupalchok, Japanese people built schools and water pipelines for villages with water shortages to create save water to drink. I began to think that I would like to visit the country of the people who work for the development of Nepal.

UCIA: How did you learn Japanese?

Lama: At first, I learned hiragana, katakana and simple conversation at a Japanese language school in Nepal. After coming to Japan, I continued to study Japanese at a Japanese language school.

UCIA: Do you have any helpful hints for learning Japanese?

Lama: Reading the signboards of the city, reading kanji for one hour every day, and also increasing conversation with Japanese people is important.

UCIA: What are your impressions of Japan?

Lama: Japanese streets are clean, and there are people who are always cleaning up the garbage. Japanese people are kind and if you ask them for directions, they will tell you politely.

UCIA: What kind of work do you do?

Lama: When I came to Japan, I had a hard time without a part-time job. Also, when I worked as a temporary staff, I was troubled because there was no job explanation. With that experience, I started working for a dispatching company. Foreigners from 19 countries are registered. I interpret and translate for people who cannot speak Japanese, and take them to do administrative procedures, to hospitals, etc.

UCIA: What do you value most?

Lama: I try to make sure that everyone can live and work in a good environment. I would also like to open a Japanese language school.

UCIA: Lama san、**धन्यवाद !** (Thank you very much)

Utsunomiya International Plaza (UIP) Service



Consultation for Foreign Residents

※ Communication in other languages is also possible using a tablet capable of multilingual interpretation and translation.

| | | Spanish | Vietnamese | Chinese | Thai | English |
|--|------------------|---|---------------------------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|
| | | Portuguese | | | | |
| UIP ☎028-616-1564 | 3:00PM - 6:00PM | Mon | 1 st & 3 rd Mon | Tues | Wed | Fri |
| | | 4 th Sunday of the month (Appointment needed) | | | | |
| City Hall ☎028-632-2834 (During office hours) | 9:00AM - 12:00PM | Thurs | — | 2 nd Thurs | — | 1 st Thurs |
| | 2:00PM - 5:00PM | Thurs | 2 nd Thurs | — | 1 st Thurs | 3 rd Thurs |

UCIA's official LINE

We send fun exchange events and life information. "Please register as a friend and use it as an information gathering tool."



"Oh-i!" is published in easy Japanese, English, Chinese, Portuguese, Thai, and Vietnamese. You can also read it on the UCIA website. <https://www.ucia.or.jp>



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