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Utsunomiya City International Association (UCIA) Introduction

UCIA offers a variety of international exchange opportunities, including Japanese classes for foreigners, foreign language classes, introduction to Japanese culture, bus tours, facility factory tours, and cooking classes.



In cooperation with Utsunomiya City, UCIA is also engaged in programs to receive students from sister cities, dispatch junior high and high school students, etc.



Enjoying picture books from around the world

UCIA also offers general consultation (page 4) for foreign citizens and interpreting and translating services (fee-based).



Flower arrangement workshop

As you can see on page 4 (interview), you can introduce yourself and your country of origin to the community, so please come and check out UCIA sometime!



Be sure to get your My Number card before you move

After applying for a My Number card, once you have received a delivery notice (postcard notification) from Utsunomiya City, please be sure to pick up your My Number Card before proceeding with moving procedures.

If you move out of Utsunomiya City to a different municipality before picking it up, you will no longer be able to use the card. In that case, you will need to do the procedures at the location you moved to again.

Please be sure to take the delivery notice you received with you when you go to pick up your My Number card.

It takes about 2 months from the time of My Number card application until you receive a delivery notice.

Utsunomiya City URL →



For details, please refer to the Utsunomiya City website.

Inquiries: Citizen's Division (Shimin-ka) ☎028-632-5266

Procedures for online transfer notification

Persons with a My Number card can do moving procedures online using a smart phone or computer from the My Number portal※, without having to go to the city hall.

The city hall is often crowded in March and April with people completing moving procedures due to starting a new job, job transferring, advancing in school, etc. It is possible to do the moving notification procedures online.

Please do the moving notification procedures at the new municipality you moved into after confirming that the moving procedures from your previous address have been completed on the My Number portal.

For details, please refer to the Utsunomiya City website.

My Number portal →



Inquiries: Citizen's Division (Shimin-ka) ☎028-632-2271

※The My Number portal is a service that allows you to do administrative procedures from your computer at home or smartphone. My Number Card is required when doing procedures.

Festa my Utsunomiya 2024

~Put on by the International Exchange Square~

🕒 May 19 (Sun) 10:00AM - 3:00PM

< International Exchange Square booth >

😊 Various international exchange organizations will have booths to try a tea ceremony, Brazilian cuisine, Taiwanese cuisine, etc.

< Overall stage >

Musical instrument performance, hula dancing, etc.

Cost Free (Introduction booth, stage)

@ Utsunomiya Castle Park (1-15 Honmaru-cho)

☎ Utsunomiya City International Association 028-616-1870



International Exchange Salon 🎵

🕒 Every 4th Saturday 4:00PM - 6:00PM

April 27 (Sat)

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

Cost Free

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

☎ 028-616-1563



Spring pop' n live



🕒 April 28 (Sun) ① 10:30AM
② 2:30PM

1 performance lasts about 120 minutes

😊 A fun spring outdoor music event!

① Performance ② The performing group will change in the performance.

There will also be a musical instrument craft booth!

Cost Free

@ Michinoeki Utsunomiya, Romantic Village

Large tent stage (254 Nissato-machihei)

☎ Orchard Sessions 090-6236-3037

Volcanic Ash is a Treasure Box

🕒 April 21 (Sun) 2:00PM - 3:30PM

😊 Observe minerals in volcanic ash washed with water using a microscope.

Cost Free

Sign up Starting Aril 5 (Fri) via phone, FAX, or directly at Kamikawachi Library
(182-1 Nakazato-cho)

☎ 028-674-1120

Tochigi Television Animation Festival

🕒 May 4 (Sat) & 5 (Sun) 10:00AM - 4:00PM

😊 • Large vision screening of animation
• Animation song concert
• Booths, food vehicles, etc.

Cost Free (Animation screening & concert)

@ Orion Square (8-3 Eno-machi),
Banba Hiroba Square (4-1-1 Baba-dori)

URL <https://www.tochigi-tv-anime.com/festa/>

DIAS from Sri Lanka



We asked Dias about Sri Lanka, Sri Lankan people coming to Utsunomiya, what she is doing now, Let's Amigo Festival (photo), what she likes about Japan, etc.

ආයුබෝවන්! Ayubowan! That is hello in Sinhalese. In Sri Lanka, they speak Sinhalese, Tamil, and English. Dias has been in Japan for about 20 years.

UCIA: What is Sri Lanka like?

Dias: It is a tropical country. It was a colony of Portugal, the Netherlands and England. That's why many tourists come from Europe and spend their time enjoying the on beaches and elephants, etc. Also, it seems interesting that the climate varies depending on the region. It is a country famous for Ceylon black tea.

UCIA: Recently there has been an increase in the number of people from Sri Lanka in Utsunomiya. What kinds of things are they doing?

Dias: Recently there are many exchange students studying Japanese at Japanese language schools and people working as Special Skilled Worker (SSW) in a variety of fields.

UCIA: Why did you come to Utsunomiya?

Dias: There was a company in Utsunomiya that came to learn electronic technology, which led me to live in Utsunomiya.

UCIA: What kind of activities are you doing now?

Dias: I am working at a welfare company. I help transport senior citizens, manage computers, etc. I teach yoga at the local "Hatsuratsu Classroom" and a community center and support health maintenance.

UCIA: What kind of event is the Let's Amigo Festival?

Dias: 18 years ago, foreigners living in Tochigi Prefecture gathered to hold their own exchange event. Now it is a place where foreigners become friends with each other and Japanese people, and help each other.

UCIA: What do you like about Japan?

Dias: In Japan, it is very safe, and if trusted by Japanese people, they will provide help. Many foreigners are in Japan while their hearts are in their home countries, but I think it is very important to be able to embrace Japanese culture.

UCIA: Dias, ජීව්නියි! Stutiya! (Thank you!)

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 Portuguese	Vietnamese	Chinese	Thai	English
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-ii!" 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>

