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【Dewa Shonai Kokusai Mura Music Festival 2010】 · · · P. 2

On September 18th, a Mongolian Folk music concert was held at our hall. The four performers, including one Japanese, played Morin Xuur and other folk instruments at the concert. They also did “Khomeii,” which is throat singing, and it is a traditional method of singing in Mongolia.

In the lobby, Mongolian cuisine was served, such as noodles, which taste like Udon, and milk tea, which has a salty flavor. Some of the Mongolian foreign students in Tsuruoka volunteered and helped out.

The day before the concert, two performers visited Yunohama elementary school and Kamigo elementary school. The children had a chance to see and play with the Mongolian folk instruments and the heard about Mongolia, such as about the grass lands there, and many other things. The children were taught much about Mongolia.



【Past Events】 · · · P. 3

○ "Let's get to know great nature in Tsuruoka" (One day study tour.)

Last year, for the first time, Shonai forest office and Kokusaimura conducted a tour to inspect the Shonai coast, the Black Pine Forest and other nature spots in the region. There were about 20 foreigners who participated in the event. An expert volunteer gave a lecture to them about forestation and nature. From their lecture the foreigners learned the importance of the forest.

○ Sushi Event

This event was mainly planned by the Japanese class. A professional sushi chef told the participants how to make sushi. Some of the participants couldn't eat raw fish, but they were fascinated about how to make sushi.

○ Sekaino Daidokoro (World cooking lesson) Report

This fiscal year, we planned on having 6 cooking classes. We have already held 5 cooking classes for Cambodian, Singaporean, Brazilian, American, and Chinese cuisine. We are planning to have Korean cuisine in February.

We will start accepting people for a yearly membership for this cooking class. If you become a member, you can join this cooking class and you can join foreign language classes for 10% off.



○ Other events

Oct. 3rd – One day Chinese seminar

Nov. 21st – Utuswa no kai fall chapter (Japanese home cooking seminar)

【Wanted】 . . . P.6, 7

We are looking for participants for the following classes and events.

- ◇ English club members (for junior and high school students)
- ◇ Colorado Study Tour (for junior and high school students and adults)
- ◇ Kid's English class (for elementary school students)
- ◇ Everyday English (special English class) on Feb. 27th Sun.
- ◇ Tai chi class (Starts from April.)
- ◇ Several foreign language courses. (Starts from April.)

【Lecture by Hikaru Nagatake “Forest calling ~Deep forest from Amazon~”】

Hikaru Nagatake is a photographer who has been researching and photographing mainly in South America. She has had photo exhibitions in several places in the world. Let's think together about the diverse nature of the Amazon basin, the people who live there and their culture.

- Date: March 12th, 2011.
- Time: 10:30 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.
- Place: Dewa Shonai Kokusaimura hall

The lecture and Amazon folk museum admission fee are free on this day.

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