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What is “Foreign Residents Network”?

Since 2005, Kashiwa International Relations Association (KIRA) has been working to build a foreign residents network together with Kashiwa City. This network would provide a way to deliver vital information quickly during an emergency, such as an earthquake, and in non-emergency times as well. In order to make many friends among foreign residents, we had a bowling event with an exchange meeting in July and a cooking party with Chinese people in September. As for future events, we plan to hold an experimental course on how to behave at the evacuation center and a tour of Chiba Pref. West Center for Protection against Disasters (Seibu Bousai Center) in Matsudo City.

Foreign Residents Network 1st exchange meeting July 6th(Sunday)



The 1st exchange meeting was a bowling event with a discussion following. A total of 67 people came together and enjoyed bowling. The number of participants exceeded our expectations. Everyone seemed to enjoy bowling together. After two games, we moved to Eirakudai Community Center and had an exchange meeting. Grand prizes were awarded to the top 5 bowlers. Prizes such as rice, eggs, music boxes, etc. were all donated. Then, we enjoyed a “Yes or No” game with the theme of “What do you do when an earthquake strikes” and “Are you prepared for an earthquake ?” The exchange meeting with cakes, sandwiches and drinks continued to around 4:00pm. In the questionnaires, there were many thoughts and impressions about the meeting, some of the responses include how they “learned a lot about how and what to do when an earthquake strikes”, how they now know “many people and made friends” and how they “wish to know more about how to behave at the time of an earthquake”.

Exchange Meeting for Chinese people September 21st(Sunday) Kashiwa Chuou Kouminkan

There were more participants this year than last. About 60 Chinese families and friends gathered at a cooking room of Kashiwa City Central Public Hall even though it was a rainy day. Chinese dishes such as green bean soup, sweet bun stuffed with beef and vegetables and fried bread were served at a luncheon party. After, all attendants were divided into 6 groups and a group discussion was held with the theme of how to communicate with your family and friends when an earthquake strikes. One of discussion summaries which was “To memorize the telephone numbers of family members” received applause.



Finally, everybody filled out the questionnaires and said goodbye and that they’d hope to meet again.



Kashiwanoha Satellite Office is at the East Exit of Kashiwanoha Campus Station of Tsukuba Express Line. At this complex, an International Exchange Lounge and City Service Corner (issuing residents card, etc) are available for the public to use. At the lounge, staff members are trying to offer pertinent advisory services to foreign residents for their individual matters. The lounge also offers Japanese language and the foreign language courses, as well as Japanese culture lessons such as calligraphy, tea ceremony and flower arrangements. Please drop in freely and have a chat with the staff and your friends.

(Open 10:00~19:00, except Wednesdays and Sundays Telephone: 04-7134-3321)

Minimum measures to be taken -Q & A for Kerosene Stoves

Heading toward a cold season, heating by kerosene equipment is inevitable for a comfortable day life. However, misuse may cause big accidents. Please keep in mind the proper use of kerosene stoves.

1.Q : *How should I use a heater to effectively heat the room?*

A : You should place the heater where cold air comes in, such as near a window. As the cold air flows through the heater, it rises and can warm up the entire room most efficiently. The flammable materials such as curtains should be kept clear of the heating machine to protect from fire.



2 Q : *Why is ventilations necessary when you use the kerosene stove?*

A : Unless ventilation is sufficient, you might be poisoned by CO2 gas. Open the window once or twice an hour for a couple of minutes to ventilate the air in the room.



3.Q. : *Why doesn't the kerosene stove automatically turn off during an earthquake?*

A. : It depends on the ground and construction. A heating system such as a kerosene stove is designed to automatically shut off when there is an earthquake with a seismic intensity- of about 5 by the Japanese Industrial Standard.



4. Q : *What are key points in selecting a polyester kerosene tank?*

A. : To buy a tank that has this mark 「推奨」(recommendation) and to store the tank in the shade since the quality of kerosene in the tank deteriorates when exposed to the sun.



Notice from Kashiwa City International Relations Office

From December 2008, Kashiwa City will start a Mail Magazine service with multi-languages through cellular phones.

This service provides foreign residents with important and useful information in the time of a natural disaster as well as daily life.

Inquiries for this service may be made to Kashiwa City International Relations Office (Tel.:04-7167-0941)

