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## There are new advice officers at the Information Service for Foreign Residents.



### Yukari Sakamoto

Advice Officer

My name is Yukari Sakamoto. I have been working as a part-time advice officer since last year. I worked for a manufacturer for many years and have experience in promoting environmental education for employees with affiliated companies in the AP region. When I first started that job, I was not sure what to expect. There were many differences of opinion among the people in charge in the various countries and regions each with changing climates and cultures. However, through repeat encounters and exchange, we were able to deepen our understanding of each other. At a workshop in Japan, I have a fond memory of when everyone was excited when they saw snow for the first time. Actually, right after I started working at OFIX last April, I was injured at home and had to take a three-month leave of absence. During that time, I read some easy history books, and it was eye-opening to see how much I still didn't know! No matter how old you get, there is always something new to discover. I still don't have much experience as an advice officer, but I will continue to work hard. I am enjoying leaning new things everyday and helping those in need.



### Tomoko Miyata

Advice Officer

My name is Tomoko Miyata. I started working as an advice officer at OFIX in May. I majored in Hindi at university and while working part-time at an Indian restaurant, I often visited India and learned about different cultures. In Japan, I have had many opportunities to interact with foreign residents as a volunteer. I decided to work as an advice officer because I would like to be involved in supporting those who are in trouble due to language and cultural differences. I still have a lot to learn about consulting, but I am trying my best every day. I am looking forward to supporting people from abroad trying their best in Japan.



**Free Coronavirus Related Information and Consultation for Foreign Residents @ Izumisano City**

**Date & Time:** July 23 (Saturday) 13:00 - 16:00 (Appointment preferred)  
**Consultation method:** In-person or by Zoom  
**Consultation areas:** Visa, welfare, Covid-19 vaccination, daily life, etc.  
**Available languages:** English, Chinese, Portuguese, Filipino, Nepali  
**Fee:** Free of charge  
**Venue:** Izumisano City Social Welfare Center (1102, Nakasho, Izumisano City)  
**How to apply:** OFIX TEL/06-6941-2297 E-mail: [jouhou-c@ofix.or.jp](mailto:jouhou-c@ofix.or.jp)



## Osaka Information Service for Foreign Residents

A free consultation service for foreign residents.



TEL 06-6941-2297

### 【Consultation Hours】

Monday and Friday: 9 a.m. to 8 p.m. (excluding holidays)  
 Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday: 9 a.m. - 5:30 p.m. (excluding holidays)  
 Second and fourth Sundays of each month: 1 p.m. to 5 p.m.

### 【Professional Consultation】

Professional consultations and labor consultations with a public notary or lawyer  
 \*Appointment required

### 【Languages available】

English, Chinese, Korean, Portuguese, Spanish, Vietnamese, Filipino, Thai, Indonesian, Nepali, Japanese, Russian, Ukrainian

### 【E-mail】

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 (only in Japanese and English)

### 【FAX】

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 (only in Japanese and English)

### 【URL】

<https://www.ofix.or.jp/life/japanese/>





## Sakai International Hall (Orion International House)

The Orion International House, established and operated by OFIX, is pleased to announce that it has welcomed four new tutors for this year.

Our tutors plan and run events in the dormitory, and are on hand to assist the dormitory manager and help their fellow residents. They will organise various events and this year and help the other student residents with their daily life.



### Shota Ozaki

Nationality: Japanese  
School: Osaka Prefecture University Graduate School

As a tutor, I will do my best to solve any problems you may have at the Orion International House, so please feel free to ask me for help. I am looking forward to meeting you. I want to support you so you can make many good memories during your time in Japan. Thank you very much!



### Miyu Nobumoto

Nationality: Japanese  
School: Osaka Prefecture University

I became a Japanese tutor this year. If you have any problems regarding the differences in language or systems between Japan and your home country, I will be happy to help you, so please do not hesitate to contact me! I will be living with you as a tutor, but I would be happy if I can be your friend too! I look forward to meeting you.



## Introducing the OIH Tutors for 2022!



### Choi Go

Nationality: Chinese  
School: Osaka City University

I am pleased to be your tutor this year. I am very interested in international exchange and am researching international exchange at graduate school. I am very happy to be able to interact with and become friends with people from many different countries at Orion International House. I would like to support you so that you can enjoy your life and relax. Thank you very much.



### RAISUL ISLAM MD

Nationality: Bangladesh  
School: Osaka University of Tourism

I love international exchange and I will be a tutor this year. I am a 4th year student in the Tourism department, and I would like to collaborate with the dorm residents and create a good relationship with them by speaking 4 languages (Bengali, Japanese, English, and Hindi). I know that there are many people from different countries here, so if you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me. I will try my best to communicate with you all. I look forward to meeting you.



# Global Voices

## Why did you decide to come to Japan?

I studied Japanese from junior high school and first came to Japan as a 16 year old exchange student. I studied at a high school in Nagoya for nine months. As a result, I fell in love with Japan's unique culture and way of life, which led me to major in Japanese at university. After graduation, I wanted to work using my Japanese, so I came back to Japan.

## Was there anything that surprised you when you came to Osaka?

The lack of public rubbish bins, and yet the streets are so clean! In Australia, people throw rubbish around the street despite there being rubbish bins everywhere.

**Name:**

**Jesse de Carteret**

**Country:**

**Australia**

**Self-Intro:**

Hi, I'm Jesse from Australia. I lived in Japan for a total of ten years, working at OFIX as a coordinator for international relations for five years. I returned to Australia last year with my Japanese wife and child, and currently live in Melbourne.



## Where there any problems you faced when you came to Osaka?

My size (I am 195cm tall) means that most things Japanese do not fit. Of course, I had trouble with shoes and clothes, but also other things such as the small size of convenience store bento boxes and height limits on roller coasters and so forth.

## How do you feel about being a supporter?

In the age of new technology, the supporter program is a truly grassroots program that still holds a huge importance in Japanese society. I hope to support it however I can.



## A Foreign dish you can make in Japan

Jesse's recommended dish:

### Pavlova

#### Ingredients:

- 4 egg whites, at room temperature
- A pinch of salt
- 250 g castor sugar
- 2 teaspoons corn flour
- 1 teaspoon white-wine vinegar
- A few drops of pure vanilla
- 250ml fresh cream, firmly whipped
- Fruit (strawberry, banana, kiwi fruit etc.)
- Can of passionfruit pulp

#### Recipe:

1. Preheat oven to 180°C. Line a baking tray with baking paper.
2. Beat egg whites and salt until stiff but not dry peaks form.
3. Using a hand mixer or whisk, beat in sugar, a third at a time, until meringue is stiff and shiny.
4. Sprinkle over corn flour, vinegar and vanilla and fold in lightly. Mound onto paper-lined baking tray within circle, flattening top and smoothing sides.
5. Place in oven, immediately reduce heat to 150°C and cook for 30 minutes. Reduce further to 120°C and cook for 45 minutes.
6. Turn off oven and leave pavlova in it to cool completely. Invert pavlova onto a platter, pile on cream, arrange fruit and spoon over passionfruit pulp.



# Hello ! We are the new Planning Officers at OFIX 🎵



## Tomoyo Kishikawa-Unger

Planning Officer  
(in charge of volunteers)

Hello, I am Kishikawa, and I have been working as a planner since the end of May, mainly in charge of volunteer-related matters.

I have experience teaching Japanese and introducing Japanese culture at a Japanese language school in Brazil as a member of the JICA's volunteer program, Japan Overseas Cooperation Volunteers for Nikkei (Japanese Descendant) communities. After returning to Japan, I have been teaching Japanese mainly online to foreigners at the elementary level. With the help of volunteers, I would like to support foreign residents in Japan. I look forward to working with you.



## HOI YAN WAT

Planning officer  
(in charge of Plain Japanese)

Hello, my name is Melody Wat Hoi Yan and I have been a planning officer at OFIX since June. I am from Hong Kong and have been

in Japan for 5 years. When I was in university, I studied in Japan for one year as an exchange student, then came back to Japan to enroll in a graduate school in Kyoto, and after graduation I started working here. Incidentally, the name "Wat Hoi Yan" is very important to me because when I first went to a post office in Japan, the staff made it from the sound of my English name, so every time I use this name I am reminded of my first visit to Japan. I hope to be able to support all foreigners in Japan with my experience of living in Japan.

**The First OFIX Exchange Event ★ Quiz Competition**

**7/30(Sat) "The First OFIX Exchange Event ★ Quiz Competition"** Let's have fun and learn more about Vietnam and Japan together! A Vietnamese international student and local Japanese resident are going to host and deliver the questions!

Date and Time: 7/30(Sat) 2:00pm - 4:00pm

Venue: Zoom

Cost: Free \*Application Required

Capacity: 35 people (We will hold a lottery if we get more than 35 applications)

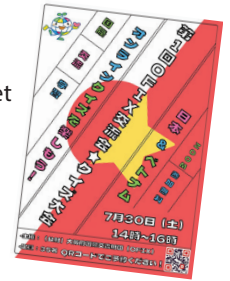
Target: People interested in cross-cultural awareness

Deadline to apply: 7/22(Fri) 2022

Application: Google Form →

Contact Tel: 06-6966-2400

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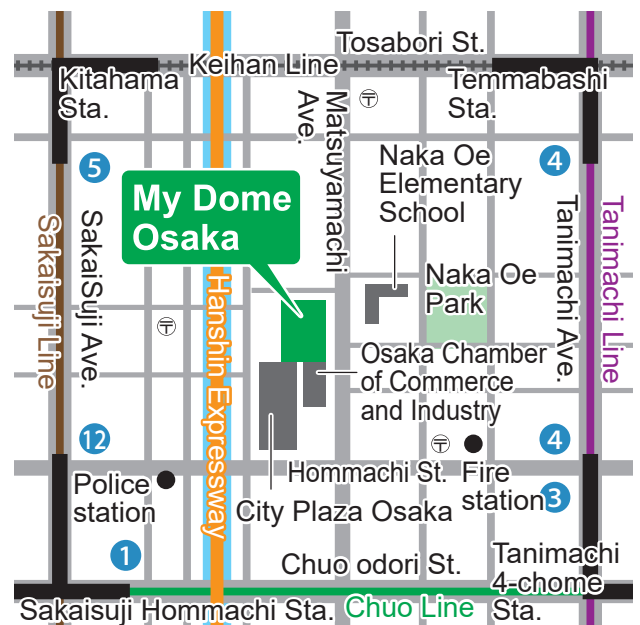
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