

## Japanese Language Class Learning Japanese for the First Time

September through December 6, 2022 (Tues and Thurs) at Social Education Building in Chuo-cho

I am pleased that we were able to complete “Learning Japanese for the First Time” class in 2022. Due to the corona virus situation, masks were still required in the classroom. However, everyone studied hard to learn Japanese in spite of the difficulty in speaking and listening to voices through masks. This class was very international as in the past. We had students from throughout the world: Tanzania and Malawi in Africa; France and England in Europe; South Korea and Indonesia in Asia; and as far as Uruguay in South America. It was as if going around the globe while sitting in the classroom. It has been three years since the corona pandemic began. Some students could not return to their home countries, and had to stay in Japan. As a result, their Japanese improved significantly, which was indeed a case of even some good comes out of a bad situation I would say. I certainly hope that they continue learning Japanese and understand its beauty and quality.



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Classroom photo,  
No masks only for the photo session

## International Exchange Forum

“Japanese traditional culture of using Furoshiki: Rediscover how to wrap”

Date: 14:00~16:00 Saturday 29<sup>th</sup> October 2022

Venue: Midorigaoka Cultural Hall

Sponsored by: Meguro Board of Education, Organized by: Meguro UNESUCO Association

Instructor: Mrs. Etsuko Yamada “Kyoto Musubi”

Number of participants: 35 participants

On a beautifully fine day, those who were interested in furoshiki, a part of Japanese culture, came to visit the hall. Participants included not only Japanese but also foreigners. Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, we had to limit the number of participants but we were able to welcome many of those who were interested in “Furoshiki”. After chairman Mr. Tamesue’s opening speech, Mrs. Etsuko Yamada, the lecturer, explained about the history of furoshiki which leads to SDG’s, by using screen projector.

At workshop, participants were separated into groups of four people, and each group learned and practiced “Fukusa Wrapping” and “Otsukai Wrapping”. Participants seemed to have realized its convenience of “Furoshiki”. They also realized that beautifully designed furoshiki could be used as scarves and warm clothes. They enjoyed

placing designed furoshiki over their shoulders. Souvenir furoshiki was distributed to each participant and this 2-hour event was successfully ended.

Taking this opportunity, we hope that more people will become familiar with the convenience of furoshiki. All the committee members would like to thank for your participation. We were very happy with organizing this socializing event after a long time.

Written by Ikuko Hamaoka ; Exchange chairperson

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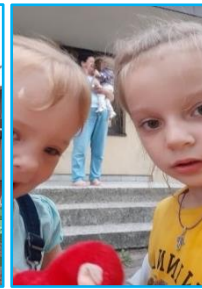
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