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Welcome to Hyogo

World Masters Games, an International Multi-sport Event for Lifetime Sports

The World Masters Games (WMG) is an international multi-sport athletic competition for lifetime sports that anyone over the age of 30 can participate in. The first event was held in Toronto in 1985. Since then, it

has been held every four years around the world, with a total of 170,000 sports enthusiasts participating. The latest Games (the 9th hosting) took place in Auckland, New Zealand in 2017 and was attended by about 30,000 people from all over the world.



Held in Asia for the First Time! Participate in the WMG 2021 Kansai and enjoy Hyogo Prefecture!

Competition Period: The new dates are being discussed between the International Masters Games Association (IMGA) and the WMG 2021 Organising Committee



Hyogo Prefecture is composed of various areas ranging from big cities to rural areas and remote islands, and has a variety of climates and natural features. Visitors can enjoy various leisure activities such as swimming, skiing, and hot springs, as well as seasonal foods. The prefecture is divided into 5 unique regions: Settsu (Kobe/Hanshin), Harima, Tajima, Tamba, and Awaji, where you can enjoy the unique nature, history, and culture of each region.



The 10th WMG tournament will be held in the Kansai region, which includes Hyogo Prefecture! This is the first time that the Games is held in Asia. Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, the event has been postponed again, and the new dates are being discussed between IMGA and the WMG 2021 Kansai Organising Committee. Organisers aim to attract 50,000 participants, of which 30,000 from Japan and 20,000 from abroad. WMG2021 Kansai has 35 official competitions and 59 events in total. Of these, 11 competitions and 15 events are held in Hyogo Prefecture.

Competitions in Hyogo Prefecture

- Canoe (Polo): Shiso City
- Orienteering (Forest): Yabu City, Kami Town, Kamikawa Town
- Swimming (Water Polo and Artistic Swimming): Amagasaki City
- Taekwondo: Himeji City
- Tennis: Miki City/Kasai City
- Beach Volleyball: Minamiawaji City
- Shooting (Clay): Okayama City
- Athletics (Racewalking), Baseball, Basketball, Table Tennis, Swimming (Diving and Swimming), Orienteering (Sprint): Kobe City

The Games is an opportunity where many participants and volunteers can interact through the competitions and events. With the competitions being held across a vast region, participants can make the most of the unique aspect of the 10th Games and enjoy sports tourism by doing some sightseeing between competitions. Participants from

overseas can purchase a cost-effective Wide Area Pass that gives them unlimited rail travel in the hosting areas for a week, so that they can enjoy various attractions of the Kansai region, including Hyogo Prefecture. We sincerely look forward to seeing you at the Games!

For information on the holding of the World Masters Games 2021 Kansai, please see the link to the Organising Committee's official website below.

<https://wmg2021.jp/en/>

The Australian Multicultural Webinar Series

Amidst the COVID-19 pandemic, CLAIR Sydney is currently holding a webinar series that focuses on the range of multicultural policies and services in Australia. This webinar series is held in place of our annual Australian Multicultural Study Tour, which we had been holding on-site in Australia before the pandemic.

This study tour/webinar series is held to provide Japanese public servants and other relevant persons with opportunities to learn about the best multicultural policies and practices in Australia, which then the knowledge gained could be applied in the planning of multicultural policies and practices in Japan.

In the first webinar on 30 Sep, Ms Kate Faith, a qualified firefighter from the Community Engagement Unit of Fire and Rescue NSW (FRNSW) gave a presentation on their Culturally and Linguistically Diverse (CALD) Communities Program. Ms Faith also spoke about the services FRNSW provides for the CALD communities in New South Wales and how FRNSW engages with the CALD communities.

COMMUNITY LANGUAGE SCHEME (CLS)

- Providing operational firefighters and admin staff opportunity to support FRNSW, Police, Ambulance and other agencies with bilingual skills
- Utilised for both operational incidents and community engagement
- Accredited through the National Accreditation Authority for Translators and Interpreters (NAATI)
- Provide translation of documents and videos
- Currently FRNSW has 11 CLS staff covering 10 languages including Arabic, Hindi, Vietnamese and Cantonese.

KEY MESSAGES FOR CALD COMMUNITIES CULTURALLY APPROPRIATE RESOURCES

KEY MESSAGES FOR CALD COMMUNITIES INFOGRAPHIC RESOURCES

KEY MESSAGES FOR CALD COMMUNITIES

- Free service, not associated with military
- Only working smoke alarms help save lives
- Know and practice your Home Fire Escape Plan
- Get out stay out call Triple Zero (000)
- Keep everything at least a metre from the heater
- Never use outdoor cooking or heating equipment inside such as LPG or charcoal

The second webinar was held on 21 Oct. In the session, Ms Aurelia Rahman, Stakeholder Engagement Manager; and Ms Mansi Bhatia, The Hills Community Engagement Worker; from the Community Migrant Resource Centre (CMRC) gave a presentation on the support programs and services CMRC runs for newly-arrived immigrants and refugees. During the Q & A session, the attendees asked many in-depth questions about CMRC's services and programs, making the session an invaluable opportunity for Japanese public servants and other relevant persons to find out first-hand information about the multicultural services in Australia.



CLAIR Sydney is currently planning for the remaining webinars of the series. We will continue to research multicultural policies in Australia and assist Japanese local governments in their development of initiatives to facilitate an intercultural society.



The Australia-Japan Sister City Webinar Series

In addition to the multicultural webinar series, CLAIR Sydney has also been holding a webinar series on Australia-Japan sister city relationships for employees of Japanese local governments that have sister city/state relationships with Australian states or local governments. This webinar series aims to encourage sister city projects even during the COVID-19 pandemic. Following the first webinar held in late Jul that featured a presentation by CLAIR Sydney's Executive Director, the second webinar was held on 15 Sep.



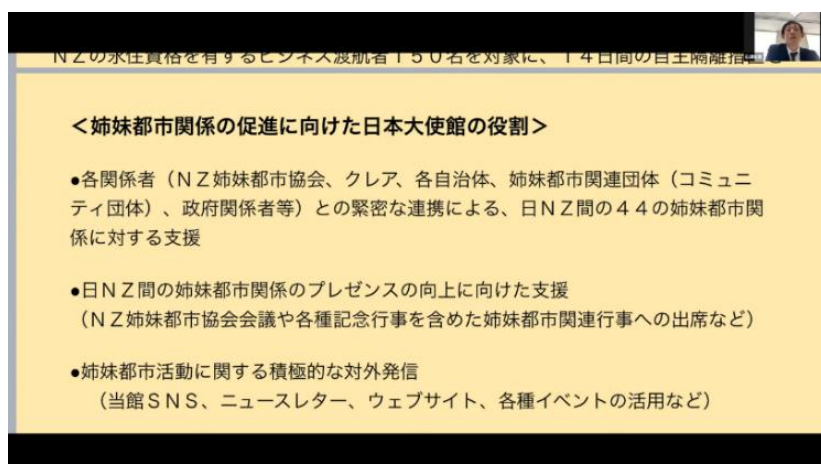
In the second webinar, Mr Paul Cranch from the Local Government Association of Queensland (LGAQ) gave a presentation on sister city exchange programs between Japan and Australia from the Australian perspective titled 'The Future of Sister City Projects'. Mr Cranch has experience in promoting English education at a local government in Japan and is currently engaging in sister city projects of local governments in Queensland. From his experience, Mr Cranch delivered an informative presentation for local government staff in Japan who are in charge of sister city projects.



CLAIR Sydney will continue to engage in supporting the sister city exchange activities between Australia and Japan.

The New Zealand-Japan Sister City Webinar Series

Parallel to the Australia-Japan sister city webinar series, CLAIR Sydney has also been holding a webinar series on New Zealand-Japan sister city relationships for employees of Japanese local governments that have sister city relationships with local governments in New Zealand. This webinar series aims to encourage sister city projects even during the COVID-19 pandemic. Following the first webinar held in late August that featured a presentation by CLAIR Sydney's Executive Director, the second webinar was held on 27 Oct.



In the second seminar, Mr Tomotaka Ishizu, Director of the Japan Information and Cultural Centre at the Embassy of Japan in New Zealand and Mrs Hiromi Morris, President of Sister Cities New Zealand, talked about the sister city relations and the current situation of the coronavirus pandemic in New Zealand. During the webinar, Mr Ishizu, Mrs Morris and staff of CLAIR Sydney received many questions, which led to a very dynamic exchange of ideas and an overall well-received session.

CLAIR Sydney will continue to engage in supporting the sister city exchange activities between New Zealand and Japan.

From the Executive Director

– The Australian and New Zealand JET Programme Alumni Testimonials –

The Japan Exchange and Teaching (JET) Programme was inaugurated in 1987 and has expanded to become one of the largest international exchange programs in the world. The JET Programme aims to deepen cross-cultural understanding between the people of Japan and other countries and promote the internationalisation of Japanese local communities through foreign language education and cultural exchange at a community level. As of July 2019, approximately 4,600 participants from Australia and 3,300 participants from New Zealand have taken part in the JET Programme since its inauguration. The CLAIR Headquarters in Tokyo administers the JET Programme and CLAIR Sydney supports the alumni of the Programme in Australia and New Zealand. For details of the JET Programme, please see the link below.

<http://jetprogramme.org/en/>

CLAIR Sydney has created the Australian and New Zealand JET Programme Alumni Testimonials booklet to advocate the employability of JET Programme alumni across various sectors and industries in Australia and New Zealand. The booklet provides information on the JET Programme and showcases the experiences and career paths of eight former JET Programme participants in Australia and New Zealand.

The English and Japanese versions of the booklet can be viewed from CLAIR Sydney's website via the links below.

English:

<https://www.jlhc.org.au/en/our-activities/jet-programme/the-australian-and-new-zealand-jet-programme-alumni-testimonials/>

Japanese:

<https://www.jlhc.org.au/ja/our-activities/jet-programme/the-australian-and-new-zealand-jet-programme-alumni-testimonials/>

CLAIR Sydney hopes that employers across Australia and New Zealand will consider hiring JET alumni the next time there is a vacancy at their organisations. We would be grateful if employers could reach out to the local JET Programme Alumni Association (JETAA) chapter in their state/region with any employment opportunities. The contact details of the JETAA chapters can be found on page 18 of the booklet.