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Coordinator for International Relations (CIR) Column

● Annyeonghaseyo! Kagoshima! ●

- By Kim Juhee (CIR from South Korea)

Annyeonghaseyo! I'm Kim Juhee, a CIR from South Korea, and I came to Kagoshima in April!

Two months have already passed since I arrived. I've experienced Golden Week, and I feel like I've settled down into my new life here in Japan. That is all thanks to the kindness and thoughtfulness of everybody here – thank you!

Actually, I had already come to Kagoshima before as a tourist in 2018. Back then, I visited Sakurajima and Ibusuki, ate countless tasty foods like black pork cutlet, Kagoshima ramen, shirokuma shaved ice (the list goes on...), and made many fun memories. I remember telling my friend "I love Kagoshima!" on the way back to Korea. So, I'm really happy to be able to come back to Kagoshima, and during my time living here, I hope to make even better memories than when I visited in 2018.



With my friend at Yunohira Observatory (2018)

There are already lots of things I want to do! I especially want to visit Kagoshima's beautiful islands. When I do, I'll write an e-newsletter column about it, so please look forward to reading it (haha)!

As I explore my surroundings in Kagoshima City, I also want to find lots of precious little places just for me.



I love shirokuma!

As for my hobby, I enjoy watching Korean pro-baseball. When I was in Korea, I sometimes visited the baseball stadium to watch the games live. The best thing is the *chimaek* (fried chicken and beer) that you can eat there (haha)!

While I'm in Japan, I also want to experience a Japanese pro-baseball game. If anyone interested in baseball is reading, please don't hesitate to let me know!

There is a famous Korean saying that contains the words, "don't let familiarity trick you into losing the preciousness". Unlike when I visited as a tourist, I'm sure I will keep getting more accustomed to daily life in Kagoshima, but I hope to treasure each moment while interacting with lots of different people, and to make many fun memories along the way.

Thank you in advance for your support!



I love chimaek!

The Governor's Activities

● 24th May: Visit by a Delegation From Georgia ●

The Prefectural Office was visited by a delegation from Georgia, a nation at the intersection of Asia, Europe and the Middle East.

Georgia and Kagoshima share many commonalities, including natural hot springs and world heritage sites, and Georgian Qvevri wine is produced using a similar method to that used for *kurozu*, Kagoshima's amber rice vinegar. I expressed my gratitude to the delegation for choosing Kagoshima as part of their "wine diplomacy".

The Deputy Minister of Foreign Affairs of Georgia, Alexander KHVTISIASHVILI, remarked that he was grateful for the special relationship between Georgia and Kagoshima, with its thriving agricultural industry. He also expressed his delight at being able to appoint Georgia's new Kagoshima-based Honorary Consul, the country's first in Japan.

In addition, the Ambassador of Georgia to Japan and social media influencer, Teimuraz LEZHAVA, stated that he would promote Kagoshima through his own social media accounts.

Moving forward, I hope to see exchange between Georgia and Kagoshima continue to flourish.



● Commemorative photo with the Georgia Delegation



● A gift presented by Deputy Minister of Foreign Affairs, Alexander KHVTISIASHVILI



● Wine presented by the Ambassador of Georgia to Japan, Teimuraz LEZHAVA

●25th May: The Governor Made a Congratulatory Address at the Appointment Ceremony and Inauguration Reception for the Honorary Consul of Georgia●

I made a congratulatory address at the appointment ceremony and inauguration reception for the Honorary Consul of Georgia in Kagoshima, Mr. MORI Yoshihisa.

During my remarks, I expressed my sincere respect and gratitude to Mr. MORI for his efforts and remarkable success to date. I also asked for his continued cooperation in strengthening exchange between Kagoshima and Georgia, in his capacities as both Chair of the Kagoshima Prefectural Federation of Societies of Commerce and Industry, and as Honorary Consul of Georgia in Kagoshima.

At the reception we were treated to both Georgian wine and Georgian cuisine, as well as a rendition of both countries' national anthems by a Georgian choir group, and a Georgian dance performance.

Moving forward, I anticipate exchange between Kagoshima and Georgia strengthening even further.



Delivering a congratulatory address for Mr. MORI Yoshihisa

What's New in Kagoshima?

●China Airlines resumes scheduled flights after four years (7 May)●

China Airlines' scheduled flights between Taiwan and Kagoshima have resumed for the first time in four years, whereby previously it had been suspended due to the COVID-19 pandemic,

Visitors from Taiwan were welcomed by staff from Kagoshima Prefecture at the international terminal of Kagoshima Airport.



Seasonal Tourist Information

●The Sand Festival Was Held From 3rd to 5th May●

Now in its 37th year, the 2024 Fukiagehama Sand Festival was held over three days from Friday 3rd to Sunday 5th May.

This year's theme was "A Walk in the Sand – Let's Go Find the Treasures of the World!", and visitors to the venue could see remarkable sand sculptures of a number of world wonders from all around the globe, including Mont Saint-Michel and the Pyramids.

What's more, there were also sand sculpture-based illuminations and collaborative fireworks shows held throughout the festival.



● *Mont Saint-Michel*, by the Nansatsu Regional Promotion Bureau and JA Minami Satsuma



● *Himeji Castle*, by staff at Minamisatsuma City Hall



● *Pyramids and Arabian Nights*, by the Japan Sand Sculpture Association (Mr. Minagawa)



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Editor's Note (International Affairs Division, Department of Tourism, Culture and Sports, Kagoshima Prefectural Government)

Hello, everyone! How did you find July's column?

In this month's issue, we heard from one of our CIRs, Kim Juhee, who was posted to Kagoshima this fiscal year. Juhee has only just started her placement here, but she's gradually getting used to life in Japan, and is passing each day with a smile on her face! Seeing her working hard to adjust to a new place has re-inspired us in how we approach our own work.

Next month, we plan to include a similar column from our new CIR from China.

That's all for now – please look forward to our next issue!



The Kagoshima Southern Wind Tidings Bulletin Board is looking for the following Kagoshima-related content!

☆Kagoshima Photo Gallery

We invite people to send us photos that remind them of Kagoshima, or photos of Kagoshima that they have seen overseas. Please also attach a brief description along with the photo. (E.g., a mountain of volcanic ash bags.)

☆Kagoshima Lifestyle Know-How

We invite people to share with us information related to life in Kagoshima. (E.g., delicious ways to enjoy fried fish cakes, how to deal with volcanic ash, etc.)

We also welcome any other information that you would like to share with our readers.

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