

**July Schedule****10:00 – 12:00**

Date	Activity	Place
July 05 (Fri.)	Event (Studying about Disaster Prevention)	Community Center 2F Gakushūshitsu
July 12 (Fri.)	Japanese/Chatting Table ☆Special General Meeting	Community Center 1F Shūkaishitsu①②
	Board Meeting (13:00-15:00)	1F Shūkaishitsu①
July 19 (Fri.)	Japanese/Chatting Table	Community Center 2F Gakushūshitsu
July 26 (Fri.)	Japanese/Chatting Table	Community Center 1F Gallery

Earthquake!! What Will You Do?

Japan is a country where lots of earthquakes occur.
Let's study about earthquake and be prepared
for disasters!

For details, please contact Kato.

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Ayumi Inoue (Japan)



When I was 23, I stayed in Canada for a year on Working Holiday. It was my first stay in a foreign country and at that time, I wasn't able to speak English at all. The things didn't go smoothly and it was very frustrating.

Even after coming back to Japan, my aspiration for living in other country once more lingered in my mind for a long time. Finally, I decided to go to Vietnam to live at the age of 32. When I went to Vietnam on a trip, the gentleness and the tranquility of the Vietnamese and the leisurely flow of time there touched my heart, and I strongly thought that I wanted to stay there longer. Living in a new place, like Vietnam, I had a series of happenings. Once I stepped out of my work office, the world was filled with Vietnamese only and I ran into a language barrier. I learned the culture and the language of Vietnam by making friends with Vietnamese in a group where they were learning Japanese, and by learning Vietnamese with volunteer teachers. Pronunciation of Vietnamese was very difficult and I often had a hard time telling my intentions. I strongly felt that there were big differences between English, which I was familiar with, and the language which I didn't use at all. Again I learned a lot while living in Vietnam. There are things which I valued while living in a foreign country; never forget the idea, "Do as the Romans do.", and "Make an effort to enjoy any kind of situation."

Minutes of Board Meeting

June 14 (9 board members and 3 observers)

- *Report from each group
- *About Asaka Shimin Katsudo Matsuri
- *From library membership
- *About 30th Anniversary Event budget
- *From the executive of 30th Event
- *Arrangement of admission card

Information

- *Recruiting volunteers as water suppliers for Saika Festival which will be held on August 3 (Sat.) and 4 (Sun.) Please inform Miura at the receptionist desk if you can help.
- *Japanese Study Group
July 12 (Fri.); 9:00~9:50
- *From 11:15 on July 12 special meeting about 30th Anniversary Event will be held.
From 10:00 to 11:15 is normal Japanese study.
- *No AIS activity in August.
- Next AIS starts on Sep 6.**