

Memorial Event for the 20th Anniversary of
Yamaguchi International Exchange Association

International Activity Festival 2010

~ Let's learn & experience the world from Yamaguchi ! ~

Time & Date : January 17th, 2010 (Sun.) 10:00-16:00

Place : Yamaguchi Center for the Promotion of Health
("Yamaguchi-ken Sogo Hoken Kaikan" in Japanese)

※ You can find the place on the map of the back.

Expense : Free

Since Yamaguchi International Exchange Association was established on January 25th in 1990, we have been working on many projects for everyone who lives in Yamaguchi prefecture in an attempt to understand various cultures of the world while participating in these projects with the hope you will realize the importance of a peaceful, rich, international society. 20 years will have passed in January, 2010 since the establishment of Yamaguchi International Exchange Association.

We will hold an event to celebrate 20th anniversary with the cooperation of many international organizations in Yamaguchi Prefecture. We would like to meet and talk with everyone who lives in Yamaguchi Prefecture. We also would like this day to be a day to start a new period.

Come join everyone with your friends and family. We are waiting for you!

★ Looking & Listening & Dancing ★

~ You can enjoy traditional entertainment , music from Japan and all over the world ! ~

○ **Memorial ceremony** 10:00~10:30

○ **Memorial lecture** 10:30~12:00

Title : "Laughing is a common language in the world"

Presenter : Mr. Kaishi Katsura

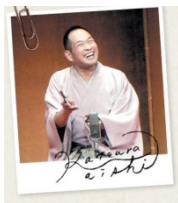
※ This lecture will be told in Japanese. But you can enjoy the "rakugo" part in English!



What's "rakugo"?

It is one of the traditional arts of storytelling which was formed in Japan in the Edo period and has handed to the present.

It is distinct storytelling which is told only with the motion; doesn't depend on the clothing, implements, and music.



Profile of Mr. Kaishi Katsura

"Rakugoka" (storytellers of "rakugo")

"Cultural Exchange Envoy of the Agency for Cultural Affairs"

He attracted attention with his performance, "Eigo Rakugo", in the world. He wants to tell "Rakugo" (special storytelling developed in Japan) to the world. He performed in Australia in 2000, and the local media in Australia paid much attention to him and wrote about him. He engaged in "the all-America Rakugo tour" in 2008, and he performed on TV programs in the U.S., too.

He is considered not only as a person who introduces Japanese cultures, but also as a good entertainer.

If you want to know more about "Eigo Rakugo" →See: <http://eigo-rakugo.com/top.html>

○ Stage Performance 12:30~16:00

- Folklore performance ("Grupo Vientos" ~ Yamaguchi-PERUANA Association)
- Fashion show of traditional clothing in the world (Yamaguchi International Exchange Association)
- Japanese dance (Shunan International Exchange Club for Children)
- "KAYAGUMU" performance ("KAYAGUMU" Club of the Yamaguchi First & Intermediate Level Korean School)
- Erla Hu performance (The Miki Erla Hu band)
- Japanese drum performance (The Yoshiki Hoben Drum Saving Association (the children class))
- Sax performance (the Japan-France Friendship Association in Yamaguchi)
- Salsa dance (Ma Salsa)

★ Eating ★ ~ You can enjoy foods and snacks and drinks from Japan & all over the world ! ~

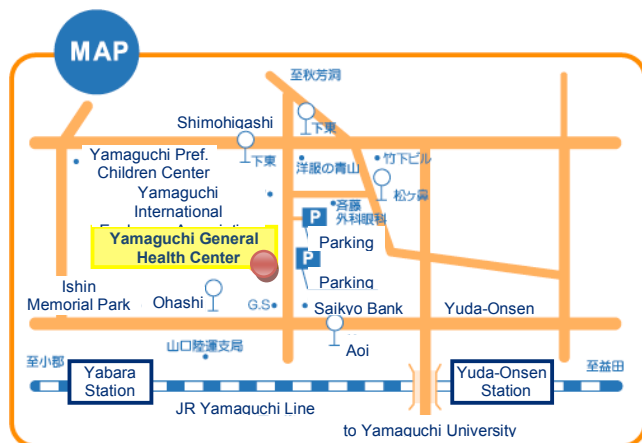
- "Chijimi", "Toppogi (Toppokki)", "Kimuchi", Korean dried seaweed, "Makkori" (Japan-the Republic of Korea Friendship Association in Shimonoseki City)
- Noodles, "Cha", snacks from Bangladesh ("Asute Asute", the meeting of the international cooperation to know Bangladesh)
- Tea, cookies, baguette sandwiches (Japan-France Friendship Association in Yamaguchi)
- Coffee, tea, herb tea, dry mangoes (Yamaguchi University fair trade club "Cheka")
- "Takosu", etc. (Yamaguchi University students' association for students studying abroad "YUISA")
- Borscht (for takeout) (the Japan-Russia exchange club)
- Tea, scones (the Japan-England Friendship Association in Yamaguchi)
- German wine (the Japan-Germany Friendship Association in Yamaguchi)
- Steamed dumplings (Japan-China Yishan Education Fund Association).
- Jordan, Senegalese food (The Japan Overseas Cooperation Volunteer OB meeting)
- Tenshin Amaguri (sweet roasted chestnut) (the Japan-China Friendship Association in Shunan Area)
- Spanish food (Yamaguchi Nabara's Association)
- Japanese food (pork miso soup, rice-balls, wheat noodles, octopus pancakes, grilled chicken)

★ Experience (putting on, making, playing) ★ ~Let's feel the world through experiences! ~

- The trying-on "Kimono" corner
You can try on a "Kimono", tradition clothing in Japan. (We will prepare many sizes for both children & adults.)
- The corner display of and the trying-on of the traditional clothing around the world
We have clothes from all over the world ready to try on.
- Make musical instruments
You can make a "quena", traditional musical instrument of Peru, and so on.
- Traditional Games in Japan
You can experience the cup-and-ball, the calligraphy, the chopstick catching competition.
- The Quiz Rally
Go around the buildings as you answer questions about various countries around the world. If you finish, you can win a prize.

★ Knowing ★

In Yamaguchi Prefecture, there are over 100 international organizations. They will introduce their activities at their panel. Please visit and talk to them.



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