

Summer is over and autumn is here.  
Enjoy our fall TIME Newsletter!

## TIME Annual Meeting

TIME held its 2011 business meeting April 24<sup>th</sup> at Kokusai Koryu Plaza in Koyama. This featured reports on its 2010 activities plus plans for 2011. As part of its efforts to streamline operations, TIME has moved from a paid membership system to an open access format funded by financial donations and government grants.

TIME	EVENTS FOR 2011
April 10 24 24	* Foreign Student Bazaar * TIME Meeting & Party * TIME Tohoku Seminar
May	* Executive meeting
June	* Executive meeting
July 2	* TIME-IFA Mystery Tour
August	* Executive meeting
September	* Executive meeting
Oct. 16	* Foreign Student Bazaar
Nov. 23	* 2011 TIME Festival
December	* Executive meeting
January	* Executive meeting
February	* 2012 Planning Meeting

## TIME Tohoku Seminar

After its general meeting, TIME held a seminar on *How the World Saw the Tohoku Disaster*. This event featured reports by foreign residents from Canada, India, Korea and Guinea who discussed how the March 11<sup>th</sup> earthquake, tsunami and nuclear disaster were viewed by the media and people in their countries. The seminar also documented the great outpouring of support and aid from people around the world and included a field report by a TIME member who just returned from Tohoku.

## TIME Potluck Party

by Kayo Nishimura

The Tohoku Seminar was followed by a *Spring Potluck Party* attended by TIME staff, members, friends and IFA students from Tottori University. This featured delicious food from around the world and the chance to talk with members of the international community in Tottori.

## Tottori Mystery Tour

On July 2nd, TIME and Tottori University's IFA Student Club held a special "Tottori Mystery Tour" for foreign students. The aim was to explore Tottori city and learn more about local Tottori culture. Foreign students joined Japanese residents and IFA members to form 5 teams of 6-7 people and follow a mystery route to reach the goal. The tour began at Tottori Station and ended at Tottori Palette, with stops at local places of interest on the way. At each checkpoint, the groups had to solve a riddle, find clues or get information from local Tottori residents. Participants in the tour included students from countries such as China, Korea, Canada, Taiwan and Africa. After the tour, participants checked their answers to the quiz, received prizes and enjoyed a great lunch party.

## Tori-Dai IFA Report

by Akihiro Ohama

Hi! We're students from Tottori University's *International Friendship Association* (IFA). Each year we organize a variety of activities for foreign students studying at Tottori University. This spring, we held a welcome party for new students who had just arrived in Japan. For those of us in IFA, a key phrase to ensure good international exchange is "Don't be shy!"

## International Mottainai

by Takeshi Tanaka

I recently attended an international event featuring food from Taiwan, Indonesia and Vietnam. I ate some delicious Vietnamese "goi" made from chicken broth by Ms. Chan. She explained that, in Vietnam, it is considered "mottainai" to waste food. While it's interesting to see how the Japanese term "mottainai" (*What a waste!*) is becoming international, it's important to note that all countries have their own traditions of how to avoid waste.

## JICA in Thailand

by Satoshi Kaneda

From 2009 to 2011, I spent 2 years in Thailand as a youth coordinator with JICA. While Thailand has become an economic power, it still suffers from poverty and inequality. In Chiangmai, I worked in a youth facility with 200 boys aged 6 - 20, including orphans, street children and HIV patients. I taught basic math plus ran sports and recreation programs. The boys loved soccer, futsal and basketball. I felt that all they really needed was someone to help support and encourage them.

## TIME Spring Bazaar

by Miho Onishi

This spring, I took part in my first TIME Used Goods Bazaar for foreign students. It was nice to talk with so many foreign people and to be part of the TIME Bazaar team!

## TIME Korean Seminar

TIME held a mini-seminar July 6 on the topic of *Hangul and Korean*. For this, Takeshi Tanaka discussed features of Korean and how it differs from other languages.

## UPCOMING EVENTS

### 23<sup>rd</sup> Annual TIME Festival

Our fall TIME Festival will be held Nov. 23. This exciting international event will feature food, music, people and cultures from around the world. Contact TIME to reserve a display table for your country!

Date: November 23 (Wed)  
Place: Tori-Gin Bunka Kaikan  
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Here's our fall TIME Newsletter. Did you survive the summer heat?

## TIME Annual Meeting

TIME held its 2010 business meeting April 29<sup>th</sup> at Kokusai Koryu Plaza in Koyama. This featured reports on its 2009 activities plus plans for 2010.

### TIME President: Kazuko Cates

*TIME plans to scale back its operations over the next year. Last year, we tried a new style of TIME festival held with a number of our partner organizations. We plan to do the same for this year's Festival on November 14th. Other changes will involve our newsletter and events. We will continue as best we can in spite of these changes. Please pass on any suggestions you have!*

### Office Manager: Kayo Nishimura

*As TIME scales back its operations, we have a number of changes to report. For 20 years, our TIME office has been located in the Koyama YMCA building. This has now been closed, leaving many precious memories, and our offices have shifted to our private homes. Our two financial advisors, Mr. Nakamura and Prof. Fukui, are stepping down, as TIME moves to a non-membership format. We would like to officially thank them for their many years of service.*

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May	* Executive meeting
June	* Executive meeting
July 3	* TIME-IFA Mystery Tour
August	* Executive meeting
September	* Executive meeting
Oct. 10	* Foreign Student Bazaar
Nov. 14	* 2010 TIME Festival
December	* Executive meeting
January	* Executive meeting
February	* 2011 Planning Meeting

## TIME Potluck Party

After its April meeting, TIME held a *Spring Potluck Party* for TIME staff, members and friends plus IFA students at Tottori University.

## Tori-Dai IFA Report

Hi! We're students from Tottori University's *International Friendship Association* (IFA). Each year we organize a variety of activities for foreign students studying at Tori-Dai. On August 5, we held a farewell party for foreign students departing for their home countries. Although everyone enjoyed the party, it was sad to say goodbye to our foreign friends. In October, however, a new group of foreign students will arrive and we plan to hold a welcome party for them.

## Teaching Japanese

by Ikuko Sekine

I began teaching *Nihongo* to foreign residents as part of an English-Japanese exchange. At first, I had no idea of how to teach and struggled to explain Japanese grammar and vocabulary. After reading books, taking courses and getting advice, I began to enjoy teaching. I also realized that I was learning a lot about my students' countries and cultures. Now I'm a volunteer teacher with Kokusai Koryu Zaidan. Why not join me!

## Tottori Mystery Tour

by Junki Yokoi

On July 3rd, TIME and Tottori University's IFA Student Club held a "Tottori Mystery Tour" for foreign students. The aim was to familiarize them with Tottori city and have them learn about local Tottori culture. Students formed teams of 3-5 people and had to follow a mystery route to reach the goal. The tour began at Tottori Station and ended at Ouchi-dani Park, with stops at various places of interest on the way. At each stop, the groups had to solve a riddle, find clues or get information from local Tottori residents. Participants in the tour included students from China, Korea, Sri Lanka, Hungary and Nigeria. After the tour, everyone enjoyed a nice lunch party at the Ouchi-dani Tea House.

## JICA in Zambia

by Miwa Iino

I'm working with JICA in Zambia as an AIDS consultant. Zambia has 72 different tribes, each having its own language and culture. Zambians are very friendly and are very proud of Victoria Falls, a UNESCO World Heritage site. One in every 7 people in Zambia is HIV positive. My job is to support people living with HIV/AIDS to be self-sufficient through grass-roots income generation projects such as making postcards and bee-keeping.

## JICA in Thailand

by Naoko Hashiura

From 2008 to 2010, I spent 2 years teaching Japanese in a school in Thailand. Although my students showed me great respect with the traditional "wai" greeting, I soon learned that Thais are more relaxed about studying than Japanese. Thanks to the encouragement of my Thai friends and colleagues, I did my best as a teacher. I hope my students learned something about Japanese, about studying and about their potential as young people.

## UPCOMING EVENTS

### 22<sup>nd</sup> Annual TIME Festival

Our 22<sup>nd</sup> TIME Festival will be held November 14. This exciting international one-day event will feature food, music, people and cultures from around the world. Contact TIME now to reserve a display table for your country!

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