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Melanie's TOKYO DAYS 11 Hiragana Net and I

Hiragana Net is five years old! I met Toshima and Yoshizawa in November 2011, two months after I came to Japan. I met them when they were acting as volunteer teachers at a Japanese class. I thought that the class was very friendly and inviting, so I went there as often as I could. My first Christmas party and hanami in Japan were with this Japanese class. In April 2012, they started Hiragana Net. I went to the first few of the walks that Hiragana Net held, and saw many spots in Tokyo that I never would have found myself. Eventually my Japanese improved enough to do translation work, and I started working at Hiragana Net in December 2015. I am happy that Hiragana Net has been assisting foreign residents for five years. Here's to the next five!

Fukuhara Melanie



Akiko's Bento Making Class vol.4

Thursday, April 20
10:30PM-12:30PM

We will be holding a cooking class for foreign residents. Let's make a boxed lunch with a wide variety of side dishes. Dessert will be matcha flavored chocolate. This is a great chance to study Japanese while cooking. ●Participation Fee: 2,500 yen ●Location: Hiragana Net Office

Walking with Everyone 114

Walking from Sendagaya to Meiji Jingu

Saturday, April 29
10:30AM-1:30PM



This time we are walking from Sendagaya, which is getting sparser due to the construction for the upcoming Olympics, to Meiji Jingu, a shrine surrounded by trees. Let's climb the fujizuka at Hatonomori Shrine, pass by the Noh theatre and enjoy many sights. Let's end the tour by eating a bento in a spacious field during this beautiful season (4.0km).

- Participation Fee : Adults 1,500 yen, Students 1,300 yen, Junior High / Elementary School Students: 750 yen
- ※Please bring your own lunch (there is a convenience store nearby).
- Meeting Time and Place: 10:25AM at the ticket gate of Sendagaya station on the JR Sobu Line
- Reservation :www.hiragana-net.com

From Hiragana Net Two Special Events for Our 5th Anniversary!



Green Tea Seminar

Wednesday, April 19
2:00PM-4:00PM

We are holding a "Green Tea Seminar" at the Hiragana Net office. We have invited a guest from Itoen, the makers of "Oo-i Ocha" to teach us the proper way to make tea.

- Participation Fee: Free
- Location: Hiragana Net Office
- Maximum Capacity: 20 people
- Please make a reservation

Special Badge Present

On April 11th, Hiragana Net will be 5 years old. Ono Mayumi has designed a badge for us featuring flowers that represent the day. Those who participate in our walk, cooking class or workshop this month will receive this badge!



Our Country is...

Japan



Introducing the Staff for Our 5th Anniversary!



Toshima Hiroko

I was born and raised in Meguro Ward in Tokyo. Growing up, my house

was a small factory and many of my classmates' parents also ran their own factories and businesses. I went to my friends' houses to buy vegetables and flowers, even to play table tennis. I moved to Sumida Ward after I got married. I noticed that even though I was still in Tokyo, the atmosphere was very different. That's why Tokyo is so much fun! I love walking around and discovering new places in Tokyo.



Yoshizawa Yaeko

I was born and raised in Sumida Ward in Tokyo.

My childhood home was a rice shop. In the 1950s, there were many children in the area, so I had many friends growing up. I could eat monjayaki for only 10 yen at the local candy shop. There was a local movie theatre that played monster movies, so I would often go there with my friends to watch them. My childhood was very peaceful and free.



Iguchi Akiko

I was raised in Kawagoe, a town known as "Little Edo". There are lots of fun spots and events,

such as the Kawagoe Festival, Candy Lane, and Toki no Kane (Bell of Time). Delicious food such as eel and sweet potato candy and COEDO, sweet potato beer, are also popular. The Akama River, where I used to go crayfish fishing, has become a famous spot to see cherry blossoms. I hope Hiragana Net can organize a tour of my hometown someday!