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Multicultural Coexistence Coordinator Interviews International Students Active in Shibata City!

This month, we interviewed Ms. Ele, who came to Shibata from Italy to study abroad! I heard stories about life in Shibata and high school life.

Ms. Ele, has a lovely smile & is impressive.

At first, she seemed nervous, but she gradually opened up to me and told me a lot of stories!



(Left) Shibata Intercultural Community Coordinator Ms. Sugawara (Right) Ms. Ele

Ms. Ele (Cerino Eleonora)

She is from Lecco, Italy and she's 17 years old. She attends art classes in Italian school and she is good at drawing.

She came to Japan as a semester student of the AFS Program Spring Troupe, and she is studying abroad in the science and mathematics department of Shibata High School in the second grade until August.

Her favorite dishes are ramen and sushi.

– Why did you decide to study in Japan?

“I have lost a very important period (15-16 years old) because I had to stay at home all the time due to the coronavirus.” My life at that time was very monotonous. I thought

I needed to do something new, so after consulting with my best friend, I decided to try studying abroad.

I chose Japan as my study abroad destination because I have liked Japanese culture and Japanese language. I can only stay for three more months, but I want to stay longer.”

– What is your impression of Shibata City?

“I usually only go to high school and train stations, but the people are very kind. I'm sometimes taking a walk. I also saw the cherry blossoms at Shibata Castle, and it was very beautiful.”

– How is school life in Japan?

“It's nice one. I like the 10 minute break. In Italy, we have a 3-hour class, then a 10-minute break, and another 3-hour class, but in Japan we have a 1-hour class, then a 10-minute break, and another 1-hour class. Sometimes we eat sweets during our breaks.”

-Has your impression of Japan changed from before you came?

I heard that Japanese people are very kind, but sometimes they are straight and strict.

However, when I came, I thought it was more friendly than I had heard.

I also heard that many people were very shy, and I thought it was true!

I'm really shy in Italy, but I think I'm friendly in Japan.

– Did you have any culture shock?

Nothing special, but an earthquake. (Once or twice in my life in Italy, but already 3 times in Japan). Also, I was surprised to have a health checkup at school.

Because we don't do it in Italy.

– Do you have any dreams or plans for the future?

I have to choose a university, but I haven't really decided what I want to be yet.

I am here to understand myself better.

I need to find my character and understand what I want to be and what I want to do with my life.

I don't know about the future yet, but I'm pretty sure it's not math or physics [laughs].

– What is the best memory with your host family?

It is talking with them at lunch time.

I talked to them a lot about my diary written in Japanese.

– Do you speak in English with your host family?

At first, I talked to them in English, but I want to be able to speak in Japanese soon, so I speak in Japanese as much as I can.

– Where did you go out with your host family?

I went to see tulips in Gosen city.

I went on a picnic to a park where there were many animals in Tainai city.

– Please say something for Shibata Ayame News readers.

Stay happy, be positive!



Ms. Ele looks enjoying Shibata life. Her exchange life is almost 3 months. We want her to make lot memories! We are cheering for her activities.

We also spoke to Ele's host family.

– Why did you decide to become a host family?

I enjoyed the experience of hosting a short-term homestay in the past, and my host family took care of my children when they stayed with me, so I would like to look back and return the favor.

– How about actually trying it? What do you enjoy doing?

She hardly feels the language barrier and enjoys communicating with Ele, who is rich in sensitivity.

– Is there anything you pay attention to when becoming a host family?

Since they are not customers, they take care by themselves and experience their daily lives as students. They listen to how they were doing at school that day and give them the necessary support and advice.

– What would you like to do with Ele in the future?

She says she wants to go to Disneyland, so we plan to go with her.

Information

Bus service in Akatani area ~ city area will change.

The route bus "Akatani rokken Town Line" is operating as "Ijimino" ~ "Akatani" district public transportation "Akatani-go" from the second bus on Tuesday, May 16. In addition to the existing bus vehicles, wagon cars will also be operated, and the "Takitani", "Naitake" and "Shinbo" areas will also be newly operated. For details, please refer to the "Shibata City website" or "User Guide".

Person in charge: Public Transportation Promotion Office, Citizens' Community Development Support Division

TEL:0254-28-9644



Shibameshi ~Let's cook delicious meal with Shibata's ingredients~

**Ingredients for
4 people**

asparagus japchae

Gelatin noodles(dry)...80g
Beef shoulder loin
(thin slices) ...180g
Asparagus ...M size 6
Shiitake mushrooms
...S size 4
Onion...S size 1/4
Carrot...40g
Sesame oil...
1tbsp and 1/2tbsp

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Ponzu soysauce...3tbsp
Sake...1tbsp
Sugar...2tsp
Gochujang...1tsp



Recipe



- ① The glass noodle is soak to a boiling colander with hot water for 2-3 minutes and drains the water.
- ② Cut the beef to the size that it is easy to eat. Asparagus is cut slant slice thinly. Slice the shiitake and onion & shred the carrot.
- ③ Pour sesame oil into the pan, and put it on the fire. Fry asparagus, shiitake, onion, and carrot.
- ④ When the vegetables will become soft, put beef and fry it. If the color of the beef changes, add all and mix it , and fry everything.

Ikunesu Cinema in July

Title : Boku Wa Ryoushi ni Natta

Date/Time: July 15th (stu) 10:00 a.m. ~ 11:39 a.m.
2:00 p.m. ~ 3:39 p.m.

Place: Ikunesu Shibata

Story: Shinya Senmatsu does the hunting in the mountains of Kyoto. He made stews of the the wild boar which he caught by himself with a firewood stove and cooks soup. The documentary movie which approaches in the figure that Senmatsu is against to a life.

Capacity: 40 people in the morning/ 40 people in the afternoon

※The numbered tickets are distributed an hour prior to the movie.



Shibata Japanese Class

Shibata Japanese class helps foreign people who wants learn Japanese. You can join anytime.
For more information and inquiry: Noriko Takahashi Tel (0254-22-6441)



Class	Wednesday Daytime	Thursday Daytime	Thursday Night	J school	
For	Adults	Adults	Adults	Elementary and Junior high school students	
Day	Wednesday	Thursday	Thursday	Saturday	
Time	10:00a.m. ~11:30a.m.	10:00a.m. ~11:30a.m.	19:00p.m. ~20:30p.m.	13:30p.m. ~15:00p.m.	
Place	Shimin Bunkakaikan Koudo	Shogai Gakushu Center Kensyushitsu 2	Kenko chojyu akutibu kouryu center Okunai hiroba	Kenko chojyu akutibu kouryu center	
Address	4-11-7 Chuo-cho, Shibata City	5-8-7 Chuo-cho, Shibata City	3-13-2 Chuo-cho, Shibata City	3-13-2 Chuo-cho, Shibata City	
Fee	¥ 2,000/ 1 st term: April~July ※Fee for textbook is not included.	¥ 2,000/ 1 st term: April~July ※Fee for textbook is not included.	¥ 2,000/ 1 st term: April~July ※Fee for textbook is not included.	¥ 1,000/month	
	Jun.	7, 14, 21	1, 8, 22, 29	1, 8, 22, 29	3, 10, 17, 24
	Jul.	5, 12, 19	6, 13, 20	6, 13, 20	1, 8, 15, 22
	Aug.	Summer Vacation			Summer School
	Sep.	6, 13, 20, 27	7, 14, 21	7, 14, 21	2, 9, 16, 30
	Oct.	4, 11, 18, 25	5, 12, 19, 26	5, 12, 19, 26	7, 14, 21, 28
	Nov.	1, 8, 15, 22	2, 9, 16, 30	2, 9, 16, 30	4, 11, 18, 25
	Dec.	6, 13, 20	7, 14, 21	7, 14, 21	2, 9, 16
	Jan.	10, 17, 24, 31	11, 18, 25	11, 18, 25	13, 20, 27
	Feb.	7, 14, 21, 28	8, 15	8, 15	3, 10, 17, 24
	Mar.	6, 13	7, 14	7, 14	2, 9, 16

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