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Happy New Year 2019 !

We, HIECC (Hokkaido International Exchange and Cooperation Center) offer interesting and helpful information of Hokkaido for HIECC International Student Supporters and its alumni. This is a three-time issue a year, which is issued in Japanese, easy Japanese and English from the last volume. We hope you enjoy!

◆ Red Brick Bulletin

Red Brick Bulletin is written by 3 CIRs (Coordinator for International Relations) who work for the Government of Hokkaido.

▼ 3 CIRs' introductions.

- T.J. Wissick from U.S.A 【NEW】

<http://www.pref.hokkaido.lg.jp/ss/tsk/CIRjikoshoukaiTJ.pdf> (Japanese)

- Jiseon from Korea

<http://www.pref.hokkaido.lg.jp/ss/tsk/munjiseon.pdf> (Japanese)

- Ei from China

[http://www.pref.hokkaido.lg.jp/ss/tsk/jikosyukai\\_shinei.pdf](http://www.pref.hokkaido.lg.jp/ss/tsk/jikosyukai_shinei.pdf) (Japanese)

They introduce Hokkaido in various topics from different point of views. Check it out!

\*It's a non-scheduled issue.

▼ Latest issues

【Chinese】

[http://www.pref.hokkaido.lg.jp/ss/tsk/hokkaido\\_akarenga\\_ch.htm](http://www.pref.hokkaido.lg.jp/ss/tsk/hokkaido_akarenga_ch.htm)

【Korean】

[http://www.pref.hokkaido.lg.jp/ss/tsk/hokkaido\\_akarenga\\_kr.htm](http://www.pref.hokkaido.lg.jp/ss/tsk/hokkaido_akarenga_kr.htm)

【English】

[http://www.pref.hokkaido.lg.jp/ss/tsk/akarenga\\_eng.htm](http://www.pref.hokkaido.lg.jp/ss/tsk/akarenga_eng.htm)

◆ Hokkaido Website by the Government of Hokkaido

This website contains helpful and various information such as tourism, disaster prevention, business, industry, etc. for foreign residents in Hokkaido.

- Welcome to Hokkaido

<http://www.pref.hokkaido.lg.jp/foreign/english.htm>

- 歡迎來到北海道

[http://www.pref.hokkaido.lg.jp/foreign/chinese\\_t.htm](http://www.pref.hokkaido.lg.jp/foreign/chinese_t.htm)

- 欢迎来到北海道

[http://www.pref.hokkaido.lg.jp/foreign/chinese\\_s.htm](http://www.pref.hokkaido.lg.jp/foreign/chinese_s.htm)

- 홋카이도에 오신 것을 환영합니다.

<http://www.pref.hokkaido.lg.jp/foreign/korean.htm>

- Добро пожаловать на Хоккайдо

<http://www.pref.hokkaido.lg.jp/foreign/russian.htm>

◆Topics

<We are GENKI Hokkaido>

In the early morning on 6<sup>th</sup> September last year, the largest earthquake in Hokkaido history named “ 2018 Hokkaido Eastern Iburi earthquake “ occurred and it claimed many people’s lives. We'd like to express our sympathy to all the victims and everyone who are affected by the earthquake. All of you who were in Hokkaido on that day felt natural disaster threat, didn't you?

Japan Tourism Agency started “元気です北海道/ Welcome! HOKKAIDO, Japan.” campaign to promote travel to Hokkaido by discounting travel fare by the government subsidy to eliminate harmful rumors caused by the earthquake.

If you have an opportunity to come visit Hokkaido, please upload photos of Hokkaido on your SNS with the following hashtags “#元気です北海道” “#GENKIHokkaido” and cheer Hokkaido up!

○“元気です北海道／Welcome! Hokkaido, Japan.” Campaign Press Release

By Japan Tourism Agency, Ministry of Land, Infrastructure, Transport and Tourism

[http://www.mlit.go.jp/kankocho/news04\\_000153.html](http://www.mlit.go.jp/kankocho/news04_000153.html) (Japanese)

○About Hokkaido Tourism ↓ ↓ ↓

”Good Day Hokkaido” by Hokkaido Tourism Organization

<https://www.visit-hokkaido.jp/> (Japanese, English, Chinese, Korean, Thai, Indonesian)

◆From HIECC

We introduce some interesting articles to you from our magazine.

▼”HOPPOKEN” Latest issue

<北方圏講座「カナダ・先住民クリー族親善訪問団来道記念特別講演会」>

Northern Region Lecture “Canada Cree (one of the largest groups of First Nations in North America) Friendship visit to Hokkaido Special Lecture”

<http://www.hiecc.or.jp/hpimage/0183/044.pdf> (Japanese)

<北海道から世界へ-世界から北海道に>

From Hokkaido to the World- From the World to Hokkaido

<http://www.hiecc.or.jp/hpimage/0183/024-025.pdf> (Japanese)

◆Information related to job hunting for international students who wish to work in Japan

<"Business manner ryoku up kenshu"(Business skill up training)> A 2-day program

DAY 1

DATE : Tuesday, 19<sup>th</sup> MARCH 15 : 00~18 : 00

Contents : ①Basic manner of Japanese culture and organization / understanding of different culture

②Useful Business Japanese

③Name card exchanging manner when you meet a new person

DAY 2

DATE : Wednesday, 20<sup>th</sup> MARCH 15 : 00~18 : 00

Contents : ①Basic skill of polite telephoning and roleplay

②How to behave in a Japanese manner when customers come/ you visit a company

Target : Prospective foreign employees /1<sup>st</sup> year foreign employees for a Japanese company

Place : CAREER BANK CO., Ltd

Address : Sapporo55 5F North5, West 5-7 Chuo-ku, Sapporo

Participation Fee : Free of charge

Application deadline : Friday, 15<sup>th</sup> MARCH

<http://www.ryugakusei-support.com/student/seminar/seminar2.html> (Japanese)

<Hello Work Sapporo Employment Service Corner for Foreign Nationals>

Hello Work Sapporo which is public employment security office supports foreign nationals who have a status of residence which permits employment and wish to work in Japan.

Also, they have "Ryugakusei Corner" (International Student Corner) in "Shinsotsu Ouen Hello Work"(Hello Work for new graduates) section for international students who wish to work in Japan.

Interpreter available following dates:

○English

13:00-17:00 the 1<sup>st</sup> 2<sup>nd</sup> 4<sup>th</sup> Tuesday, 13:00-17:00 every Thursday

○Chinese

13:00-17:00 every Wednesday, 13:00-17:00 the 1<sup>st</sup> 2<sup>nd</sup> 4<sup>th</sup> Friday

For more information ↓ ↓ ↓

<https://jsite.mhlw.go.jp/hokkaido-hellowork/content/contents/000205552.pdf>

<Job Hunting Guide for International Students by JASSO (Japan Student Services Organization)>

Job Hunting Guide for International Students2020 version has been issued.

It's a must read if you wish to work in Japan.

**【PDF】**

(Japanese)

[https://www.jasso.go.jp/ryugaku/study\\_j/job/\\_icsFiles/afiedfile/2018/12/04/guide2020\\_al.pdf](https://www.jasso.go.jp/ryugaku/study_j/job/_icsFiles/afiedfile/2018/12/04/guide2020_al.pdf)

**【Resources】**

[https://www.jasso.go.jp/ryugaku/study\\_j/job/guide.html](https://www.jasso.go.jp/ryugaku/study_j/job/guide.html) (Japanese)

\*Other languages of 2020 version will be issued sometime in the near future.

<"Employment Support Program for Foreign Students" organized by the Ministry of Health, Labour and Welfare>

Implementation and management: CAREER BANK CO., Ltd

Target persons: International students, graduate students who are enrolled in universities/ colleges in Hokkaido.

\* Japanese skills (N2 or the same level) required

URL ↓ ↓ ↓

<http://www.ryugakusei-support.com/student/intern/intern.html> (Japanese)

#### ◆Other Information

<Business Japanese Proficiency Test> organized by The Japan Kanji Aptitude Testing Foundation

This is a proficiency test measuring the examinee's current communicative proficiency in business in Japanese language.

You can select a date and time of the test that is convenient for you since 2017.

For more information → <http://www.kanken.or.jp/bjt/> (Japanese, English)

From Editor

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Happy New Year! We hope this year will bring you all a lot of happiness and joy!

2019 is a significant year for the Japanese. The new emperor will accede to the throne, and the era name will be changed. The list of Japanese era names is the result of a periodization system which was established in 645. The new era name will be the 248<sup>th</sup> one. In old days, era names were also changed not only when the new emperor's accession but events or natural disasters happened. In 1868, the era name was changed to "Meiji" (明治), and a "one era name per Emperor" (一世一元 issei-ichigen) system was adopted, wherein era names would change only upon immediate imperial succession. Afterwards, the system was formalized by the Era Name Law, which was enacted in 1979. I wonder what the new era name will be like.

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As mentioned in the "Topics" section, a big earthquake happened in September last year. I had no electricity for 2 days and found a battery-powered radio was the most useful item in that situation. I could get updated information from it. Because it was moderate climate and fortunately there was water running at my place, I didn't feel inconvenient much. However if it'd happened in cold winter... I shudder to think of it. This experience made me rethink of what I have to get prepared for disasters. Are you prepared enough for natural disasters?

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