

Ishikawa Foundation for International Exchange

Activity Name	Ishikawa Prefecture Multicultural Community Co-existence Festa (Booths for Japanese Cultural Experience/International Student Exchange)			
Dates	Saturday, October 31, 2009 and Sunday, November 1, 2009			
Location	Ishikawa Prefectural International Exchange Center Underground Plaza in the Motenashi (Welcome) Dome at the east exit of Kanazawa Station			
Participants	International Students	Residents, Corporation	Other	Total
	70	1,000	50	1,120

<Activity Details>

A Japanese cultural exchange section and international student exchange booths were set up especially for international students.

International students eagerly tried out the tea ceremony, flower arrangement, techniques for putting on a kimono, origami, *tsumami* flowers (creation of flower embellishments using tiny pieces of fabric), Kaga-yuzen silk dyeing, and a traditional Japanese *kendama* ball-and-cup toy, with instruction from Japanese teachers.



International Student Exchange Booth
(Bangladeshi students from Kanazawa University)

In addition, there was a traditional Japanese *rakugo* comic storytelling performance in English. The students also received instruction from the storytellers and tried performing short jokes themselves.

International Student Exchange booths were organized by international students from three universities in Ishikawa Prefecture. Each group had its own tent where they sold specialty foods for reasonable prices and folk arts from their home countries and had friendly interaction with visitors.



International Student Exchange Booth
(Chinese students from Kanazawa Seiryō University)



Kimono trial

<Comments from The Participants>

Female Chinese student who enjoyed a kimono trial

"The kimono is so pretty with bright colors. It was a bit difficult to put it on, but I was thrilled to actually dress up in a kimono."

Females Chinese who was part of an International Student Exchange booth

"We didn't make a lot of sales because of the weather, but it was still fun to interact with local Japanese residents."



International Student Exchange Booth
(Chinese students from Hokuriku University)



An international student trying out flower arrangement