

## Tottori University Center for International Affairs

Activity Name	Construction and Use of Interactive Informational Website on Daily Living for International Students and Local Residents			
Date	May 2009 - January 2010 (with site administration to continue thereafter)			
Location	Tottori University and website address: <a href="http://www.hellotottori.jp/">http://www.hellotottori.jp/</a>			
Participants	International Students	Residents, Corporations	Other	Total
	15	15	1	31

### < Activity Details >

We have launched a website to build a network like a lifestyle magazine in which international students and local residents can participate together. The address is: <http://www.hellotottori.jp/>

The site is administered to deliver information to international students as well as help provide information from organizations, associations and individuals who offer assistance to local foreign residents. We also exchange information between international students who have returned to their home countries, their families and Japanese students as well as develop international exchanges. We give messages to local residents about international students in Tottori and their impressions so that we can enjoy understanding each other and increase our interaction.

In addition, we explain how sending messages to the family and friends in the home countries of newly enrolled international students at Tottori University is useful for the global understanding of local residents and publicize participation at the website.

Furthermore, we have developed this program to build a local blog portal site that our website links to. In the future it will be administered by the university. (Site name: Tottori Global Blog Site)



Website promotional flyer



Website top page (partial)

With this program we have held seminars regarding community participation website as well as exchanged information on the site and our projects with local organizations concerned with assisting local foreign residents. Thus, for example, we have also added the Household Utensils from Plaza page to the site menu to help international students, introduce events run by international and Japanese students and more to do all we can to build a website that international students will want to visit.

## < Comments from Participants >

1. I believe that the first thing we must do to have the website be used in some manner is to incorporate information that people want to know. So when I think about what information is needed by people involved in international exchanges, I thought of my own situation and noticed that I often search for information that is helpful to me personally and in my daily life.

- I want friends.
- I want information on houses/apartments.
- I want to have necessary things for daily living passed on to me or to pass things on to others.
- I want to do homestay in the countryside in Tottori Prefecture where I can experience the Japanese spirit.

This might not be everything, but I would like a website like a message board that international students and the prefecture's residents who have an interest in international exchanges can easily view and peruse.

However, it seems like it would take time.  
(Terasoma Sumire)



Newspaper covering the program's results

留学生と鳥取の地域の皆さまへ

本サイトは、地域の皆さまと留学生との交流を促進するために、情報交換の場を提供したいと考えて立ち上げました。たとえば「イベントを開催するので、ぜひ留学生の人たちにも参加してほしい」とお考えの場合、情報をお寄せください。留学生からも「交流イベントをひらくので、地域の人たちを招きたい」という情報があれば、このサイトで紹介させていただきます。

これまでは国際交流の小さな情報までひろく伝える手がかりがありませんでした。地域の皆さまと留学生との基の国際交流を促進する場になれば幸いです。外国人や異文化と接触する機会がなかった皆さまも、ぜひこのサイトを活用して積極的な交流を行って頂ければと思います。

2009年タイム・フェスティバル (写真: THE FESTIVAL 2009)

今回のテーマは「CHANGE!」～私が、日本が、そして世界が……～  
会場では 世界をまるごと感じて! いろんな文化に触れて! 世界の料理を味わって! 民族衣装を着て大変身!

タイムフェスティバルはタイムの活動の中でも、最も規模の大きなものといえます。鳥取に住む留学生や、外国の方々そして国際交流にかかわる団体や個人が集まり鳥取の地を小さな地球を作り上げます。それは、みんなの理想や希望が盛り込まれたものです。

会場では、さまざまな国籍を持つ人々との出会いとおとして、異文化に触れ合う機会があります。2010年のフェスティバルには是非いらしてください。

そして、実行委員のメンバーになって一緒に国際交流してみませんか。

→交流イベントの詳細はこちら →地域指示例はこちら

Local messages on website top page

2. I think this website is significant for posting information from private organizations that the official university website doesn't handle and trying to create interaction with city residents. However, it repeats information on ordinary events that is already at the Tottori Prefectural International Exchange Foundation's site, so we need a way to create an attractive website. I think more people will visit if we gain the cooperation of the International Exchange Foundation and the International Plaza and create an enhanced message board. I would like this site to be used effectively to make use of the talent of international students, to offer household items that city residents don't need and more.  
(Kazuko Kates)