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## HAMADA STATION GETS A FACELIFT

Hamada city has recently finished construction on the new Hamada Station.

By Taichi Nagami (UNIVERSITY OF SHIMANE)

**THE NEW** Hamada station in Shimane opened on June 6 2009. The old Hamada station was built a long time ago. So the old Hamada station was very damaged.

The new Hamada station has a ticket gate on the second floor. We have to go up to the second floor, but this station is very comfortable because there is an elevator and escalators. Thanks to these two items everyone can use the station easily.

There is a shop in this new station. The shop sells drinks, food, souvenirs of the local area and so on. If you take a train, you can buy something for your travels.

"Kokuritsu Hamada Iryou center" (National Hospital Organization Hamada Medical Center) and a school



of nursing were built near to this station. The medical center and the station are connected by a skywalk. Users can move between the north gate to the south gate so you can go easily beyond the station.

Another improvement was that the roads around the new buildings were repaved so we can drive comfortably around station

This new Hamada station, new school of nursing and new road makes life in Hamada more comfortable.

A before and after picture of Hamada station. New Hamada Station photographed by Taichi Nagami. Old Hamada Station courtesy of Toshiaki.

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## NEW FLU ATTACKS UNIVERSITY OF SHIMANE

**New influenza virus is spreading quickly around the world.**

By Shoji Ueda (UNIVERSITY OF SHIMANE)

**THIS YEAR**, a new influenza virus developed around the world and it is a threat to the world. The first development place was Mexico. This initial infection occurred in April. Japan confirmed cases of the new influenza on May 16th.

After that, the new influenza virus spread across Japan to Hamada and Shimane University. Worldwide, the number of deaths rose to about 5000 people, according to the latest WHO tally. The number of people infected with this influenza virus has reached about 400000. At the University of Shimane as of Nov 24th, we have had 33 cases of new influenza.

The symptoms are sudden fever (over 38 degrees Celsius in most cases), cough, sore throat, running nose, headache, arthritis, muscular pain, diarrhea, etc.. Most patients have mild cases with the fever coming down in several days and recovery in about one week. However, special attention is necessary for those with other diseases, for this might cause complications and

result in a severe case. The latent period is the period from the infection of the virus until the symptoms appear. This is about 2~4 days, maximum 7 days.

New influenza patients keep on increasing in Japan. So doses of the vaccine are lacking. This problem would be best to solve as quickly as possible.

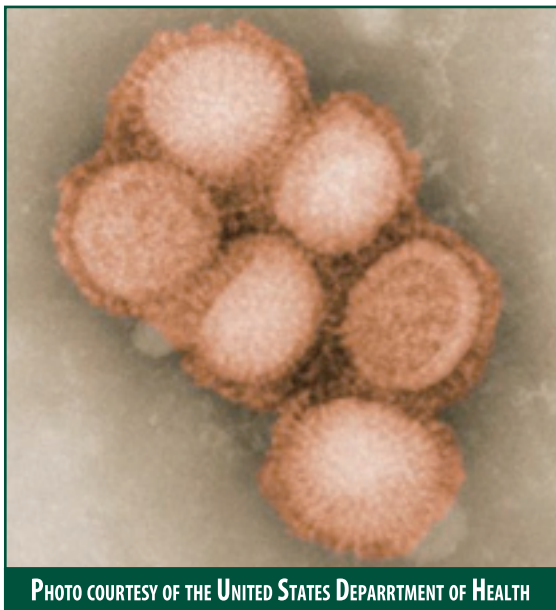


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## RESISTING SWINE FLU

Jilin University fights the new flu.

By Zhang Yu, Zheng Xingxian & Zhu Zhouying (JILIN UNIVERSITY)

**WITH THE** swine flu spreading in the world, measures are taken to resist the swine flu everywhere in China. Doctors and nurses are working day and night. At the same time the Chinese Ministry of Medicine is making its greatest efforts to develop the vaccine of swine flu.

Jilin University students and staff are also resisting the swine flu. For example, there are posters to propagate the importance and significance of resisting swine flu and the handbills of relevant information are given out to every dormitory in our school. In the mean time, many volunteers are organized to help fight against the swine flu. They help measure the body temperature for all the visitors who will come into the school with guards of school.

We believe in future we will win the war of resisting the swine flu. We humans will get over this tough situation, and we will learn from the lesson of resisting swine flu.

ED'S NOTE: Please stay warm, wash your hands with soap and drink lots of orange juice.

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# NEWS

## BIG PROBLEMS FOR LOCAL AIRPORTS

**Hagi-Iwami and other local airports in dire financial conditions.**

By Yuri Kawakami (UNIVERSITY OF SHIMANE)

**A GROUP** of students of the University of Shimane researched airports on September 10 and 11, 2009.

They were the students who belong to Professor Tanaka's Seminar of the University of Shimane. The university was established in 2000. They study business administration. The members of the seminar were seven students; one senior, three juniors and three sophomores. They are good friends.

They studied the activation of Hagi-Iwami Airport which is in Masuda City in Shimane Prefecture. Now, the regional airports are in a severe condition and Hagi-Iwami Airport is in the most severe condition compared to other airports in the region. The seminar members hoped to find a way to activate the airport and Iwami Area.

During this summer, they researched airports. They decided to do research of neighboring airports: Hiroshima and Izumo. They contacted airport officials and sent them some questions to interview them.

They went to Hiroshima Airport on September 10, 2009. This airport is in Hiroshima Prefecture. It was a large airport. The airport seems to be the best airport in the Chugoku Region of Japan. There were many people there. They went to interview Mr. Takanishi who was a staff of the terminal building.

He talked about the conditions and their efforts on the airport. The airport held many events. The scale of this airport was different from that of Hagi-Iwami Airport because the airport was well-known within the country. After the students interviewed Mr. Takanishi, they went up to the control tower. This was very exciting. It was a valuable experience for them.

Then, the students went to Izumo Airport on September 11, 2009. This airport is the best airport in the Sanin Area. The airport is in Shimane Prefecture, like Hagi-Iwami Airport. However, this airport was busier than Hagi-Iwami Airport because this airport is in Hikawa Town, which succeeds in attracting of enterprises. Therefore, the number of flights to and from the airport increased.



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Hagi-Iwami AIRPORT located in nearby Masuda is in financial trouble. Flights to the airport have dropped in recent years. Currently, ANA or All Nippon Airways is the only company that serves the airport.

## HAMADA VOTES

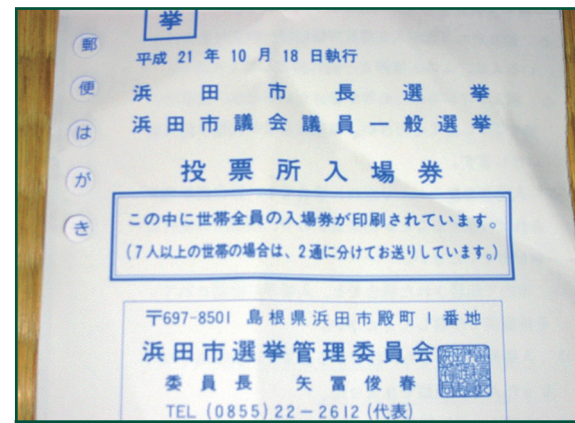
**On Sunday October 18th, in Hamada, two kinds of elections were taken placed. One is choosing the next mayor. The other is choosing members of the Hamada Diet.**

By Teruko Arasaki (UNIVERSITY OF SHIMANE)

**BEFORE COMING** the Election Day, there were many election cars in Hamada city. Many candidates said their own political plan for Hamada, while driving own election car and made speeches somewhere. The next mayor Tetsuo Uzu who won this election emphasized two things.

First, he could make Hamada Medical Treatment Center transfer to a new place where is near Hamada Station. Second, he made Hamada and four small cities be merged in 2005. So, he can make the economy in Hamada be better than before merging.

On the Election Day, about eighty percent citizens go to the election places and voted. After the election time, counting votes started soon. At midnight on Monday October 19th, the next mayor and new members of the Hamada



PHOTOGRAPH BY TERUKO ARASAKI.

The voter turnout was 76.83 percent, with about 72 percent of the voters expressed support for the incumbent. Mayor Uzu, who was elected for his fifth term, faces many difficult issues such as the budget deficit, unemployment, privatization of day care centers, etc.

Diet were decided. The next mayor Uzu is relaxed after hearing the result. And, he said, "I should come back to the first intension." He will tackle several things for Hamada. For example, pushing project brand-name goods whose are agriculture, forestry and fisheries.

## HALLOWEEN PARADE AT USJ

**A lot of characters danced at USJ Halloween Parade in Osaka in September, 2009.**

By Aya Isse (UNIVERSITY OF SHIMANE)

**UNIVERSAL STUDIO** Japan is a theme park in Osaka, Japan. You can enjoy rides, attractions, shows, shopping, and foods. In USJ, Halloween Magical Parade was held from September 3 to November 3. Kinds of characters danced and sang in this parade.

Erika and her two friends went to USJ in the morning on September 11. Erika is a student

of a university in Kyoto. Erika is from Shimane. She learns art in university, and her two friends live in Shimane. They rode some attractions. In USJ, you can eat different sweets during the Halloween period, for example, frozen drinks, pumpkin pie, and cream puff. Erika and her two friends sat on the side of road twenty minutes before parade started. They enjoyed watching the parade.

In Japan, a lots of students of university work part time. Most of them are always very busy. So they seek some pleasure. The reason why Erika went to USJ is that she needed a break. They enjoyed themselves at USJ.

## CHRISTMAS COMES TO DISNEYLAND

**Christmas is a big event around the world. Tokyo Disneyland is celebrating.**

By Shoko Ishimaru (UNIVERSITY OF SHIMANE)

**DISNEYLAND WILL** be decorated for Christmas from Nov.10th to Dec.25th to celebrate Christmas. There are a lot of lights and a huge Christmas tree in the park. These produce a romantic atmosphere.

During Christmas, Disneyland is more fantastic than usual. Then, Mickey dances in the likeness of Santa Claus in the parade. In addition, every hotel has special Christmas dinner. Plus, you can get special Christmas gifts in every gift shop.



PHOTOGRAPH BY SHOKO ISHIMARU

Also, a countdown party takes place on Dec.31st to Jan.1st in Disneyland. There is a grand show and fireworks in front of Cinderella's castle. However, to get a ticket to the countdown party is difficult because people who get tickets are selected by drawing lots. General people can enter from 2:00a.m. on Jan.1st.

In addition, this year, a new attraction was opened. It is "MONSTER'S.INC, ride and go seek!" This attraction is the game in which guests enjoy looking for hidden monsters. Every winter, many people visit Disneyland.

Guests can go to a wonderful dream world on Christmas or New Year's Day. But, if you go to Disneyland, don't forget to prepare a measure of protection against cold. In Disneyland, you may have to wait a long time to ride in attractions or to see a special show.

# LIFESTYLE

## STUDENT SHOCKED AT PDAs

**A Japanese student was surprised to learn what PDA meant in the United States.**

By Takehiro Fujita (UNIVERSITY OF SHIMANE)

**TAKEHIRO FUJITA**, a sophomore of the University of Shimane, participated in a panel discussion held at Monterey Institute of International



PHOTOGRAPH COURTESY OF DREAMSTIME

Studies, California, USA, in 2009. He and other Japanese students learned that PDA meant "public display of affection," and that it involved kissing and hugging in front of others. They felt very uncomfortable about this, because Japanese never show their affection in public. Japanese married couples rarely touch each other.

The panel discussion was part of the Cross-cultural Understanding Course offered by MIIS. The panel consisted of American guests and the students had an opportunity to ask questions about a variety of issues.

Takehiro asked Jane, "Who pays for the meal in your first date?" Jane answered, "Usually boyfriends pay in the first date. But if both are students, the girl pays half."

Takehiro and others were glad to learn American culture.

## GIRLS CELEBRATE JOB HUNTING SUCCESS

**Students of the University of Shimane took pictures to celebrate at a shopping mall on September 27, 2009.**

By Izumi Hoshino (UNIVERSITY OF SHIMANE)

**THEY MAJORED** in Society Economy and Community Policy at the University of Shimane. They took pictures at Youme Town. Youme Town is the largest shopping mall in Hamada City where the University of Shimane is located. At Youme Town people can buy a variety of goods including foods, clothes, cosmetic, and toys. Therefore Youme Town is liked by all regardless of age.

The students who took pictures were Sachiko Suzuki, Megumi Sasaki, Sachiko Kageto and Izumi Hoshino. Sachiko is a very beautiful and cheerful person. She is from Hiroshima Prefecture. Megumi is a very pretty and kind-hearted girl. She is from Hamada City. Sachiko is a slim and fashionable girl who always dresses up. They are good friends.

They took the pictures because they finished job hunting, and they celebrated their successful job hunting by a B.B.Q. party. They felt very happy because their future jobs were decided. They felt safe by it in the time of recession. Izumi said 'Let's celebrate our success together.' Everyone took the photographs smiling.

The picture is on the waiting image of their cellular phones now. Everyone was relieved because they could have such a memorial photo.



PHOTOGRAPH BY IZUMI HOSHINO

## STUDENT INTERNSHIP

**A student of the University of Shimane experienced internship at a festival organization in August, 2009.**

By Michiyo Takai (UNIVERSITY OF SHIMANE)

**MICHIYO TAKAI** majors in International Relations at the University of Shimane. She is from Matsue and 21 years old.

Michiyo volunteered at a festival and she helped to make tickets, posters and signboards. The staffs were old men and they were also volunteers. She talked with them and learned the importance of working. She felt that they enjoyed all things. Now she must do job hunting and she wanted to do internship because internship could give her experience. So she decided to do internship from August 20 to 24.

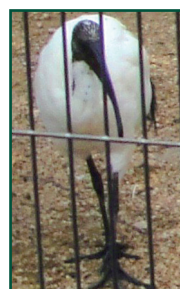
On the festival day, the staff gave her 1,500 yen, so she bought Bangladesh foods, shaved ice, yakitori, sausage and so on. It was the first time that she ate Bangladesh foods and these foods were delicious. The festival finished at 11:00 p.m. They were tired but they thought it was a very nice day.

## STUDENT SEES CRESTED IBIS IN IZUMO

**A student of the University of Shimane saw a crested ibis at Izumo City Hall, Shimane Prefecture on August 27, 2009.**

By Mika Takami (UNIVERSITY OF SHIMANE)

**MIKA TAKAMI**, who is a third-year student majoring in International Relations at the University of Shimane, did an internship at International Exchange Division of Izumo City Hall from August 24 to 28. The division had three Japanese staff members and four coordinators for international relations, who were from China, Korea, Finland and Ireland. To advance internationalization of regional communities, they held some



PHOTOGRAPH BY MIKA TAKAMI

## CHINESE MAHJONG

**Do you know the taste of REAL Chinese food? One student when to China and found out.**

By Sun Huiting (Jilin UNIVERSITY)

**MAHJONG IS** one of the traditional entertainment activities in China. Most of the Chinese are pleased to play mahjong after work for fun. But different provinces have different playing rules.

For example, in my hometown Dandong, Liaoning province. There are 136 mahjong tiles, but in Chengdu province there are only 108 mahjong tiles. In my hometown, there are usually 4 people playing, but in Chengdu, they can play with one, two, three or four people!

During this summer, my friends and I often got together to play mahjong. Mahjong accompanied us to spend a happy, relaxed holiday.

Maybe someone would say, so what, it's only a game for fun, but when we play, we can see your nature what's type of person you are in life by playing. Are you careful, calm, or not?



Chinese mahjong set. PHOTOGRAPH COURTESY OF WIKIPEDIA

courses on foreign food and culture, translated documents and interpreted for foreign visitors.

Because Mika majors in International Relations at her university, she was interested in other country's culture and societies. Mika also studies English and Korean hard, so she wanted to make good use of her language skills at work.

What impressed Mika most during her internship was seeing a crested ibis. It had a black face, tail and legs, and the other parts were white. It was very beautiful like a crane.

When Mrs. Michiko Yoshida, Chief of the International Exchange Division, took Mika to some facilities of International Exchange, she showed an aviary which many crested ibises were in. She said, 'This is the Sacred Ibis. In fact, Izumo City, has a sister city relationship with Hanzong City, Shaanxi Province, China. Next year, the city is going to give Izumo City a real crested ibis from China to create part of international exchanges. So Izumo City started breeding crested ibises from Africa to get ready for the ones from China.' For Mika, that was a good way to see international exchange projects.

# CAMPUS LIFE

# SCHOOL FESTIVAL INSERT



PHOTOGRAPH BY OKADA MIKI

## CHEERING CONTEST AMAZING

**Students cheer their hearts out during cheering dance contest.**

By Haruna Fukuma & Makoto Iwai  
(UNIVERSITY OF SHIMANE)

**THE UNIVERSITY** of Shimane's Sports Festival was held on October 17 in Shimane University. It was raining in morning. But the rain stopped and it could start a sports day. However, there was a scene where the game is temporarily interrupted by raining and thundering on that day, too. About 150 students and residents participated in this event. There are a lot of competitions. Also there was cheering battle. Each grade organized a cheering party and danced in front of the audience. Each cheering party made an original dance and costume. Residents were dancing, too.

For the first time this school year, there was an especially unique costume. A group danced with the costume of "Evangelion". "Evangelion" is a popular Japanese animation. Their costume was very interesting and unique.

The champion of the cheering contest was the 4th grade's group. Their theme was a girl's high school graduation. Boys and girls wore a girl's school uniform and dance. Their dance was cute and funny. So, everyone in the audience enjoyed their dance. The overall champion was 2th grade students.

Finally, everyone filled a balloon with air and the balloons flew to the sky. Students embraced each other, praising each other's performances. Everyone had a great time and could make bonds of friendship.



PHOTOGRAPH BY MAKOTO IWAI

## SPORTS FESTIVAL A GREAT SUCCESS

**Many people enjoyed this year's sports festival at the University of Shimane.**

By Satoshi Takao (UNIVERSITY OF SHIMANE)

**ON OCTOBER 17**, the sports festival was held slowly on the grounds of Shimane Prefectural University. Many students at the university and people in Hamada participated in this event to deepen the local people.

The sky became cloudy and sometimes rained on October 17 day morning of the sports festival. The rain stopped gradually though it was a little chilly.

All these activities were planned by the students. These students are called "sports festival execution committee". They have acted ahead for months of the sports festival, and done a lot of preparations beforehand. Their efforts attracted a lot of people, and be a big event like the cultural festival in Shimane prefectural university.

The program on that day included the steeplechase, the Sweden relay, 100 meter run, the mock cavalry battle, and the assistance battle, etc. In these games participated not only the students of Shimane prefectural university but also local people. The team was divided by five team The citizens, the first grader, The second, the third, and the fourth. All teams competed by their best, and the second graders won the championship. Thus, the sports festival of Shimane prefectural university ended as a big success.



PHOTOGRAPH BY MARIKO EGUCHI

## GIANT CENTIPEDE APPEARS AT SPORTS FESTIVAL!

**The basketball team runs for victory in giant centipede race.**

By Aya Kuroda (UNIVERSITY OF SHIMANE)

**SPORTS DAY** at university of Shimane in October 17th. This day had bad weather. It was rainy or windy or cold, but many university student and local people gathered there.

There was one event on the sports day named Mukade-kyousou for circles and clubs. This picture is some of the basketball club members. They wore basketball's uniform because uniform makes them feel very strong. Their position was in the middle. They tensed up and psyched themselves up before game.

After the start, the team moved slowly at first and their faces were rigid with fear of falling down, but they smiled gradually. They

chanted while they were running, "Hi-ha! Hi-ha!" They were very rhythmic running as if the team mates' hearts were one. They looked like a giant centipede!!

There were 6~7 centipedes during sports day. Finally, the basketball team finished third, but it was a very exciting game. Their smiles were very beautiful and they were very friendly more and more. This sports day's result was that the second graders won. The victory prize was instant food. There was so much!!

Also, other events were very exciting. One of them, everyone chose was Ouendan. Ouendan's dance is very cute and cool and interesting. Everyone took a photograph and video. This sports day is a good memory for everyone. We are looking forward to sports day next year.



PHOTOGRAPH BY SATOSHI TAKAO

# CAMPUS LIFE SCHOOL FESTIVAL INSERT



PHOTOGRAPH BY OKADA MIKI

## SPORTS FESTIVAL COMMITTEE MEMBERS HAD A GREAT EXPERIENCE

**Committee members find true friendship.**

By Nanami Matoyama & Mio Morita (UNIVERSITY OF SHIMANE)

**ON OCTOBER 17**, Sports Festival was held at University of Shimane. That day was raining, but it was a great success. After, the members of the Executive Committee of Sports Festival cleaned up the ground. The ground was littered with trash. They were very tired, but they seemed satisfied too. Why?

They were organized by a representative of the Executive Committee of Sports Festival in May. They worked hard for a long time, because it's hard to please everyone. So, they were happy to see everyone's happy face! Then, the members shared their delight with each other.

The committee members held a party after cleaning. They drank liquor and they eat a feast.

They like each other very much and they, who worked hard together, trust each other. They shed tears of delight and loneliness, embraced each other and laughed. A representative of the Executive Committee of Sports Festival also shed tears. Everyone thinks that the representative's job is the hardest. So, everyone trusted him. They tossed their representative into the air. His face was a sunny smile!

The October 17 Sports Festival of the University of Shimane was a great success because member of Executive Committee of Sports Festival found true friendship!



PHOTOGRAPH BY MIO MORITA

**Student happy to be committee member.**

By Miki Okada (UNIVERSITY OF SHIMANE)

**IN MAY**, a girl decided to join the sports festival organizing committee, because she was interested in making the sports festival as a member, and she was invited by her friends.

It was the 6th sports festival of the University this year. Last year, when she took part in it, she really enjoyed. So she felt like being a member of the organizing committee. However, she was very worried about whether she could get along with other members, especially the seniors. Because there were many seniors whom she had not talked with, and she was afraid of them.

Through many meetings, she understood everyone was eager for the sports festival, and she felt comfortable working with them.

The day of the sports festival came, they gathered at 4:30am for preparation. However, it was rainy in the morning and everyone had to decide whether they should cancel the sports festival or not. After an hour, it turned sunny, so they decided to go for it.

The sports festival was a great success. In the end the organizing committee members hugged each other.



PHOTOGRAPH BY SATOSHI TAKAO

## University Festival

### UNIVERSITY FESTIVAL WAS DELICIOUS FUN

**Kaiyuusai (University Festival) was held on October 10 and 11.**

By Naoki Matsuda (UNIVERSITY OF SHIMANE)

**AT THE** University festival there were special events such as a flea market and comedy LIVE. In addition, a lot of the clubs and circles set up a refreshment booth (Mogiten in Japanese). For example, BBS circle sold cotton candy and chicken rice. There were students who wore school uniforms, Spiderman costumes and

so on to attract customers. It makes visitors happy. The refreshment booths were managed by students and they sold food and drink. Opening time was 10 am to 5 pm. So, students came to the university early in the morning and prepared. It was very hard.

It is difficult to decide the price of food and drink. Because the profit doesn't go up when the price is cheap, but the product doesn't sell when the price is high. However, people formed a line in front of popular shops regardless of price. Possibly the important thing may be the taste of the food and drink.

There are cases that the proceeds were used to fund the cost of the party to celebrate the successful completion of the festival (Utiage in Japanese). If there are a lot of proceeds, the

party is splendid. So, students hang on managing refreshment booths. In the end, Kaiyuusai was a great success. Students were pleased with their flourishing refreshment booths and people in Hamada participated in this event to deepen the relationship with local people.



PHOTOGRAPH BY NAOKI MATSUDA

# CAMPUS LIFE

## SCHOOL FESTIVAL INSERT

### WHITE CLOUDS ARE TASTY

**What is that white cloud? Cotton candy and it is as big as Ayako's face!!**

By Yoko Nabara (UNIVERSITY OF SHIMANE)

**THE GIRL** on the left, Ayako, is holding a white cloud. University of Shimane students made white clouds in front of the gym at the school festival. To tell the truth, this white cloud is actually cotton candy.

"This cotton candy is beautiful!" said a customer who bought the cotton candy. They were not only selling white cotton candy, but also blue, green, pink, and purple cotton candy.

They were selling 5 colors of cotton candy. Each of these 5 colors of cotton candy had a delicious taste. White's flavor was sugar, it's a simple taste. Blue's flavor was blue Hawaii, green's flavor was melon, pink's flavor was strawberry, and purple's flavor was grape. So, this colorful cotton candy was popular with many children. Pink cotton candy was especially popular with children.

These students are members of the BBS circle. This year, they sold cotton candy and Japanese chicken rice. Both were very delicious! One cotton candy was only 50 yen. It was very cheap, so children can use their own money. Japanese chicken rice was 250 yen. At the school festival, cotton candy and Japanese chicken rice almost sold out. During the festival, these students were happy and got a lot of money.



PHOTOGRAPH BY KAORI

### STUDENTS ENCHANT AUDIENCE WITH DANCE

**Students enchanted the audience by their cute and sexy dance at the University's school festival on October 10th and 11th, 2009!**

By Momoko Tsakamoto (UNIVERSITY OF SHIMANE)

**THE SCHOOL** festival's title was 'high TEN sion.' The title meant 'high tension' and 'the 10th year of commemoration of the festival.'

The dance circle members were 16 people; 5 cool and handsome boys and 11 beautiful

and sexy girls. They danced many kinds of genres: jazz, hip-hop, reggae and so on. Momoko danced reggae and girl's hip-hop. Both dances were hard. Especially, reggae was very hard for her.

They practiced by copying basic dancing after watching a reggae's DVD. While dancing there involved hardships and tears, but they had great happiness too. For example, when they could dance perfect they said to each other, 'You are so cool!!' They tried 'reggae' for the first time. So, they were very worried.

On the festival day, however, they succeeded in their dancing reggae. There were a few mistakes, but they were satisfied with their dancing.



PHOTOGRAPH BY MOMOKO TSUKAMOTO

# CAMPUS LIFE

### DECORATING DORM ROOM IMPROVES LIFE

**The student dormitory is not just a temporary residence, it is home.**

By Wu Dan & Tian Jing (JILIN UNIVERSITY)

**MY DORMITORY** in Jilin University is not only a place for accommodation, but a warm home for the four of us. To make our home more comfortable and sweet we use our spare time to decorate it.

First of all, we went shopping together, and we bought a lot of materials, including crayons, colored paper and so on. Then we used them to cut a big tree, a round moon, and a child praying under the tree.

They are so big that there isn't enough space for them on the wall. After we finished all the work, our knees became really painful. Then we glued them on the wall and we wrote our sincere wishes on colorful leaves.

Meanwhile, we wrote a poem to express our happiness. It is a huge work but, we are filled with enthusiasm. Seeing the beautiful wall, we are all more excited than we can say.



### JILIN UNIVERSITY LIFE

**Jilin University is beautiful and famous.**

By Feng Yan, Zhang Jinqian, Wang Feng & Lin Dong (JILIN UNIVERSITY)

**ACCORDING TO** my understanding, Jilin University is more than a famous beautiful and big university.

As to her great reputation, we have known that Jilin University shares a global reputation around the world. Things like the beauty of Jilin University. To be honest, Jilin University has actually the most beautiful campus in China, especially in winter, it becomes white everywhere, and this is also attractive. When it is summer, we can see big trees, which give us shade. In the final analysis, the beauty of Jilin University can be experienced only when you come here.

How big is Jilin University on earth, I don't have an exact number, but in my own experience walking in the university always makes me think as if I'm traveling on a journey. Frankly speaking, Jilin University is surely famous, beautiful, big and modern. Next, I'm going to tell you some things about my daily life in this attractive university.

The first one is of course study. Since I have mentioned that this university is big, going

to class is a difficult thing. Firstly, our dormitory is far away from classroom building, so we have to walk a long way to class everyday. Secondly, there are lots of students in every class, so we should get to class as early as possible. If we get to classroom late, then we can only sit in the rear seats. In that case we can't listen to teachers' lectures clearly.

The second topic is about food. We have three dining-halls in the school. So it is quite convenient for us. Of course, there are many kinds of food to suit all the students from all over China. After all, everyone has their special taste of food. In a word, the dining-hall is nice. Maybe the only problem is that there are crowds of students that we have to wait for a long time in a long line.

The last one, we need to talk about the students here. As we all know, Jilin University is an attractive university, so every student wants to come here to study. In other words, only excellent students can be qualified to be admitted by this university. So all the students are very clever, talented, and most important of all, friendly. In Jilin University, you would feel like you were living at a big home, because everyone cares for you and helps you.

That is just the daily life in Jilin University, ordinary but interesting.

# SPORTS



PHOTOGRAPH BY SATORU KATSUBE

## THE IZUMO CENTURY RIDE

**Bicycle circle cycles to Izumo area in big race.**

By Satoru Katsube (UNIVERSITY OF SHIMANE)

**THE BICYCLE** circle entered "The Izumo Century ride". "Century ride" means many people cycle the distance of over 100 km

in a day. This kind of race is very popular in Europe and USA. This event was held on September 22. Its purpose is to spend a nice time with bicycle friends. Also, to promote the Izumo region. The route is a circuit around Shinji Lake. Then, They moved around noted places, scenic mountain roads, and coastal roads. For example they visited Kumano grand shrine, on the Hokuura coast. There are many steep hills on this route. They not only see beautiful scenery but have contact with local supporters.

The number of participants was over 500 people. They cycled 160 km in 10 hours. Five

people participated from the University of Shimane. This circle is a small group, because it was organized only 1 year ago. They are recruiting new members. Their purpose is to complete a circuit of 160 km, because they had freshman with only a little bicycle experience.

Unfortunately, the event had bad weather. In the afternoon, the weather got worse and worse, but one circle member Mr. Satoru spoke to aged persons at a rest area and they chat about the weather, the road etc. This experience is something that he felt can only be experienced in this kind race.

## "SUPER" BASEBALL HOMESTAY

**Baseball team combines Japanese and American players.**

By Yoshimi Koshimoto (UNIVERSITY OF SHIMANE)

**THE "SUPER** Baseball Guys" are university of Shimane students, teachers and host family members. They are the best baseball team in the world because they are the representative of Japan and America. So, now they become famous. Almost all children hope to be like them.

The name of the team is "smilelys". The name was named by them. They always smile and their favorite phrase is "No smile, No life". This picture was taken after a baseball game. They lost the game, but they did their own best. So, they didn't regret at all.

The team was made in 2000. It was made by people who love baseball and the activity start in 2000. When the activity started, there were only 10 people, but now there are more than 100 people. The member in the picture is a part of the team. They are a very very big team.

They always practice baseball during the day, but there is a no baseball day once a month. On that day, some players usually sleep all the day or go out with their friend. But they cannot play with their friend until late because there is a practice next day. All they have to do is "not waste time".



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## SHIMANE ARCHERY CLUB RANKED 8<sup>TH</sup>

**Archery club fights to win in Hiroshima.**

By Noriyuki Nagashima (UNIVERSITY OF SHIMANE)

**THE JAPANESE** Archery Club of the University of Shimane ranked 8th in the preliminary round of an archery tournament held in Hiroshima on September 29, 2009.

A group of 6 Shimane students took part in the games of Japanese archery of universities in Japan. Each of them shot 10 arrows and the team hit the target 58 times. They almost won the preliminary games.

The Japanese Archery Club of the University of Shimane consists of 15 members; 7 girls and 8 boys. They practice at the archery range in campus almost every day. They all have started archery upon entering the University. Since most of them are all beginners, they could not hit the target. However, after their hard practice which goes over 6 hours a day, they started to get better step by step. They are eager to practice harder for the next game.

## ARCHERY TOURNAMENT IN NAGOYA

**A tournament of Japanese archery for university students was held in Nagoya from August 9 to 11, 2009.**

By Harumi Sato (UNIVERSITY OF SHIMANE)

**THE NAGOYA** tournament was the biggest tournament for university students and all university archery players went there from all around Japan. The champion of the tournament was Nihon University. They had been champion 12 times before. When the second, third places were decided in the final game of the last day, the players participated in the tournament clapped for the winners. It was a very famous tournament, so the participants have practiced hard and for a long time. They all longed to win this tournament very much.

Japanese archery, called 'kyoudo' is a Japanese traditional sport. For playing *kyoudo*, it is important to have not only physical power, but also spiritual power. For example, players need concentration, patience, and so on. In practice players have to do the same motion with patience again and again, because a little difference in the same motion determines if the arrow hits or misses the mark. In a match, they concentrate on how to stand, how to use and relax the muscles of the shoulders, hands and feet. That is why *kyudo* is said to be a sport of high level mental power.

# TRAVEL

## KYOTO NINJA!

**A student of the University of Shimane visited a strange café in Kyoto on September 13, 2009.**

By Daiki Yoshioka (UNIVERSITY OF SHIMANE)

**DAIKI YOSHIOKA**, who is from the University of Shimane, went to Kyoto for a trip. Kyoto is an oldest city which has a long history and traditional culture of Japan. This city is very famous among people of the world, so not only foreigners, but also Japanese travelers like to visit there.

Daiki and his friend walked around Shinjyo-Kawara Street, but they were so tired that they looked for somewhere to rest. And finally, they found a woman wearing black which covered all over her. She had a sword and said, 'How about some tea and sweets at Ninja Café?' She wore a costume of a ninja, and she beckoned to the café behind her.

The 'Ninja Café' was a new café in Shinjo-Kawara Street. They offered some original Japanese sweets and tea. Each menu had a unique name, for example, 'Akudaikan' and 'Echigoya' which means 'bad lord' and 'bad merchant.' 'Ninja café' had very unique culture. First, all clerks were ninjas. When they took orders, they knelt down, and added 'gozaru' at their end of sentences. Gozaru is an inflection of a verb, reminding of old times. Second, the customers heard screams from somewhere, because the second floor was a house for ninja. Daiki's friend said, 'I think they must be real ninjas, because all clerks had swords and ninja stars. They can kill us if they like to.'



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## THE DEVELOPMENT OF INTERNATIONAL TOURISM MARKET

**Strengthening the ties between Russia and Japan through tourism!**

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**OVER THE** last years the Russian Federation and Japan have made active efforts to strengthen international relations and develop tourism. Thus, the Memorandum of the collaboration in

the field of tourism between the Japanese Government and the Government of the Russian Federation was accepted on January 13th, 1998. In 2000, the Agreement on cultural relations was concluded between the government of Russian Federation and the Japanese Government. The intention was to encourage international tourism and readiness to encourage incentives to develop international tourism was stated by the heads of these two countries in the Plan, which was accepted on January 10th, 2003.

Accepting the program of strengthening collaboration between the Russian Federation and Japan on November 21st, 2005 was an important step for development of collaboration of mutual relations. This Program was signed in presence of the President of Russia, Vladimir Putin, and the Prime-minister of Japan Junichiro Koizumi.

Of course, the activity of both countries in the field of tourism in the frames of concluded agreements have influence the positive dynamics of international tourists flows in Russia and Japan recently.

Taking into consideration world tourism trends, with Asia Pacific Region countries playing a major role, the Far Eastern region of Russia, including Primorsky Krai, gains importance.

Primorsky Krai is located in the south-east of Russia and covers 164,7 thousand square business (45%). During rest and recreational trips, Japanese travelers prefer the geographical proximity of Primorsky Krai to Asian Pacific countries (China, Republic of Korea, Japan), its favorable climate, significant amounts of natural resources and reach cultural heritage. For example, most of the world's population of Siberian Tigers are found in Primorsky Krai

The rate of Japanese visitors in Primorsky Krai has remained approximately the same since 2001, but fell to 5,5 thousand in 2008. The rate of movements of tourists from Russia into Japan changed more dramatically: from 3,3 thousand in 2001 to 12 thousand in 2005 and 9,6 thousand in 2008. The analysis of the tourists market for Japanese travelers in Vladivostok has shown that Primorsky Krai is generally visited by middle aged tourists (70%), 90 % of which use cars and prefer individual tours (60%) and short-tem trips (90%). The basic purposes of visiting Vladivostok are leisure, recreation, rest (50%) and to purchase cultural-cognitive tours (97%) and ecological tours (3%). The main directions of tourism development between Primorsky Krai and Japan are cultural-cognitive, ecological and business tourism. Now, an unusual interest to outbound tourism is seen at the tourists market in Primorsky Krai, because every other citizen of Primorsky Krai has traveled abroad. Unfortunately, tours and journeys to Japan constitute only 10 % of all outbound tourism for citizens of Primorsky Krai. However, there is a great potential of development of international tourism between these regions.

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