



Welcome Week. “Vivi SENDAI ! ” in Aobayama.

Like the years before, the university environment has become alive and busier along with the cool fresh air of Autumn. Tohoku University and its city of Sendai have just escaped from the scorching hot days of summer break and now they are ready to have a welcoming embrace to the new students from different parts of the world. Warm welcome and kind offer of a bunch of resources to solve out daily life necessities are one of the best greetings one can ever have.

On September 26th in Information Science Department of Aobayama Campus, university main library held the Vivi Sendai Event where the international concierge students had a talk, sharing some useful tips and advices for new students. Some few years ago, the speakers themselves are in the same situation like new students and it is such a lovely way that students pass the information and are ready to help to each other.



The first speaker, Jonathan Stimmer Adam

On that day of presentation, among three speakers, the first speaker, Jonathan Stimmer Adam from United States, first brought about the advices regarding the daily school life. With a diversity in culture and nation, we get a lot to share and understand each other. Jonathan stressed this important point by advising some ethical values of the Japanese society so that one can have a happy and successful academic life in Japan. The speaker's own experience of his university days in Japan was addressed to the audience, with some special reminders of dos and don'ts in lab context.

The second speaker, Julio Nascimento from Brazil, shares a great information on how to open a bank account, apply the credit card and the requirements to do so. And he introduces the use of different cards for travel and transportation around Sendai.

The last speaker, Thiri Soe from Myanmar, shares a list of grocery shopping places which offer nice goods with fair price and the places to get halal food. She also talked about transportation service around campus, and the health care service information for international students. Each of these presentations was followed by question and answer section.

In the end, the eager and attentive audience enquired what they wanted to know about. The speakers and the library members did their best to give any informative answers to the questions they were asked.



The second speaker, Julio Nascimento



The last speaker, Thiri Soe

In the evening , the Vivi Sendai event successfully finished having introduced to new faces which they would see each other again in school opening time.

This year new semester, for October intake students, our main library is actively participating in the welcoming and orientation activities of the university and this Vivi Sendai program is one of those appealing support.



Question and answer session.

*As reported by **Thiri Soe***

Welcome Week. “Vivi SENDAI ! ” in Main Library.

In September 30th, we held “Vivi Sendai! - Let’s enjoy your life in Sendai”, an orientation event for new students, in which four members of the International Student Concierge shared their experiences about living in Sendai.



The first speaker, Kiya Okhlopkova

The first presenter was Kiya Okhlopkova from Russia, who talked about how to adapt to the life in Sendai. She shared with the new students her own experiences since her arrival four years ago and explained how to find a part-time job, how to get to know friends, and festivals and places she liked the most. Her advice for the students was to enjoy their lives while they are in a different country, meeting people from various backgrounds, and traveling through Tohoku and Japan.



The second speaker, Lu Hailan

The second presenter was Lu Hailan from China, and she recommended different sightseeing places in Miyagi throughout the seasons. For Autumn, she presented the students about Naruko onsen, which can be visited by a special train car that leaves Sendai station every weekend. For Winter, the Pageant Starlight illumination in Sendai city center is one of the highlights of Miyagi, along with Zao Onsen and ski resort. In Spring, the cherry blossom of Ogawara city and in Summer, the festivals and fireworks are her favorite options.



The third speaker, Marina Nascimento

The third presenter was Marina Nascimento, from Brazil. Her tips were about how to get a bank account, how to take transportation in Sendai as well as going to the post office. She explained about the necessary documents for the bank account and how it is important to close it after living in Japan. She also showed how to buy IC cards for the transportation and how to get discount for bullet train tickets. In the end she mentioned about sending luggage to the airport by post office services, which is a great way to travel in Japan.



The last speaker, Liu Chuxin

The last presenter was Liu Chuxin from China, who shared with us her recommendations about different restaurants in Sendai. There were restaurant options for everyone, for example, Ramen, Chinese food and Korean food as well. She also recommended her favorite dishes from each restaurant, showing the audience not only the menu and prices but the photos as well. Everyone probably finished the event feeling hungry



Group Photo

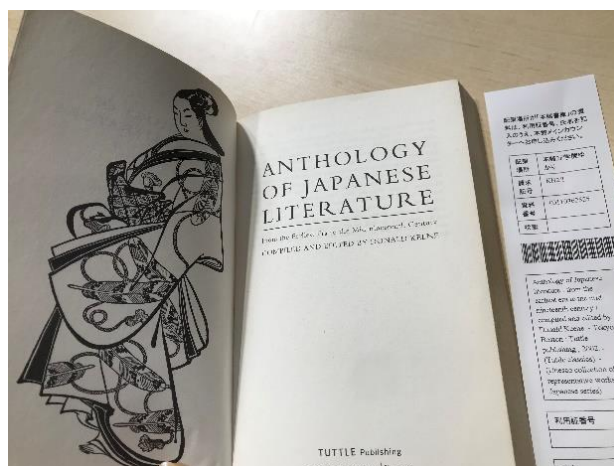
*As reported by **Marina Nascimento***

Reader's Choice: What to Read Next?

This section introduces a new book from our available selection at the Tohoku University Main Library. It is intended to pique your interest and fill your grey matter with intellect and emotion. Sit back and enjoy!

If you are interested in becoming familiar with the basics of Japanese literature, this is the book you need. Being the very first anthology of Japanese literature published in English, it was a revolutionary book at a time and remained a classic textbook even nowadays. It covers historical periods "from the earliest era to the mid-nineteenth century" and contains works of such profound scholars and translators of Japanese literature as Edward Seidensticker, Arthur Waley, Donald Keene himself and the others.

Late Donald Keene is one of the most famous scholars of Japanese. He published his *Anthology of Japanese Literature* in September 1955, after spending two years in Kyoto. Beyond any expectation, the book became a bestseller, with its first edition being sold out by Christmas. One of the reasons of such a success was that after World War II, many American were willing to find out more about the Japanese culture. Just in a year, Keene published his second book, the *Modern Japanese Literature anthology*. Both anthologies have gone through numerous editions and reprints since then.



Book: *Anthology of Japanese Literature: from the earliest era to the mid-nineteenth century*

Author: Donald Keene

Publisher: Tokyo; Boston: Tuttle publishing

ISBN: (上) 9784805310144 (下) 4805306629

No. : 00110362525

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Donald Keene with Mishima Yukio at the Fukudaya restaurant in Toranomon, Tokyo, on June. Source: <https://www.nippon.com/en/japan-topics/c03709/donald-keene-a-life-in-japanese-literature.html>

Reviewed by **Kiya Okhlopkova**

My hometown: Fuzhou, Fujian, China

In this column, we introduce the hometowns of our members, giving you a glimpse into the culture and the best things to do!

Hello! I am LIU, came from Fuzhou, Fujian Province, China. Every time I try to introduce my hometown, I will always mention the "oolong tea" sold in Japanese convenience stores. Generally, it will write "tea from Fujian" on it. Yes, Fujian Province is a coastal city in southern China that is famous for tea. Compared with Beijing, Shanghai, Shenzhen and other cities, everyone may not be so familiar with Fuzhou. Here, let me briefly introduce some foods in Fuzhou, Fujian Province.

Fotiaoqiang

<http://www.ihuoba.com/pengren-jiqiao/20170509182433.html>

Fujian cuisine is also known as "Min Cuisine" and is one of the eight cuisines of Chinese cuisine. When it comes to "Min Cuisine", many Chinese people can think of the "Fotiaoqiang" firstly. "Fotiaoqiang" is a traditional high-class dish of Fujian Province that has been stewed for several days by a variety of high-quality ingredients, lured by its delicious aroma even the Buddha jumped over the wall to eat this dish. The material of the "Fotiaoqiang" is

steamed bread, chicken, bamboo, sea cucumber, scallop, abalone, shark (shark fin, fish skin), mushrooms and other expensive ingredients.

Fujian Province not only has high-class dishes like the "Fotiaoqiang", but also has popular and reasonable dishes. "Shaxian Snacks" is a famous food in Fujian Province in China. There are now many Shaxian snacks restaurants throughout China. In the restaurants, "wonton, noodles served in peanut butter sauce, stewed pots, steamed dumplings" are most popular. And because the most popular meal set by the guests is "wonton + noodles", so this combination is also called "couple meal set" by Fuzhou people.

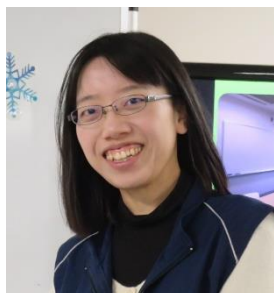
ShaXian Wonton & Noodles With Peanut Butter Sauce

<https://caiqinchen.com/2018/05/09/shaxian-wonton-noodles-with-peanut-butter-sauce-%E6%B2%99%E5%8E%BF%E6%89%81%E8%82%89%E6%8B%8C%E9%9D%A2/>

There are many kinds of food in Fujian Province. If you have the chance to go to Fujian, taste them and find what you like!

*As reported by **Liu Chuxin***

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