

# Kinko Bay Tidings ~ Summer 2019 Edition

## South African Rugby Team Prepares for Training Camp in Kagoshima City.



There is growing hype around the South African national rugby team, commonly known as the Springboks and one of the greatest rugby teams in the world having their training camp in Kagoshima City in September 2019, one week prior to the World Rugby Cup which will be held in Japan. An estimated 51 people from South Africa affiliated with the team including players, managers and other affiliated staff will come to Kagoshima City.

The team will stay at the Sun Royal Hotel from Saturday September 7<sup>th</sup> until Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> while making use of Kagoshima City's various training facilities in order to prepare for the Rugby World Cup. The training will primarily take place at Shiranami Stadium, although players will also make use of other facilities such as the Kamoike Swimming Pool.

In addition to preparing for the training camp, the team are also scheduled for other activities in Kagoshima City including visiting local schools and meeting the Mayor of Kagoshima city. Open practice sessions will also be scheduled, the perfect opportunity to see a world-class performance firsthand. For more information contact the Sports Division on 099-803-9621



## Hearty Party 2019



On April 21<sup>st</sup> the Kagoshima International Exchange Foundation hosted the annual Hearty Party, a party to welcome new foreign citizens who come to Kagoshima from spring. Approximately 300 people gathered to the event which was held at the Central Community Centre. Foreigners and Japanese of all ages came together to enjoy the various festivities

ranging from games, costume fittings, world sweets tasting and cross cultural experience booths. Participants reported enjoying the opportunity to meet new people from various backgrounds and learn about other cultures.



## Chinese language and culture course

A Chinese course organised by the Kagoshima International Exchange Foundation will take place in June 2019 at the Kagoshima Citizen Welfare Plaza. Xingmin Ji, the Chinese International Advisor for the Kagoshima City Hall will be giving lessons as a teacher for the course. The course is primarily focused on conversation practice and targeted towards students who have experience studying Chinese.

Students can not only expect to improve their language skills, but also learn more about Chinese culture and daily life. A total of 8 classes will be held every Wednesday starting from June 19<sup>th</sup> until August 7<sup>th</sup>, 18:30-19:45.



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## Miami students visit Mayor Mori

Students of Miami, Florida, who came to Kagoshima City for a homestay program met with Mayor Mori for a courtesy visit on the morning of Friday, 14<sup>th</sup> June 2019.

Taking place at 10:00am on the second floor of the main building in the city hall, the students and their supervisor met with the Mayor and several other city representatives. Mayor Mori gave a welcome speech followed by greetings from the student representative of the group.

“Since the formation of our sister city relationship with Miami City in November 1990, we have had many opportunities to develop our relationship through youth exchange programs and mutual visits to each other’s countries. We wish you the best and hope that your stay in Kagoshima will be of significance, and this cultural exchange opportunity will lead to a deeper relationship between our two cities into the future.” Mayor Mori stated.

The students of Miami City stayed for a total of 8 days and 7 nights. The homestay primarily consisted of school exchanges, sightseeing and inspections around the city. They ended their stay in Kagoshima with a farewell party at the Bistro De Reve on the Tuesday, June 19<sup>th</sup> and returning home the following morning.





## 5<sup>th</sup> Edition of “The Japanese Odyssey” Starts from Sakurajima

The Cycling event “The Japanese Odyssey” will take place for the 5<sup>th</sup> time in 2019. This year “The Kyushu edition” will start from the Sakurajima peninsula in the Kinko Bay of Kagoshima on Saturday, October 12<sup>th</sup>. The event entails going through 14 mandatory checkpoints throughout Kyushu, Shikoku and the Japanese Alps before finishing 10 days later in Tokyo after more than 2200km of riding.



“The Japanese Odyssey is an endurance cycling event. It is not a race. It’s about discovery, about exploring, about challenging yourself. Be prepared”

The Japanese Odyssey was started 5 years ago as an ultra-distance cycling event not only about exploring the wilderness of Japan but giving riders the opportunity to get in touch with the traditions, customs

and culture of the country in an attempt to have them “breathe” Japanese air. Riders need to go through mandatory checkpoints but can choose their own paths as they go through remote areas in a secluded Japan.

For those who are interested in learning more or participating in the Japanese Odyssey, please refer to the entrant’s manual on the official website [www.japanese-odyssey.com](http://www.japanese-odyssey.com) or contact the team on [contact@japanese-odyssey.com](mailto:contact@japanese-odyssey.com)

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