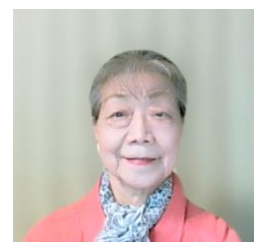


Greetings from KIRA officers (October 2021) With Corona



Akemi Kosuge, President

Everyday we find the articles of SDGs (Sustainable Development Goals) on the Internet, TV, and newspapers. There are 17 goals that the entire world will work together on, such as climate change, sea and land, and world peace. Until now, international exchange has fostered friendships throughout the world and aimed for coexistence, but Corona pandemic made us realize that we should consider not only coexistence with humans but also coexistence with other living things and nature on this earth.

This fall, “Kashiwa de International Exchange Festa” and “Kashiwa International Exchange Week” will be mostly held online. Students from Torrance, Camden, and Kashiwa will have simultaneous online exchanges, including introducing activities and events using a virtual space. Reitaku University students will give us presentation regarding SDGs, which is a proposal for a business model that offers Japanese cuisine using ingredients from developing countries through FAIR TRADE. There are also Multicultural Seminars on issues faced by foreigners and Refugees living in Japan. Kaichi International University students will talk about Guatemalan culture and society through Youkai (apparition), while UNESCO and Girl Scouts groups will introduce their activities.

We hope that you will participate in some of the events and enjoy the fun of interaction. KIRA members are working hard on preparations so that participants can think about what they can do. (For details, please see page 1 of the "KCC Kawaraban October issue")

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