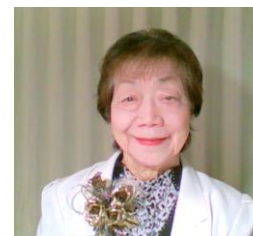


Greetings from KIRA officers (January 2022)

International Exchange In a New Era



(Volunteers for Food Bank activity at the end of the year)



Akemi Kosuge, President

Even though we have been suffering from the corona virus as part of our daily routine, I would like to express my sincere gratitude to everyone for their passion and efforts throughout 2021.

After our research and discussion to find something we could do for foreign people suffering from corona, we started the KCC Food Bank project on a monthly basis from June to December. With the great support of members, attendees of KIRA language classes and citizens, we were able to distribute the collected food to foreigners with the cooperation of local activity groups. Based on this experience, we will continue to do what we can, although the method may change in the future.

In 2022 we will have the 30th anniversary of the foundation of KIRA. Let's take this as an opportunity to promote necessary change for today's world. While looking back on our progress so far, the door is wide open for us to learn more about other regions and countries online. Let's accept the challenges that we face, including corona, and work together in these challenging times. Thank you for your continued cooperation.

Introduction of Officers June 2021 to May 2023

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