

HIMEJI CIR NEWSLETTER

We are finally at the end of 2024! It's been a very busy and (very cold) month, but I hope everyone is doing well and looking forward to 2025. Big thanks to everyone who came to CIR events over the last year. I wish you all a happy holiday season and new year's!

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About Me

Hello! My name is Cessan Smith and I am the fifth Coordinator for International Relations (CIR) in Himeji City. I was born in Scotland but lived in Australia for seven years.
よろしくお願いします！

What is a CIR?

A Coordinator for International Relations (CIR) is a position on the JET Programme that involves providing international expertise in a local government office. My everyday work involves translation, interpreting as well as holding cultural exchange events in Himeji.



Lord Mostyn visit

Believe it or not, but a Baron came all the way from Wales to visit us here in Himeji! Lord Mostyn was involved in creating the Sister Castle partnership between Himeji Castle and Conwy Castle, and even his family has historical ties with Japan!



Himeji Castle Kyoukasuigetsu

I provided some English announcements at this year's Himeji Castle Kyoukasuigetsu event. I hope everyone had the chance to pay a visit and enjoy one of the most worthwhile illumination events in Himeji!





Training in Yokohama

CIR中間研修

I went to mid-term CIR training in Yokohama! This training is held once per year for CIRs from all over Japan to improve their skills and engage in a bit of networking!

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Event Calendar

Event	Date, time & Location	Outline
	<p>ほししばテラス (Starlit Terrace)</p> <p>Friday 22nd November 2024~ Monday 24th February 2025 Himeji Station</p>	<p>A jointly held event between Himeji City and Piole, ほししばテラス (Starlit Terrace) lights up the front area of Himeji Station making for a beautiful winter illumination.</p>
	<p>Coming-of-age Day Monday 13th January Nationwide</p>	<p>Coming-of-age Day is a day celebrating all those whom have turned 20 years old and officially become adults! Often each city holds a special ceremony and young attendees dress in their finest traditional kimonos.</p>

Japanese Word of the Month

しめ きり きょう ふ しょう
締切恐怖症

Putting together this month's newsletter was tough. I became so busy with all my other work that I kept on putting off writing this newsletter. Some might even say I had a case of 締切恐怖症（しめきりきょうふしょう）fear of deadlines. As the due date nears, one is overwhelmed with the compulsion to procrastinate.

Hyogo Trivia

Hyogo Prefecture has two artificial islands.

Both are located in Kobe!

