

Kitakami
International
Assembly
Hall
2013

Agenda

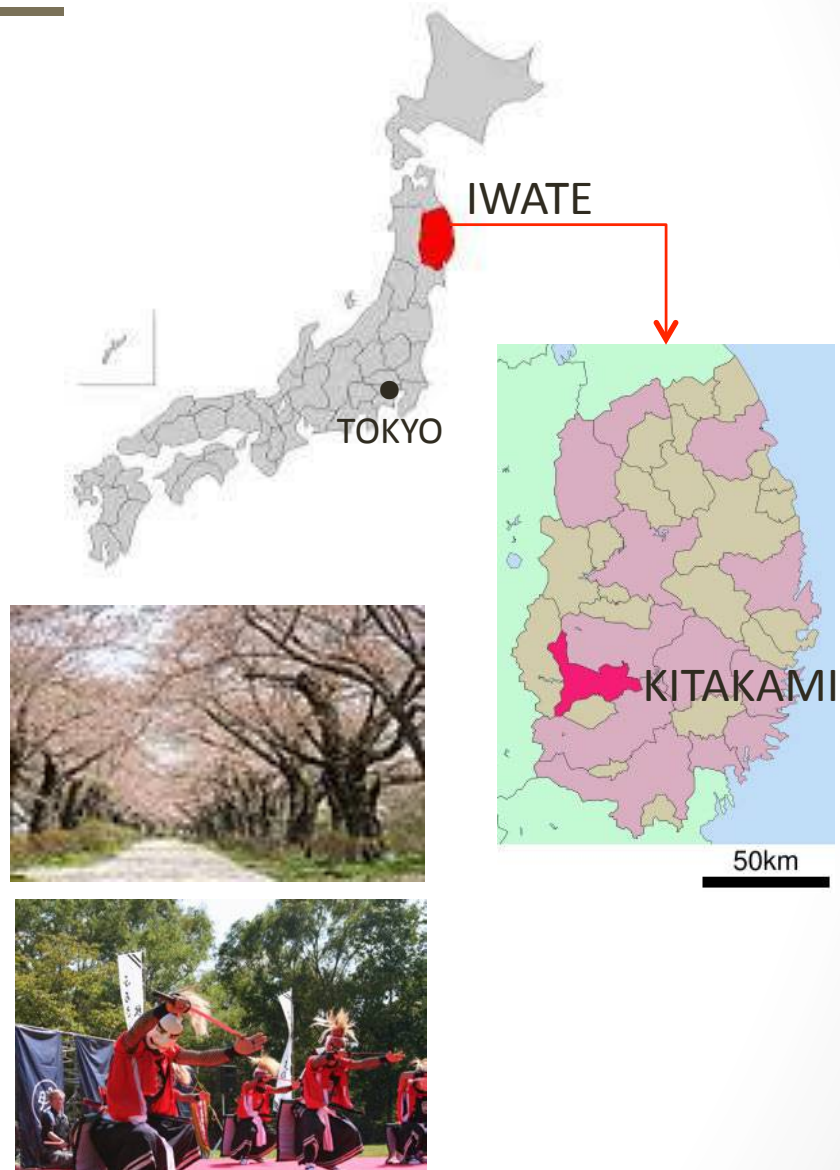
1. What is “KIAH”?
2. Where is Kitakami?
3. How “KIAH” started
4. What “KIAH” do
5. Future Plan

1. What is “KIAH”?

- Kitakami International Assembly Hall
- Based in Kitakami, Iwate, Japan
- Founded in September, 1996
- KIAH staff: 12
- KIAH volunteer members: 106
- Office hours: Monday to Saturday,
1:00 pm – 7:00 pm

2. Where is Kitakami?

- Founded in April, 1954
- 548 km from Tokyo
- Population 93,878 as of August, 2013
- Non-Japanese residents 417 as of September, 2012
- One of 3 major place famous for cherry blossoms in Japan
- Famous for Oni Kenbai, sword dance
- Sister city Concord, CA in USA since 1974



3. How “KIAH” started

- 1974
Kitakami & Concord concluded sister city relationship
- 1974 to 1989
Official sister city exchange continued by mainly public servants
- 1989
Concord was considering to stop sister city relationship

3. How “KIAH” started

- 1990 to 1994

Kitakami Junior Chamber held a leadership training seminar for citizens “Crazy Academy” every year

- 1990

One of the member of Kitakami Junior Chamber suggested to introduce sister city exchange program with Concord to the seminar and it was accepted

3. How “KIAH” started

- 1990 to 1994

A Total of 204 crazy academy member visited Concord

← the beginning of sister city exchange by citizens

- 1991

Kitakami Ambassador founded by volunteer for sister city exchange with Concord

- 1996

KIAH founded to take care of overall International relations including sister city exchange with support of Kitakami city

3. How “KIAH” started

What is “Crazy Academy”?

- “CRAZY” people have unique ideas and act quickly and positively.
- “FOOLISH” people who follow “CRAZY” people. These people help execute and continue “CRAZY” people’s ideas.
- “CLEVER” people who laugh at “CRAZY” or “FOOLISH” people. These people criticize “CRAZY” or “FOOLISH” people’s behavior.
- “STUPID” people who try to reverse “CRAZY” or “FOOLISH” people’s way of thinking.
- “HARMLESS TOWARDS MEN & BEASTS” people that show indifference to others. These people don’t do anything by themselves.

“CRAZY” people develop community with leadership abilities.
“Crazy Academy” aim to create “CRAZY” people with leadership abilities
& a sense of responsibility in community development.

4. What we do: Cultural program

1. Workshop “What is your country like?”
2. Field trip
3. Campus festival
4. Sister city celebration party
5. Dance, Sports program
6. Others

4. What we do: Workshop

- France
- Afghanistan
- Switzerland
- China
- New Zealand
- Papua New Guinea
- Canada
- Trinidad and Tobago
- Germany
- Indonesia
- Kyrgyzstan
- Tunisia

- Peru
- United of K
- Concord, USA
- Holland
- Russia



4. What we do: Field trip

- Making Soba
- Boat trip
- Hot spring
- Making ice cream
- Beach seining
- Making Tofu
- Cherry picking
- Sea fishing
- Grape dyeing
- Zazen experience
- Sandblasting



4. What we do: Campus festival

- Making accessories
- Haunted house
- Korean festival
- Nepal talk & live
- Philippine festival
- Fair trade market
- Flea market
- Carnival game
- International food stand



4. What we do: Sister city

- 20th celebration party in Concord in 1994
- 25th celebration party in Kitakami in 1999
- 30th celebration party in Concord in 2004
- 35th celebration party in Kitakami in 2009



4. What we do: Dance, Sports

- Denmark gymnastic
- Scotland dance party
- Tee ball game
- International relay race
- Tai Chi Chuan lesson
- Belly dance lesson
- Salsa & Merengue dance party



4. What we do: Others

- BBQ party
- Cherry blossoms viewing
- Halloween party
- Japanese New Year party
- Clean campaign
- Chorus concert
- Gospel workshop



4. What we do: Educational program

1. Japanese lesson
2. Foreign language lesson
3. Translation & Interpretation
4. Consultation & Counseling for non-Japanese residents

4. What we do: Japanese & Foreign language lesson

- Japanese lesson
 - One-to-one lesson
 - 1 hour per 1 lesson
 - Made Japanese text in 2011
- Foreign language lesson
 - Group lesson
 - 2 hours per 1 lesson
 - Now: English, Chinese, Spanish
 - Past: English for teachers & children, Korean, German, French, Italian



4. What we do: Translation & Interpretation

- Translation of letters from mainly Concord
- Interpretation at the sister city celebration party
- Health care interpreting
- Made Kitakami guide map in English, Chinese, Korean in 2010
- Made “How to dispose of Recyclable & Refuse” in English, Chinese in 1999



5. Future plan

- **March, 2014**
Researching for multilingualization of signs in Kitakami
- **September, 2014**
Joining Asia Masters Athletic sports tournament in Kitakami
- **October, 2014**
Sister city celebration 40th anniversary in Concord
- **2015**
Joining international linear collider invitation activity



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