XV. International Exchange Groups in Kanazawa Area

1. Extra Curricular Activities

There are 130-some cultural and athletic clubs at Kanazawa University. Each club has its own history and traditions, with excellent records at national conventions. You can find introductions to these clubs at the following website.
http://ghp.adm.kanazawa-u.ac.jp/archives/12.html

Annual events:
1. Welcome festivals for new students
2. University festival
3. Art festival for students in the Hokuriku region
4. Athletic meeting for students from national universities in the Hokuriku Region

There are various international exchange groups in Kanazawa. These groups aim to help people from abroad by introducing them to Japanese culture, arranging Japanese language classes, and providing them with information on organizations promoting intercultural exchange.

2. Ishikawa Foundation for International Exchange (IFIE)

3rd Floor, RIFARE Building, 1-5-3 Hon-machi, Kanazawa 920-0853
Tel: 076-262-5931 Fax: 076-263-5931

Opening hours are as follows:
9:00-18:00 (Mon.-Fri.)
9:00-17:00 (Sat., Sun. and National holidays)
http://www.ifie.or.jp/index.php
Ishikawa Foundation for International Exchange (IFIE, Ishikawa-ken Kokusai Kōryū Kyōkai) is the central organization for international exchanges in Ishikawa Prefecture. It carries out a range of activities to act as an intermediary between people from overseas and Japanese residents through promoting international exchange and international cooperation. IFIE also provides people from abroad with Japanese language courses, and Japanese residents with foreign language courses.

The library for International Information is available except year-end and New Year holidays.

3. Ishikawa International Lounge
1-8-10 Hirosaka, Kanazawa 920-0962
Tel: 076-221-9901 Fax: 076-260-7057
http://www.ifie.or.jp/japan/facilities/lounge/home_lounge.html

Ishikawa International Lounge is a Japanese-style building near Kenrokuuen Garden where people from overseas living in Ishikawa Prefecture can experience Japanese culture such as calligraphy, flower arrangement, tea ceremony, koto (Japanese harp), shakuhachi (bamboo flute), shamisen (three-stringed plucked lute), kimono dressing, and so on. A wide variety of classes, including Japanese classes, are offered. All classes are free of charge, but there is a charge for the cost of materials.

The lounge offers exciting chances for exchange between people from abroad and the citizens of Ishikawa Prefecture. It also provides international residents of Ishikawa with a chance to become friends with people from all over the world. The staff always welcomes people from abroad who want to discuss things.

3. 石川国際交流ラウンジ
〒920-0962 金沢市広坂1-8-10
Tel: 076-221-9901 Fax: 076-260-7057
http://www.ifie.or.jp/japan/facilities/lounge/home_lounge.html

石川国際交流ラウンジは、兼六園の近くにある和風の建物で、石川県に在住・滞在する外国人が気軽に日本文化を体験できるように、書道・茶道・琴・尺八・三味線・着物着付けなど多くの講座が開かれ、それぞれ細かく専門の講師が親切に指導しています。また、日本語教室も開かれています。どの講座も受講料は無料です（材料費のみ負担）。

このサロンでは県民との交流や、友達がほしいという外国人同士の交流も可能ですに行われていますし、日常生活での悩みや困難事には、スタッフが親切に相談に当たっています。
4. Kanazawa International Exchange Foundation (KIEF)

2nd Floor, RIFARE Building, 1-5-3, Hommachi, Kanazawa 920-0853
Tel: 076-220-2522  Fax: 076-220-2527
http://www.kief.jp

Kanazawa International Exchange Foundation (KIEF) promotes international exchanges characterized by Kanazawa’s locality and co-operating with the citizens. It carries out information services such as publishing a handbook for life in Kanazawa, a city map which come in both English and Chinese, a handbook for home-stay and home-visit hosts, and KIEF News. These publications are provided to exchange students. KIEF also organizes various exchange activities, including home visits. It also provides exchange students with financial assistance for the national health insurance.

5. International Exchange Activities and Volunteer

● KISSA

Exchange place like a salon for both International Students and Japanese Students. They often plan various international exchange events such like an international café or party etc.

- Place
  General Education Building 4th Floor, Room 464
  (Open: Mon-Fri 8:00 - 20:00, Allowed to bring food)
- Contacts
  kissa464@hotmail.co.jp
- Facebook
  Facebook > “KISSA”
### 6. Japanese Language Workshops

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