



The 12th Monthly International Culture Event Notice: Traditional Chinese Clothing!



What are Chinese traditional clothes? What kind of clothes did Chinese aristocratic women like to wear? We will not only look at traditional Chinese clothing but also consider Japanese and Korean traditional clothing! Let's deepen our knowledge of our various cultures together!

♪Date: Saturday, September 7th, 2013

♪Time: 14:30PM – 15:30PM

♪Place: Asobook Community Room

♪Presentation: Luo Yuqing

Entry is free of charge and everyone is welcome! We are looking forward to seeing you there!

Hello everyone! ^_^

I am the new Coordinator for International Relations in charge of the Monthly International Exchange Newspaper. I am from Switzerland and my name is Romy Beer. With everyone's help I hope to create an informative and fun newspaper.

To begin with, myself and the other new Coordinator for International Relations Eleanor will introduce our home countries and hometowns.

♪ Romy Beer

My home country is Switzerland and I am sure everyone here has heard of it thanks to the anime named "Heidi". As a child I also watched the anime but I had always thought it was made in Switzerland. It was only a few years later that I realized it actually came from Japan. ^_^

Although Switzerland is a small country, there are quite big differences depending on which region you live in. For example, we have four official languages, namely German, French, Italian and Romansh. However, I can only speak German and a little French. ^_^ The region where German is spoken is the biggest, and is located in the middle of Switzerland. The French speaking part is in the west, while the Italian part is located in the south. There are not many people who can actually speak Romansh (0.6% out of a population of 7,870,000), and they live in the southeast.



View of Solothurn and the Cathedral (right)

My hometown is called Solothurn and is located at the foot of the Jura mountain range. Solothurn is a small city with a long history and I can only recommend it as a great sightseeing spot. ^^ You can still see the remains of walls built during the Roman era. Solothurn is also built along the Aare River, and in summer you can swim in it or have barbeques along the riverbank. If there is enough snow in winter you can also go sledging or skiing. This aspect is similar to Niseko.

One special characteristic of Solothurn is the repetition of the number 11.

The city has 11 museums, fountains and churches. Furthermore, the main cathedral was built in 11 years (1762-1773), the facade is 3×11 meters high and the steps in front of the building are divided into 3 groups of 11 steps.

If you ever go to Switzerland please visit Solothurn!

♪ Eleanor Wyllie

Hello, my name is Eleanor Wyllie and I come from a small village called Bayford in the southeast part of the United Kingdom. Perhaps you already have some mental images of the UK: afternoon tea, the royal family, a lot of rain, and food that isn't very tasty. Like other countries there are various cultural stereotypes, and some of them are truer than others. For example, it really does rain a lot, but the food isn't all bad!

Like Japan, the UK is a small island country. Although it is small, there are many regional differences in foods and accents. There are also people from many different cultures who come from all over the world to live here, especially in larger cities such as London and Manchester.

The UK's multiculturalism means that we have many different types of food, not just fish and chips. Italian, Indian and Chinese food are very popular, and we even have our own "Indian-style" curry called chicken tikka. A lot of traditional British food is cooked in ovens, so it is hard to make in Japan, but while I am here I would like to try and introduce some British food to you.

My hometown, Bayford, is a small village with a population of about four hundred people. There are no shops and no post office, but we have one elementary school, a church, and a pub. The farms in my neighborhood keep livestock such as cows, sheep, and horses, and grow various crops. In some ways my hometown is similar to Niseko, but there are also many differences between the Japanese and British countryside (we don't grow rice for a start!) I look forward to exploring Niseko.



Fish and chips: It doesn't look great, but it's tasty.