

## Reiho Fuji (2023 Winter Edition)



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## **Greetings from the IAD**

Greetings from the International Affairs Desk! It's going to be a very cold winter and we are almost towards the end of 2023! It's been the first year since the government decided to downgrade COVID to Level 5 which means it is treated like the seasonal flu and masks aren't mandatory anymore! Besides this, for the first time in 4 years the Colorado Springs Sister City Homestay Middle School Program and it was a huge success! The IAD staff and Middle School students met with the new mayor for the first time and it was an honor for everyone!

Also during the fall the 2023 Ruby World Cup happened in France! While there weren't any matches in our sister city many people here in Fujiyoshida cheered for each respective countries despite the fact that Japan didn't advance at all. That being said, the Japanese basketball team are qualified for the Summer Olympics next year which be held in Paris, France. This makes it the first time 48 years to ever participate in such an event.

From all of us at International Affairs Desk, this year has been incredible so we hope that your remaining days of the year will be splendid and hope you will have an incredible start of the New Year!

Happy Holidays!

Arik Stuvek

December 26, 2023



## ALT Report

We are very happy to have wide range of English teachers in Fujiyoshida! In this segment we have Edgar Manahan, an ALT teaching in Shimoyoshida Dai Ichi Elementary School!



### Short Q&A

1. What inspired you to teach here in Fujiyoshida?  
- I love nature! The first thing that I knew about Fujiyoshida is that, Fujiyoshida City is the closest city to Mt. Fuji and has a lot of lakes around it. I love fishing, boating and feel the fresh air of nature. So, I guess this is what inspired me to teach in Fujiyoshida.
  
2. Have you lived elsewhere in Japan prior to coming to Fujiyoshida?  
- Yes! I lived in Yokohama and Tokyo. I had the experience of living into these two big cities and compared to Fujiyoshida, I prefer to live here for good (I hope).
  
3. Where do you currently teach English?  
- I teach in Shimoyoshida Dai Ichi Elementary School. The school staff are very friendly and kind here. The students are also very nice.

4. What do you most enjoy about being an ALT (Assistant Language Teacher)? Has there been any hurdles you had to face?

As an ALT, I enjoyed sharing my culture or something about my country to my students or school staff. Being an ALT is more than just teaching, we are the window to the world for the students and community.

Hurdles that I have to face? Hmmm? I guess the language barrier. I can understand Japanese but not 100% I still learning Japanese so that I can communicate flawlessly with my school staff.

5. What do you like to do on your spare time?

On my spare time I sometimes go out with my family, sometimes I just watch anime, movie or play online games. But most of it I make informative videos for my social media like YouTube and TikTok.

6. Would there be any advice that you give to prospective English Teachers in Japan?

Hi there! Yes you! The one who wants to be an English teacher here in Japan. All I can say is that enjoy what you are going to do in school when you get the position as an ALT. Make fun and learning class, learn the Japanese culture and introduce your culture to the students.

7. Is there any particular Japanese Anime that you like?

- I love "BLEACH", I'm a fan of samurais, ninjas, and I am amazed watching fights using katana with powers. So, when I first watched Bleach, I started to love it. BANKAI!!!

8. What are your personal goals for the remainder of the year?

- Since Christmas is coming and Christmas is the last big event for the end of the year for me, I just want to spend Christmas with my family and have fun quality time with them.

Thank you so much Edgar for being part of this edition, your answers were awesome!!!

## Film Showcase

The movie that we will be looking at will be Godzilla Minus One. Feeling as if he unfairly cheated death too many times, Shikishima, a surviving Kamikaze pilot is attacked on Odo Island along with many war plane engineers by a gargantuan monster. After the engineers die due to Shikishima failing to distract the monster, an overwhelming amount of guilt weighs on him, especially after a homeless woman and a baby move into his home when he returns. Shikishima, now on a personal mission, teams up with a large group of veterans to finally take down the monster known as Godzilla.

The film deals with the themes of guilt and shame. Godzilla Minus One opens up with Shikishima lying about a faulty engine to evade his deathly orders. This in itself presents the personal shame that he faces.

It's already a big hit here so I urge you go to see it on the big screen!



## Letter Sudoku

Sudoku is a logic based puzzle in which nine numbers must be placed in a grid so that each row, column and 3x3 box contains exactly one of each number.

Try this version, which uses letters instead of numbers!

If you take your time and think carefully, it should take approximately between an hour to 2 hours.

The letters used in this sample are: w m t n r l e a o

### Sample

w		r	m	l	a	t	e	o
		l			r	w		m
o	e	m	t	n	w	a		l
m	r				n	o	t	a
	l			e	m	n	w	r
	w			t				e
	o	n	w	a			l	
l	m				t	e	a	
e	a			m	l	r		w

Even if you are new to this you can try it out!!

\*\*\*\*Answers are available via this link

<https://www.lettersandwordssudoku.com/>

## Contact Info

If you are interested in learning more through the IAD here are some ways you can get in touch!!

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