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大河毛馬桜之宮公園 桜祭り特集

Okawa River Kema-Sakuranomiya Park
Sakura Festival Special Feature



天神さんのおみくじ

OBKGは学問の神様のお膝元にあります。
日々の勉強も勝負の受験もきっと見守ってくれますよ。

01 Topics

Omikuji Fortunes at Tenjin Shrine – OBKG is in the home territory of the god of scholarship. Certain to watch over your everyday studies and your college entrance exams.

A BLEND OF THE OLD AND THE NEW IN THE SHRINE GROUNDS. SO MANY EXCITING EVENTS!

The day of the photo shoot was the day of the OBKG graduation ceremony. Three OBKG students who had come to Osaka Temmangu Shrine previously to pray before their college entrance examinations, have come back to the shrine before the ceremony to offer their thanks for their success in getting into their chosen colleges. Located just five minutes' walk from OBKG, Osaka Temmangu Shrine, which enshrines the god of scholarship, Sugawara no Michizane, has a history of over 1,000 years. It attracts many thousands of students not only from Osaka, but from all over Japan, who come here to pray for academic success. Along with the many shrine rituals, including Tenjin Matsuri, one of Japan's most famous festivals, Osaka Temmangu Shrine holds numerous events. These include the Bonbaiten or Plum Bonsai Fair, an exhibition exclusively of Japanese plum tree bonsai, in spring, and the Mikagura, performances of traditional Shinto music and dance. In collaboration with one of Osaka's most popular FM radio stations, which is located nearby, live performances by

super-famous artists are sometimes held in the shrine grounds, so if you come to OBKG, be sure to check them out.

TAKE HOME ONLY A WONDERFUL FUTURE WITH AN OMIKUJI OR OMAMORI.

There are many different things to do in the shrine grounds every season, but at any time of year, one thing you should definitely try is the *omikuji*. *Omikuji* are similar to the pieces of paper found in fortune cookies. You receive one by drawing a number out of a special wooden box and the *miko* will give you an *omikuji* that corresponds to that number, which predicts your future in a variety of areas of your life. A *miko*, or shrine maiden, is a woman who serves the deities by performing the clerical work of a Shinto shrine. The fortunes told on the *omikuji* are ranked in degree of good fortune from "Daikichi," the best, to "Daikyo," the worst. If the *omikuji* you draw is not a very good one, instead of taking that bad luck home with you, you can tie it to a designated return spot in the shrine grounds. During the photo shoot, one of our models drew a "Kyo," which predicted bad luck, so she tied it to a spot in the shrine

grounds and left that bad luck behind. The shop near the shrine office sells a variety of *omamori*, or talismans, not just for success in studies, but for other prayers such as traffic safety and good health. Our three models each bought themselves an *omamori* to take with them into their new lives at university. By the way, in Osaka, where OBKG is located, we have a unique cultural custom of attaching the suffix "san" or "chan" to the names of places and things to express our affection for them. For example, the ancient and honorable Osaka Temmangu, where our photo shoot took place, even though it is a *kami-sama*, or god, is affectionately called "Tenjin-san." If you become a student at OBKG, without a doubt, you are sure to be called a "Gakusei-san." 🍡



神社の参拝方法 @ 天神さん

辞書形 + まえに

02
Nihongo

辞書形

I グループ

行きます 行く

II グループ

投げます 投げる

III グループ

します する



新しい単語 名詞： 神社 道 右 左 お金 礼 手
 名前 住所 感謝 お願い
 動詞： 通ります 歩きます 投げます
 鳴らします たたきます
 言います します



じんじゃもん
神社の門

1 回礼をします。 門を通ります。
 門を通るまえに、1 回礼をします。
 道の右か左を歩きます。(真ん中を歩きません)

てみず
手水

手を洗います。 本殿へ行きます。
 本殿へ行くまえに、手を洗います。

ほんでん
本殿

礼をします。 手をたたきます。
 手をたたくまえに、礼をします。
 1, 2 回礼をします。
 2, 2 回手をたたきます。
 3, 心の中で名前と住所と感謝の言葉を言います。
 4, 1 回礼をします。



神社の門



手水



本殿(礼)



本殿(手をたたく)





03 Feature

歴史と文化と自然。
大阪は日本でいちばん暮らしやすい街です。

**History, Culture, and Nature
Osaka is Japan's most livable city.**

OBKG IS CLOSE TO SEVERAL OF JAPAN'S MOST FAMOUS CHERRY BLOSSOM VIEWING SPOTS.

Just five minutes' walk east from OBKG is the Okawa River, a class A river that flows through the center of Osaka. There are numerous facilities along the banks of the river, including parks, green paths, and tennis courts. It is an area of rest and relaxation for the people of Osaka, who come here to get away from the hustle and bustle of the city and to experience the nature of the four seasons. How about taking a break from your studies and going for a jog? The banks of Okawa River offer the perfect jogging courses. The avenue of cherry trees that continues for about 3 km from this area toward Osaka Castle is one of Osaka's best cherry blossom spots. On the day of our photo shoot, the blossoms were almost at full bloom, and the avenue was packed with people looking at the flowers, as well as numerous stalls selling delicious street food. Incidentally, "Ohanami," or blossom-viewing, is something like a day

camp under the cherry trees. People from some cultures may find it a little hard to believe that people drink and get boisterous in a public place in the middle of the day, but this is one aspect of Japan's seasonal culture. Our OBKG students look like they're having a good time, too. Look out over the river and you will see lots of pleasure craft plying the waters. As part of the tourism business that Osaka, known as "the water capital," is promoting heavily, there is a large variety of boats sailing the river, from large vessels that carry many passengers to small boats that are able to pass under the arches of blossom-laden branches that almost touch the river surface. These craft are not very expensive to board, so be sure to take a ride in one. The city of Osaka seen from the water is a special sight.

CANDY APPLE, COTTON CANDY, KINGYO-SUKUI. SO MANY EXCITING NEW THINGS TO TRY!

When you come to the end of the cherry tree-lined avenue along the Okawa River, if

you walk a little further, you will arrive at Osaka Castle's outer moat. In this season of early spring, many street food stalls set up along the road leading to the Castle Tower. The air is rich with the delicious aromas of a variety of "B-kyu gurume" (B-grade gourmet) foods, such as *ikayaki*, which is a whole grilled squid, a large grilled sausage on a skewer known as a "frankfurt," and *Castella-yaki*, pancake mixture that has been cooked in a small ball shape. The first *B-kyu gurume* food we want to show you in this edition can be seen in Photo A. Do you know what they are? These are a sweet snack unique to Japan, called, from right, *budo-ame* (candy grape), *ichigo-ame* (candy strawberry), and *ringo-ame* (candy apple). They are whole grapes, strawberries, and apples that have been coated in candy. Bite into the crunchy candy coating, and fruit juice comes bursting out. Try it once and you might be hooked. Photo B is a particularly popular street food called *watagashi* (cotton candy). Fine sugar is heated and melted, then spun in a machine that is



something like a centrifuge. The melted sugar flies out and scatters around inside the machine, where it cools and forms a candy floss, which is gathered up with a stick. Mmm...It's a bit hard to explain. You will just have to try it for yourself. Watching the cotton candy being made is something of an attraction in itself. Finally, we have Photo C. This is a game called *kingyo-sukui*, literally "goldfish scooping." The number of goldfish you scoop up will determine what kind of prize you win. The goldfish are scooped up with a paddle known as a "*poi*," which is a ring with thin paper stretched across it. The trick is to get the goldfish on the whole piece of paper. If you are too hesitant and only dip the edges of the *poi* in the water, it will weaken the paper and it will soon tear. National *kingyo-sukui* championships are held every year, and some *kingyo-sukui* masters can scoop up close to 100 goldfish with a single *poi*. If you haven't grown up playing this game, it might seem a little cruel.

MAKE YOUR DREAMS COME TRUE IN OSAKA, JUST LIKE TOYOTOMI HIDEYOSHI.

Osaka Castle is a one of Japan's most superb castles, built by Toyotomi Hideyoshi, who was a general from the Warring States Period to the Azuchi-Momoyama Period. The life of the Castle's lord, who made the most of his personal connections and various ideas to make his way up in the world, from his humble beginnings as a simple farmer to become the ruler of the entire land, is a familiar tale to the people of Osaka. Don't you think that the way you have come to Osaka with your own big dreams is somehow similar to Toyotomi Hideyoshi? The current Osaka Castle is a reconstruction. It has a floor where you can see historical picture scrolls depicting tales about Toyotomi Hideyoshi and Osaka Castle in holograms and on panorama vision, and a corner where you can don the helmet and armor of the Warring States generals. 🍡



Photo A
Budo-ame, Ichigo-ame, and Ringo-ame



Photo B
Watagashi



The bustle continues until late at night



Photo C
Kingyo-sukui



Osaka Castle



Street food stalls



REALIZING YOUR JAPAN DREAMS TOGETHER!

What sort of place is a Japanese language school? We asked Mr. Oka, the principal of Osaka Bunka Kokusai Gakkou (hereafter, "OBKG")!

- WHAT SORT OF SCHOOL IS OBKG?

MR. OKA: OBKG is proud of its long history of 31 years as a Japanese language school in Osaka. Most Japanese language schools just teach Japanese but OBKG provides support all the way through to entering university or graduate school, or finding full-time employment to begin your career in Japan, to enable all our students to realize their dreams.

- WHAT SORT OF PLACE IS OSAKA?

MR. OKA: Osaka attracts attention from all around the world as Japan's second city. The cost of living is significantly lower than in Tokyo,

- DO YOU HAVE MANY REFERENCE MATERIALS?

MR. OKA: As well as subscriptions to newspapers and economic magazines, with an eye to the needs of students applying to universities, graduate schools and company employment tests, we also have abundant resources in terms of reference works in the fields of business management, economics, sociology, welfare, social linguistics and public policy, etc. In addition, in terms of Japanese language learning texts, we have purchased almost all texts published in Japan and are using them in our lessons.

- WHAT IS THE LOCAL AREA LIKE AROUND THE SCHOOL?

MR. OKA: It is a very quiet downtown area, highly suitable as a study environment. There is a market and shopping area nearby, a large

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and Osaka has a rich local character and is inhabited by warm-hearted people. It is a great place to live and learn.

- WHAT IS DAILY LIFE AT THE SCHOOL LIKE?

MR. OKA: Our staff actively watch out for the interests of our students in their daily life at the school, like your own Japanese parents. We all live and learn together, just like a big family.

- DO ALL YOUR STUDENTS GET INTO UNIVERSITY?

MR. OKA: 100% of OBKG students get into university. All our students get into the university or graduate school of their choice. Over 2,000 of our graduates are currently active in the frontline of a wide range of fields.

- CAN I FIND FULL-TIME EMPLOYMENT IN JAPAN?

MR. OKA: Of course. OBKG is accredited by the Japanese government to conduct employment mediation. If you wish to find employment in Japan, we will provide full back-up.

- WHAT FACILITIES DO YOU OFFER?

MR. OKA: As well as shared PCs available for your use, we have a permanent collection of over 4,000 books in our library. Our Wi-Fi environment also enables you to keep in contact with your family without any stress.

park, as well as the Temmangu Shrine, where one of Japan's three most famous festivals, the Tenjin festival is held, enabling students to experience authentic Japanese lifestyle in between their studies.

- WHAT STYLE OF LEARNING IS USED AT THE SCHOOL?

MR. OKA: Students have the same teacher from entering the school right through to graduation. Class size is small, enabling us to spend time on guiding each individual student. In addition, students acquire proficiency here sooner than in other schools because we organize our classes to be multi-national so that Japanese is the only common language. We want all our graduates to want to communicate their love for Japan to the rest of the world. 🌏

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Career Support

- Career Decision Rate 97%(March 2017)
- Job Offer Rate 8.3 companies
(Each student has an average in the three fields)

Syusei supports all students to find their fit job through career guidance and many other events held in the institute.

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This edition's special feature,
Okawa river Sakura Festival,
is 5 minutes'walk from OBKG.



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