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Tenjinbashi-suji 3-chome Special Feature

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日本初のHOGOKEN CAFEって？

目標は殺処分ゼロ。
ひとりでも多くの来店がこの運動を支えます。

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Topics

What is Japan's first HOGOKEN CAFÉ? – Our goal is for no unwanted animals to be put down. The more visitors to the café, the more support it means for our activities.

**80,000 ANIMALS A YEAR.
SO MANY SMALL LIVES
LOST WITHOUT ANYONE KNOWING.**

Pop idols singing and dancing brightly, animated heroes saving the world. In the shadow of the world's image of "Cool Japan" lies a much darker reality, something that goes beyond cool and could only be described as "cold-blooded." Every year, the lives of over 80,000 blameless cats and dogs are lost by being put down at health centers.

HOGOKEN CAFÉ is a place to bring together cats and dogs that, because of the selfish acts of humans, have nowhere to go and have been miraculously rescued from the fate of being put down, with new owners who understand the value of life and will give these animals their love for their rest of their lives. Our aim is to save as many of these animals as possible by spreading the world about the fact that so many lives are being taken without anyone knowing, and ultimately to no animals being put down in this way.

Not far from OBKG is the HOGOKEN CAFÉ Tenjinbashi Branch.

When you hear about cats and dogs that had been destined to be put down, you may imag-

ine a scene of these animals gazing at you sadly from behind cold steel cages, but the reality here is completely different. At this café, you can interact with these cats and dogs in a bright and cheerful environment.

The animals that greet you with happily wagging tails and a lively chorus of meows come in varying breeds and ages. They are all so charming, it is hard to imagine how they could have ever arrived at such a fate.

**ANYBODY IS WELCOME TO THE CAFÉ
EVEN JUST TO PLAY WITH THE ANIMALS.**

Despite having been thrown away or mistreated in the past, they will sidle up to you trustingly and drape themselves over your knees.

'It would be difficult for international students to adopt these animals, but it is fine for them to just come and play with them. You are always very welcome.' So says the café manager who helped with our photo shoot.

A HAPPY FUTURE FOR THESE SMALL LIVES

'We hope these animals will meet new owners who are overflowing with love for them, and that this time, they will really be happy.' The

same thought was bound to have crossed the minds of our three international students. To our international students who come to Japan to make your dreams come true. Whenever you feel homesick or worried about anything, please pay a visit to HOGOKEN CAFÉ. Come and play with the cats and dogs, and soothe your tired spirit. Then go and tell as many people as possible about this wonderful place and share with them the significance of HOGOKEN CAFÉ's existence and activities. Those actions are bound to help realize the café's goal of no more animals being put down and deliver a happy future to the dogs and cats here. 🍀

HOGOKEN CAFE
<http://DesignOsaka.com/Hogoken>



ABOUT THE COVER PHOTOGRAPH

Three OBKG students who helped with the photo shoot. From left Zhao Chuolin from China, Cabrolie Damien Anthony from France, and Grace Livia John Karly from Indonesia. Chuolin and Grace are hoping to find employment in Japan after graduation, while Damien plans to return to France, where he hopes to work in fashion. The day of the shoot was a very hot one, and many passersby gave them words of encouragement to our three students, calling out things like 'Good luck!' and 'Are you models?'



浴衣を着ながら日本語を勉強しよう！

て形+みよう の応用

02

Nihongo

STUDY JAPANESE WHILE WEARING YUKATA!

After playing with the cute cats and dogs, it was time to take a stroll down Tenjinbashiuji Shopping Street! To make the most of it, they decided to dress in yukata for a walk.

The store that dressed our three students in yukata, Japan's traditional summer kimono, was Temma Kimono. At this store, you can choose the kimono you like, and a stylist will coordinate it with the obi sash, juban (undergarments), tabi socks, and zori sandals, dress you, and do your hair and make-up. After that, a professional photographer will take your photo, and then you can wander around the neighborhood for an hour or so wearing the kimono. Anyone who has ever wanted to try dressing in kimono, come and try it! The all-inclusive price is a very reasonable ¥1,980. Our three students, who were dressed in kimono for the first time, were quite excited at how different they looked from their usual selves.



I グループ

行きます ⇒ 行ってみよう
⇒ 大阪へ行ってみよう

II グループ

食べます ⇒ 食べてみよう
⇒ お好み焼きを食べてみよう

III グループ

勉強します ⇒ 勉強してみよう
⇒ 日本語を勉強してみよう

新しい単語

名詞： ゆかた ひも おび
動詞： まきます I グループ
むすびます I グループ
きます II グループ
しめます II グループ



① ゆかた き 浴衣を着ます。
⇒ 浴衣を着て、

② ひも こしほね した ま 紐を腰骨の下で巻きます。
⇒ 紐を腰骨の下で巻いて、

③ おび むす 帯を結びます。
⇒ 帯を結んで、

④ まつ い 祭りに行きます。
⇒ 祭りに行ってみよう!



Kimonos supplied by Temma Kimono
<http://DesignOsaka.com/Kimono>



03 Feature

あなたを待っている街・大阪は、
今世界が注目する日本第2の都市。
日本一長い商店街には、日本が全部詰まっています。

**Japan's second largest city and the focus of attention of the world,
the city of Osaka awaits.**
The whole of Japan is packed into Japan's longest shopping street.

The district of Temma, where OBKG is located, is an old-style, lively town, just one stop away on the train from Osaka Station in the center of Osaka. Nearby Tenjinbashiuji Shopping Street, at 2.7 km, is the longest shopping street in Japan. Many different stores line the street, from shops selling traditional Japanese ingredients, daily goods, and Japanese sweets, to what is probably Japan's cheapest supermarket, a boon for our international students who have to cook for themselves, as well as a variety of boutiques and affordable, delicious restaurants and bars.

In this special feature, we will introduce Tenjinbashiuji 3-chome, the middle section of Tenjinbashiuji Shopping Street. On the day of the photo shoot, Tenjin Matsuri, one of Japan's three greatest festivals, which boasts a history of 1,000 years, was just a week away, and preparations were well underway along the street, with huge *chobchin* lanterns and *torii* gate decorations being strung overhead from the arcade. The atmosphere was very lively.

SHOPPING STREET BUSTLING WITH EXCITEMENT WITH NEW AND RENOVATED STORES OPENING

In recent years, Tenjinbashiuji Shopping Street has seen a spate of new shops opening, such as pizzerias, Italian bars, and cafés, and it is fast becoming a popular date spot for young people.

Our three students first dropped in on T-GREEN'S café, with its open terrace facing out into the shopping street and its walls overflowing with greenery. Here, you can enjoy the kinds of natural foods that are very popular with young women in Japan today.

Particularly recommended is the all-you-can-eat salad bar, featuring organic vegetables, which comes in a set with the lunch menus. You can eat your fill of carefully selected organic vegetables, so we recommend this place when you want to get plenty of nutrition.

Other items on the menu score also full marks for originality and volume! You are bound to be satisfied by the delicious flavors of Osaka, "the Gourmet City" that is attract-

ing global attention today. T-GREEN'S also has full Wi-Fi services, so you can send your family your latest news while you enjoy a relaxing cup of tea.

GET ALL THE DISHES YOU NEED FOR YOUR NEW LIFE HERE

Tamaichi Doi Ceramics first opened on Tenjinbashiuji Shopping Street 64 years ago, and has continued for four generations. While it has a venerable history, that does not mean that the store has a stiff and formal atmosphere. Instead, it is packed full of tableware and glasses for everyday use. When you see the chopstick rests in the shape of animals and fish, you will realize that Japan's "Kawaii" culture, which has taken the world by storm, has been around for a very long time.

DO COME AND TRY AN AUTHENTIC TAIYAKI

There is a sweet Japanese snack that is currently enjoying a boom in popularity in Asian



The very distinctive knife shop draws you in. [Kunishige Knife Store]



A full set of armor is on display alongside the knives that line the shelves. [Kunishige Knife Store]



Damien was intrigued by their beauty. [Kunishige Knife Store]

countries. That is *taiyaki*. Natural Taiyaki Naruto Taiyaki Store, which has always insisted on the traditional method of cooking one *taiyaki* at a time, is a very popular store, with never-ending lines of people waiting to try their wares.

The history of *taiyaki* began when this sweet was made into the shape of a *tai* or snapper, because the real fish was out of reach of the common people. Like the *taiyaki*, that kind of playful culture, in which the common people found their own ways of enjoying their lives, is still alive and well in Osaka today. When you come to Japan, if you discover something that looks interesting or that intrigues you, please ask about it. You are sure to encounter a Japan that cannot be found in the textbooks.

Finally, we'll teach you the key to enjoying Osaka life, at Tenjinbashiuji Shopping Street and beyond. That is, whatever shop you go into, if the shopkeeper is around 50 to 60 years old, be bold and speak to them, calling the women "Okāsan" and the men "Otōsan." If you do that, they are bound to look after you as well as if you were their own child.

**OSAKA, A CITY OF ENCOUNTERS.
OPEN UP YOUR HEART AND DIVE IN.**

It is the same whether it's an historic knife shop that has been around for 250 years, with displays of Japanese swords and armor, or a Western cake shop with pretty desserts lined up in the showcase. It doesn't matter if your Japanese isn't very fluent. The people of Osaka are the world's best at communication that goes beyond words. If you become friendly with the shopkeepers, in typical Osaka fashion, they will give you special extras and service beyond what you pay for, or they will urge you to have a "taste" of their wares. Please enjoy Osaka to the fullest, not as a tourist destination, but as a "town for living in." 🍷



Instead of being called a "bowl" or a "saucer," Japanese earthenware is called by the name of the region it was made in. The bowl and other items the students are holding are known as "setomono," from Seto City in Aichi Prefecture. [Doi Toki]



The distinctive feature of this shopping street is the way the shops are crammed full of their wares. [Doi Toki]



These cat ornaments have been popular in Japan since olden days for the way their gesture appears to be inviting in people or money.



Not long until the festival. Be sure to come and join in next year. [Tenjinbashiuji Shopping Street]



The girls are in rapture over all the pretty cakes. [CREAM KITCHEN]



The most recommended cake is the Tenjin Roll, which is packed full of cream. [CREAM KITCHEN]



At the salad bar, you can eat as much as you like! [I-GREEN'S]



Of course, there is also an extensive lunch menu. [I-GREEN'S]



In-store Wi-Fi. Admire the ornamental plants from the tables! [I-GREEN'S]



BECOME WHO YOU WANT TO BE!

The University of Marketing and Distribution Sciences offers a variety of active-learning programs, in collaboration with some of Japan's top companies and local communities. Located in Kobe, the city next to Osaka, this university takes on many of OBKG's graduates every year. We spoke to Hideaki Shimane, Manager of UMDS's Entrance Examination Section.

DEPUTY PRINCIPAL INOUE: What about if they want to work somewhere other than Japan?
MR. SHIMANE: Japanese companies hold extremely high hopes for international students to act as a connection with the various overseas countries. Whether that be in dealing with tourists, or in trade operations, in countries into which Japanese companies have made remarkable inroads, they need people who can facilitate on issues concerning the local language, culture, and customs, and who can be placed in a position of instructing

04
Talk

GO TO THE FUTURE!

Lets' take a quick look at the future! - ちょっと未来を見に行こう!

COORDINATION BETWEEN THE INTERNATIONAL STUDENT SUPPORT SECTION AND THE CAREERS DEPARTMENT LEADS TO HIGH GRADUATE EMPLOYMENT RATES

DEPUTY PRINCIPAL INOUE: Firstly, could you tell us what sort of university the University of Marketing and Distribution Sciences is?

MR. SHIMANE OF UMDS: The University of Marketing and Distribution Sciences is a university that accepts many international students who hope to work in Japan after graduation, and helps them to find employment. We have many international students from OBKG enroll every year. Our graduates mostly find employment with retail companies, such as the large convenience store chains. Recently, we are also seeing more students going to work in hotels and ryokan inns. Our percentage of graduates receiving firm offers of employment, including our Japanese students, is 98% for the university overall. The vast majority of international students who come here with hopes of finding work in Japan have those dreams fulfilled.

DEPUTY PRINCIPAL INOUE: How do you manage to achieve such high rates of graduate employment?

MR. SHIMANE: A major factor is the existence of the International Student Support Section, which is dedicated solely to supporting our international students, something not seen in many other universities. At regular universities, international students conduct their job-hunting activities in the mix with the local Japanese students, whereas UMDS, which has close to 500 international students, our International Student Support Section acts as a conduit between international

students who want to work in Japan and companies that are looking to recruit international students.

DEPUTY PRINCIPAL INOUE: When do your international students usually start looking for work in Japan?

MR. SHIMANE: UMDS offers a curriculum that is conscious of employment after graduation as soon as the students first enroll, so our students are able to look ahead to the future earlier than students at other universities. Our first-year curriculum in our three undergraduate faculties of Commerce, Economics, and Human and Social Sciences is suited to a wide range of occupations, so if they are hoping to work in an ordinary company, almost all of the subject offerings would be good targets for our international students. While it would be difficult to decide on a career path just from that, we invite people working at the front line of their professions from many companies to act as lecturers, so our students can start to develop real image of themselves after graduation.

local staff.

DEPUTY PRINCIPAL INOUE: What are some of the specific types of employers that have taken on your graduates?

MR. SHIMANE: There are the Japanese-style distribution and retail operations, such as the supermarkets and convenience store chains that are currently taking the world by storm. There is a high demand for people who understand the mechanisms for the efficient control of everything, such as manufacturer inventories and delivery routes from the cash register under the POS systems that have been developed in Japan.

DEPUTY PRINCIPAL INOUE: Finally, a message for those international students who are hoping to find employment in Japan and out in the world.

MR. SHIMANE: Your greatest weapon is your guts and determination to make your own dreams come true. If you can use the skills that suit your chosen occupation to strengthen that tough mentality even further, your dreams are sure to be fulfilled. 🍀

The University of Marketing and Distribution Sciences
<http://DesignOsaka.com/Ryuka>



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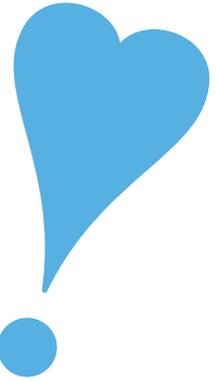
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- Job Offer Rate 8.3 companies (Each student has an average in the three fields)

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Tenjinbashi Shopping Street 3-chome,
 is 3 minutes' walk from OBKG.



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