

Courtesy call on Neyagawa City and Neyagawa City Council

The delegates paid a courtesy call on Neyagawa City and City Council on November 19th. Under the presence of Neyagawa city Mayor Norio KITAKAWA, Mr. Keiji BANDO, the chairman of Neyagawa City Council, Mr. Yoshiki HIROOKA, the vice chairman, and Mr. Ikuo TAKASU, the superintendent of the Neyagawa city Board of Education, Neyagawa and Newport News city admired the friendship between two cities for a long time, and promised the development of much exchange. And Ms. Katie Stodghill, head leader of the delegation was awarded the title of special honorary citizen by the Neyagawa city, being praised her great achievement.



Visiting Kyoto

The delegates and NIEFA members visited Kyoto which is one of the popular places among delegation members. At “Senbon Torii” (1000 Torii gate) in Fushimi Inari Shrine, they took many pictures, and enjoyed tasteful atmosphere at Sake Breweries in Fushimi. Members also experienced making traditional Japanese sweets and challenged delicate techniques.



Visiting Schools

The delegates visited a high school and a university in Neyagawa city. The students of the schools had prepared for their visit, and they established friendly relationship and deepened exchange through Japanese cultural activities.



Cultural Exchange

The citizen’s cultural exchange event was held on Nov.21st. The youth members of the delegation made presentations. Participants were experienced some cultural workshops such as paper string and hergarium. The delegation members enjoyed wearing Kimonos and tea ceremony cooperated by the teachers of Neyagawa City Cultural Association.



Visiting Narita-san Fudo-son Temple

The delegates visited Narita-san Fudo-son Temple and prayed the safety of their journey. This temple is dedicated the God, Fudo-son, who exclude evil spirits.



Narita-san Fudo-son also offers blessings of traffic safety for visitors. Thanks for the Fudo-son, all the itinerary went safely and smoothly.

Farewell Party

NIEFA held the farewell party with many guests, host families and delegation. A youth member of the delegation performed a song. It proceeded in a friendly atmosphere from start to finish. A delegation commented that they fully enjoyed staying in Neyagawa, although the visit lasted only a short term.

