

Crossroads

CROSSROADS Language Studio's Newsletter, August 2009

Summer Festivals

Summer seems to bring out the “athlete” in us. And many festivals around the world at this time of year encourage a certain physicality from the participants – Matsuyama’s Summer Festival as experienced by the dancers and bands who parade along Okaido each year, could be seen as one example. Here are some other examples of unusual, physically demanding, summer festivals from other parts the world:

The Cheese Rolling Festival: People of Gloucester, UK love their cheese so much that they are literally willing to break their necks to get some! In early summer, some of these hardy folk line up at the top of Cooper’s Hill near Brockworth.

Thousands come to watch, including an ambulance crew to tend bruised and broken bodies after the race is run. The idea is to send a 3.5kg round of Double Gloucester Cheese rolling

down this very steep hill at about 112 km per hour. The participants charge after it, running, jumping, rolling, even flying, until they reach the bottom. The first one down, wins. And, the prize? The roll of cheese, of course!

A Wife Carrying Event: This festival-race has been held in Finland each year for 17 years, the last 14 years as a “World Championship”!

It is held in Sonkajärvi and is believed to go back to an early 19th century tradition that started with “wife stealing”! Thousands come to watch and cheer on the contestants. The race is over a 253.5 mtr obstacle course, and the runners are forbidden to drop their “wives” at any time during the race. Their prize? Their “wife’s” weight in beer!



Baby Jumping Festival: This one is held in Castillo de Murcia in northern Spain and has a more serious tone to it than the other two here. The tradition goes back to 1620. It has been rated as one of the most dangerous festivals in the world, but the intention is for the baby’s wellbeing; the idea is to ensure the babies have a safe and healthy life. It is also meant to cleanse them of “original sin” and protect them against illness and evil spirits. The jumpers dress as the Colacho, representing of the Devil, and jump over as many as half a dozen babies at a time – group cleansing?



Net News

NET LESSONS: Are you too busy to come to CROSSROADS?... Try our *lessons on the Internet!* It’s CROSSROADS in your home or office! You get CROSSROADS’ great teachers, teaching programs, even classmates, *on-line!* Call for details: **089 9217595**

NET SITE OF THE MONTH:

Here’s a video of the 2008 Cooper’s Hill cheese rolling race:
<http://au.video.yahoo.com/watch/2748734/7990891>

NET NOTEBOOK: Don’t forget to take a look at the Internet activity notebook in our open-house. You’ll find games, news and English learning sites.

Some Thoughts for the Month



Joshua Says: We had another great night last month at the End of Term Party. Both groups that performed their plays did excellent jobs – congratulations to everyone who participated! All of you have improved your English levels as a result, so give yourselves a big pat on the back for a job well done! ...And, how about the karaoke?! English, French and Spanish! This has become a regular feature at these events, and what a lot of fun it is, too! Check out the photos on page 3...

Junko Says: Please help our 1 + 1 campaign! Crossroads would like your support to double the size of our school. If we can actually achieve this, we can improve our services to you, including up-grading our library and other facilities, increase our teaching staff, and make other improvements. We would be grateful if each of you could introduce just one new student to Crossroads. To express our gratitude for your support we will give you a month's free tuition and your friend a ¥5,000 lesson coupon.



Alessio Says: Hi everybody, Matsuyama is just impossible to live in at this time of the year. Too hot! So, I've decided to go to Kyoto, but then my students told me that Kyoto is hotter than Matsuyama... I'm curious to see Kyoto as I heard about it so many times. Last month there was the school party and I was so glad my students did an amazing job! The performance was successful and the students did so well that they almost seemed like real actors! We all had great fun!

Greg Says: Recently my daughter and I have been spending a lot of time on the golf course getting ready for the summer holiday school tournaments they have here in Japan. In Australia, they have tournaments "every" week, but in Japan....only the summer holidays!!! Anyway, all her practice is really starting to pay off because today she beat me by 2 strokes. It was her first time to beat me. I have never seen a bigger, wider smile on anyone's face as hers when she added up the scores. I plan revenge very, very soon!!!!



Emilie Dit: Le mois dernier, j'ai eu la chance de passer quatre jours au temple Eihei-ji situé dans la préfecture de Fukuiken. Le temple Eihei-ji est un des deux temples les plus importants de la secte zen soto au Japon. Il abrite une communauté importante de moines qui suivent fidèlement les préceptes du fondateur de la secte Dōgen Zenji. Pendant quatre jours et trois nuits, j'ai partagé leur vie quotidienne, alternant séances de zazen, lectures de sutras, ménage et conciliabules avec deux prêtres anglophones très érudits. Je conseille vivement cette expérience (trop courte à mon goût) à tout le monde.

NOTICE BOARD

End Of Term Party and Performance Night '09-07-25

In(b)1's "Duc struggles with Obsessions"

In(a)1 performing "Crazy Destiny"



...and some, English, French and Spanish Karaoke!!

クロスローズの好きなコースで英語を学ぶ。

"GENERAL (ジェネラル) コース

英語+実践練習

60分 x 2回/週:

1学期-4ヶ月毎にレベルが上がる
クロスローズのメインプログラム

90分 x 1回/週:

忙しい方のための週1レッスン

プライベート(個人)

月2回からレッスン回数自由選択

セミプライベート(セミ個人):

月3回からレッスン回数自由選択

クロスローズで学べるその他の外国語

フランス語 - スペイン語 - ドイツ語 - イタリア語 - ロシア語 - 中国語 - 韓国語



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英語でマジック

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KIDS' (キッズ) クラス

グループOR プライベート



MOTHER & CHILD

(マザー&チャイルド)

グループOR プライベート

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