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<Profile>

An interviewee is Mr. Muramatsu.

He was born on January 3rd, 1960.

His birthplace is Ichikawamisato Town, Nishiyashiro, Yamanashi Prefecture.

He lives in Chuo City, Yamanashi Prefecture now.

He likes playing tennis, golf, surfing, fishing etc.

<A Turning Point -Why Did He Become Interested in Volunteer Activities?>

In 2011, many areas in Japan especially Tohoku regions were damaged by the Great East Japan Earthquake. At that time, he wanted to do something for victims and that brought him to hold an event called Janjan Camping (Janjan is a dialect of Yamanashi Prefecture). He and other members invited victims to Yamanashi Prefecture. Especially they tried to attract children and their parents living in Fukushima Prefecture (it was seriously damaged by the earthquake and a nuclear power plant accident). This event lasted for about 8 years. Now he has devoted himself to another volunteer activity, which is a children cafeteria. It aims to provide single-mother households with food.

Facebook Account:

<https://www.facebook.com/janjancamp.yamanashi/videos>



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<Children Cafeteria>

Nijiironowa(にじいろのわ), which is an organization that brings together all children's cafeterias in Yamanashi Prefecture (There are 42 children cafeterias in Yamanashi Prefecture), was created to make it easy to notify the information about children cafeterias. He thinks that it is interesting to watch children grow up. Some children could ride a bicycle thanks to the existence of children cafeteria. It takes about 200~500yen to join a children cafeteria because some people hesitate to come there for free. He thinks that it is important not only to serve food but also to talk with mothers because they usually struggle to find someone to rely on. Sometimes, troubles that mothers have are quite serious, that's why local lawyers help them with cheaper prices.

As for volunteer activities, it is important to ask for donations and to set up charity boxes.

More Information: <https://nijiironowa.jp>

<Overtourism>

Some people claim that overtourism is one of the serious issues in Yamanashi Prefecture. However, he doesn't think so because there are few foreign people in Kofu City. Moreover, some non-Japanese people come to children cafeterias, but they are few in number.

<Local Promotion>

He told us some recommendations in Yamanashi Prefecture!

•Shosenkyo

Mt. Ontake Shosenkyo is a mountain valley located in the northern part of Kofu City, Yamanashi Prefecture. It has been designated as a Special Place of Scenic Beauty by the Japanese government and is known as "Japan's most beautiful mountain valley," making it a popular tourist attraction. Visitors can admire the sheer cliffs and unique rock formations carved out of granite over thousands of years, as well as the clear, abundant flow of water. Along the well-



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maintained walking paths that wind through the gorge, visitors can enjoy the ever-changing beauty of the gorge up close throughout the four seasons. On the webpage, you can see many model courses. Shortest course takes 15 minutes, and longest one takes 90 minutes.

•Kanazakura Shrine

Kanazakura Shrine is dedicated to Mt. Kinpu, which is enshrined at the top of Shosenkyo. Kanazakura, which is used as the name of this shrine, is worshiped as a sacred tree, and it shows very beautiful pale golden its blossom in spring. Kanazakura shrine's history has more than 2000 years.



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