

MAEBASHI FOCUS

Coordinator for International Relations (CIR) Newsletter

Howdy everyone! October was another busy month full of international exchange opportunities here in Maebashi! From Maebashi Bar Street to the International Carnival organized by JOMO JET, and of course, the Maebashi Festival, I was able to take part in many exciting events and activities.

My first time at Maebashi Bar Street was even better than I expected. With stalls serving food from all around the world, it truly felt like heaven for someone like me who loves trying new dishes. I ate cheese-filled Brazilian bolinhas, soft Spanish omelets, and much more.

Maybe it's because I'm American, but my personal favorite had to be the jalapeño burger. The kick of the jalapeño gave an extra burst of flavor to the already umami-packed patty. Just writing this is making me look forward to what I can try next year!



Maebashi Bar Street



Maebashi Matsuri



On October 13th, I joined JOMO JET's International Carnival; an annual event that offers visitors the chance to directly experience the cultures of various countries.

Since joining JOMO JET, this was my first time helping out at an event, and I learned a lot about how to prepare for and run one successfully.

Although the day was busy from the crack of dawn, I enjoyed each and every moment and can't wait for next year's carnival.

Moving forward, I hope to continue working with everyone at JOMO JET to organize more international exchange events.

For those interested, please join us next time — we host events monthly and would love to have you.

That same day, I also took part in the 77th Maebashi Festival, joining the famous Danbee Odori dance.

Seeing so many Japanese and international residents dancing together was a truly heartwarming sight. Everyone's smiles and energy made me feel so welcome. In particular, the sight of Maebashi's citizens brimming with enthusiasm while carrying their various mikoshi left a lasting impression on me.

Next year, I hope to be one of the mikoshi carriers myself!



International Carnival

I'm very grateful to have become closer with the Maebashi community through these events. I'll keep participating actively and doing my best to promote Maebashi's charm through exchange and communication.

A big thank-you to everyone who helped organize these wonderful events — it was truly an honor to take part.