

Kansai Ramblers

No hike in August. For more info, contact Fukunishi Morio: 072-988-0600.

Kyoto Zigzag

Shichi-jo Garden Walking Tour on Sun., Sep.16. Meet in front of Kyoto Central Post office (JR Kyoto Stn.) at 12:30. Higashi Honganji temple (one of the largest wooden structures in the world, the mausoleum

of Shinran Shonin, the founder of Shin Buddhism), Shosei-en garden (Kikoku-tei, the trifoliate orange landscape garden, Mimizuka (the monument mound which enshrines the ears and noses), Shakusui-en garden (a landscape garden in a hospital). The tour ends around 17:00. Rain or shine, we'll start. Cost: ¥700 for a foreigner. For more info and reservations: anrirari@alto.ocn.ne.jp; www.zigzagkyoto.jp

SPORTS LISTINGS

Athletics

IAAF World Championships in Athletics Osaka 2007: Aug.25-Sep.2, Nagai Rikujo Kyugijo. ¥2,000-5,000 for the morning program; ¥4,000-16,000 for the night program. Call 0570-06-9990 for tickets, <http://www.osaka2007.jp> (Japanese/English) for more info.

Baseball

Tigers: vs. Swallows, Aug.1/2, 18:00; vs. Dragons, Aug.14-16, 18:00; vs. Carp, Aug.17-19/28-30, 18:00; vs. Swallows, Aug.31, 18:00. Hanshin Koshien Kyujo, ¥1,700-5,000, 0798-47-1041 (Aug.14-19: Kyocera Dome, ¥1,800-7,000, 0570-02-9999, 06-6586-0106).

Buffaloes: vs. Marines, Aug.7/8/10, 18:00; vs. Hawks, Aug.11 (18:00)/12 (13:00); vs. Eagles,

Aug.24-26, 18:00; vs. Hawks, Aug.28-30, 18:00. Kyocera Dome, ¥2,000-7,000 (Aug.7/8/10/28-30: Skymark Stadium, ¥2,000-7,000), 078-795-3344).

Football

Gamba: vs. Albirex, Aug.11, 19:00; vs. Reds, Aug.15, 19:00, Bampaku Kinen Kyugijo, ¥2,000-5,000, 0570-02-9999.

Vissel: vs. Albirex, Aug.19, 19:00; vs. Reds, Aug.29, 19:00, Kobe Univer Kinen Kyugijo, ¥2,000-6,000, 078-651-1222.

Sanga: vs. Thespa, Aug.12, 19:00; vs. Consadole, Aug.16, 17:20; Avispa, Aug.26, 19:00, Nishikyogoku Rikujo Kyugijo, ¥1,000-6,000, 075-212-9911.

Volleyball

FIVB World Gran Prix 2007 (Women): Japan vs. Kazakhstan, Aug.17; Japan vs. Poland, Aug.18; Japan vs. Russia, Aug.19. Osaka-shi Chuo Taiikukan, ¥4,000/5,500, 03-5283-8016.

August Network Profile



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**Brooke Suzuki
Facilitator - Women
Helping Women**

ORIGINALLY FROM Australia, Brooke Suzuki has been living in Japan for the last 18 years. She teaches English at Labor Gakuen and has a passion for hot springs and learning *taiko* drumming. Now divorced from her Japanese husband, she continues to live in Kyoto so that she can participate as much as possible in the lives of their two teenaged daughters.

Suzuki enjoyed being at home with her children when

they were small. However, when they grew older

and she wanted to return to work, she found that her husband didn't want her working or getting a driver's license. Their expectations of the marriage had diverged.

Suzuki first got involved with Women Helping Women at a difficult time shortly after the divorce and really appreciated the support she found in the group. She has stayed with it ever since. "I never thought about feminism until I lived as a married woman in Japan," she says, "but coming here has put me in touch with all kinds of women's issues. Women Helping Women is a way for foreign women to find out what's going on in Japanese society."

The group holds a monthly meeting where women can talk in a supportive environment, exchanging information and getting involved in action on particular issues. It started as a group through which foreign women could contribute to the Osaka Working Women's Network's support for nine women from Sumitomo Electrical Industries, Sumitomo Chemicals and Sumitomo Metal Industries who took their employers to court over gender discrimination in pay and promotion opportunities. It also supports the pink-ribbon campaign for breast-cancer awareness.

As facilitator, Suzuki receives calls "mainly from women who want to reflect seriously on and talk about things they've come up against in Japan. All women interested in feminist issues are welcome, and any who would like a bit of support in Japan."

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