

# GIFU BULLETIN

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Featuring News, Events, and Updates Around the Geefs

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## New PA on the Block

Dear Gifu JETs,



Hello everyone! For those of you who don't know me, my name is Adam Reyes and this is my 5<sup>th</sup> year on JET. I spent the past four years in the Tono Region of Gifu Prefecture working as an ALT at Ena High School.

As of the end of this past July, I have been working as your Gifu ALT Prefectural Advisor. The past two months have been a blur of unending work at both the Gifu Prefectural Board of Education and Gifu Sogo Gakuen High School— hence the Gifu Bulletin's two month hiatus. Working a 2-in-1 job is definitely challenging, but those very challenges are also what have made it quite rewarding so far. I am extremely grateful to have this opportunity to serve as your PA during my final year on JET and I am hoping to do my part in making it a great year for all of us.

よろしくお願ひします！

Your ALT PA,  
Adam Reyes

## Culture Note – Typhoons

This month the culture section has been hijacked by meteorology. On average 20-30 typhoons form in the Pacific Ocean each year with an average of 3 making direct landfall on the four main islands (and 7 striking Okinawa). An average of 10 come within 300km of the mainland, therefore causing disruption to daily life. Unlike hurricanes in America, in Japan typhoons are simply numbered. As a land locked prefecture the strength of typhoons is often weakened by the time they hit us however, typhoons are sometimes deadly. For more information on protecting yourself visit [gifujets.weebly.com](http://gifujets.weebly.com).



## Upcoming Events

Autumn in Japan is all about watching autumn leaves (koyo) and there are no shortages of places to fawn over foliage in Gifu.

### [Gujo Hachiman Momiji Festival](#)

Oct. 31<sup>st</sup> – Nov. 23<sup>rd</sup>

### [Ontake Panorama Line - Gero](#)

Until October 24<sup>th</sup>

### [Oku Hida Onsen](#)

Mid October  
Ropeway Available for  
2600yen

### [Hida no Sato – Takayama](#)

Oct. 15<sup>th</sup> – Nov. 10<sup>th</sup>  
Admission 700 yen

The city of Mino which is famous for its Japanese paper (a UNESCO cultural heritage) is exhibiting lamps made with the paper on the streets of the city until the [end of November](#)

\*\*\*For more information, follow the links in the digital version of the bulletin.\*\*\*

### English Camp – Any Volunteers?

The Third Annual Gifu Prefecture High School English Camp will be held next month on Saturday, November 7<sup>th</sup> and Sunday, November 8<sup>th</sup>. High School students from all over the prefecture will meet in Gifu City for two days of English activities.

The two most prominent events of the past two English Camps have been the *World Showcase* (ALT run booths designed to expose students to as many different cultures and countries as possible) and *English University* (in which students are given short University style lectures in English about various academic subjects).

Due to budget restrictions, ALT participants have been mostly SHS ALTs. However, we have also had some Municipal ALTs who have volunteered at the event in the past but those ALTs only heard about this event through the grapevine. So this year I would like let all of you know about this event. If you are a Municipal ALT who would be interested in volunteering at English Camp, contact me (Adam) at [gifupas@gmail.com](mailto:gifupas@gmail.com) and let me know. I can answer any questions you may have and get you involved in the planning process. I hope to see you at English Camp!

### Life Tips – Online Shopping in Japan

A large number of online shops in Japan and airlines offer a number of extra services than you may be used to in your home country.

You have avoided online shopping for lack of a credit card but on sites such as Amazon you have the option to have your goods delivered to

A) Your home or

B) Your local convenience store.

Besides using your credit card, here are some other ways you can pay:

A) Using one of those interesting looking machines at the convenience store コンビニでのお支払い

B) Cash on Delivery - COD

C) Bank Transfer 振り込み

Be aware that not all of these services are available for all goods and on Amazon the acceptable payment methods and available delivery options change with the seller.

### What did you think?

Is there something you want to see in the next bulletin?

Do you have any pictures or announcements you would like us to share?

Let us know what you think of the bulletin and what you would like to see in future issues by emailing us at [gifupas@gmail.com](mailto:gifupas@gmail.com)

See you next time!

