

Kagawa International Festival Workshop

The Kagawa International Festival will be held on Sunday November 1st, and it will be an excellent chance for foreign residents and local citizens to interact with one another through various activities and experiences. At the Festival, there will be a workshop on making *urushi* (Japanese lacquer ware) aimed particularly at foreign residents to help them understand and experience Japanese culture.

In Kagawa Prefecture there are three particular techniques that have come down through the generations as traditional lacquer ware making methods: Choshitsu, Kinma, and Zonsei. Of these three, you can experience making Choshitsu lacquerware at the upcoming Urushi Workshop.

Choshitsu is a lacquer technique in which layers of colored lacquer coating are applied to a piece anywhere from 10 to 100 times. Then patterns of such things as flowers, birds, plants, trees, etc. are carved with a knife into the accumulated layers to create this *urushi*. The exposed colors vary depending on the depth to which a design is carved and vivid patterns float up from the layers of lacquer.

Currently, we are preparing small wooden boards (about the size of postcards) on which we are applying many layers of lacquer daily so that you can engrave patterns and experience the Choshitsu method. This workshop is a rare and valuable chance to experience *urushi*.

Carving designs into pre-applied lacquer layers is safe, and there is no risk of lacquer poisoning. We are looking forward to your participation in the workshop!

Date and time: Sunday November 1, 2009
10:00 – 12:30
*There will be an explanation during the first 30 minutes, after which the workshop and lacquer making will take place. Once you complete your lacquer work, you can take it home with you.

Location: I-PAL Kagawa Meeting Room 1 (3rd Floor)

Participation Fee: Free

Capacity: 30 people (Applications will no longer be accepted after the workshop is full)

Instruction: Kagawa Lacquer Ware Institute



*All of the necessary tools and materials for the workshop will be prepared for you. Please come to the workshop with an idea of the design you would like to engrave in your Choshitsu *urushi* (a design that can fit in a space the size of a post card).

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Kagawa Internatinal Festival 2009 Urushi Workshop Application

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