

Nasushiobara & Linz

100 years Republic of Austria



Austria's Coat of Arms :
The Eagle is a symbol of the State (reminiscent of the two headed Austrian-Hungarian eagle); the sickle for the farmers, the hammer for the laborers, the mural crown for the bourgeoisie and the broken chains for liberty

2018 is the 100th anniversary of the Republic of Austria. When it comes to Austria, the Austrian-Hungarian Monarchy springs to mind. But the Republic of Austria was established 1918 after the end of World War 2 when the empire was split into Hungary, Czechoslovakia, Austria, etc. Thus

In World War 2 Austria was part of Nazi Germany and thus was partly responsible for the Holocaust. Directly after the war Austria was widely regarded as the first victim of Nazi Germany. However, the affair around Austrian politician Kurt Waldheim's past as officer in the German Army prompted people to reconsider. The new stance of Austria was to also



Austria's Flag
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take responsibility for the dark spots in its history. In 1995, Austria joined the European Union. I love the international Austria that takes responsibility. On our National day on October 26th, we celebrate the freedom and neutrality Austria gained in 1955. Despite current challenges such as the situation of the refugees, I hope Austria will continue on its neutral, international course for the next 100 years.

Austria suddenly lost important cultural and industrial centers, weakening the economy. Times were difficult and Austria's identity shaken.

Studying abroad in Linz: Himawari Obokata



Miss Himawari Obokata in Linz

Only half a year is left of my stay here in Austria.

As expected of the "country of music" Austria, even in the city I live in, Linz, you can hear music wherever you go. Perhaps it is due to the many music students staying there, but even in my dormitory you hear the sound of various instruments throughout the evening and night. Since I am having more opportunities to come in touch with music, I have become more interested in it.

The school year here starts in September. That is why there is no homework during the summer vacation in July and August. Having spent my whole life in Japan, I was very surprised to learn that! My class is very busy studying the lessons and topics taught in preparation for the university entrance exams in two years. I will join them in their efforts and also do my best in the remaining 6 months!

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People: Mayor Klaus Luger



Mayor Luger ©Gregor Hartl

Profile

Surname: Luger

First name : Klaus

Born in : Linz, Austria

Living in : Linz, Austria

Occupation : Mayor of Linz

„Relations between Sister Cities should be full of life”

Linz has been connected to Nasushiobara for 13 years now. The close cooperation started with a student exchange and it was consolidated by signing a Sister City Agreement in 2016. Nasushiobara City is the 19th Sister City of Linz.

The connections between Nasushiobara and Linz go back to family ties of the family Salm-Reifferscheidt from Steyregg. Mr. Salm-Reifferscheidt's great-grandfather, Mr. Shuzo Aoki,

was the first Japanese student to study in a German speaking country. During the last few years the contacts between the Japanese city and Linz have intensified. A regular exchange between students of Japanese schools and students of Europagymnasium Auhof have been established. The cooperations aim is getting to know the respective cultures, cultural exchange and fostering language abilities. My two sons have also been able to take part in this exchange and have visited Japan during their school years.

There is cooperation on a business level too. Linz is especially well-known in Japan for hosting the main offices of world-renowned companies such as the voestalpine or Plasser & Theurer. Apart from the business focus, currently the cultural exchange is being deepened, too. In 2017 there was an exhibition of woodblock prints by artist Felix Dieckmann in Nasushiobara, in 2018 a performance of Japanese Dance by Global Culture Nasu. The latest cooperation is a training camp of the Triathlon Association Austria for the Tokyo Olympics in 2020.

It is important to us to have vital, high-quality relations with our Sister Cities. Relations between Sister Cities should be full of life. In the last 30 years, we have seen a fundamental change in the nature of these relations, which is closely connected with globalisation. While the 70ies and 90ies largely focussed on 'International Weeks', folkloristic performances, exchange of civil servant and visits by political representatives, nowadays the focus is on topics like transfer of knowledge, opening new markets, fostering the international presence of a wide spectrum of artists, networks and humanitarian aid. We have been in contact with Nasushiobara City continually for years. While visiting, we have had many opportunities to see the great touristic and economic potential of the city for ourselves. Our relationship is one full of vitality.



Signing the Sister City Agreement
(Mayor Luger und Mayor Kimijima)

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Lively Sister City Exchange



July 14th 2018: Getting a Taste of Austria at the World Festival

Visitors of the World Festival could experience a broad spectrum of culture and foods from all across the world and enjoy the international atmosphere on Ishiyama's ground floor and 1st and 2nd floors. This time I baked the famous Linzer Augen and everyone's favorite, Vanilla Crescents with the members of the Autonomous German Circles and the Beginner's German Course. Even a

German visitor was surprised by the authentic taste!

July 31st 2018: Family Workshop of the Mama Club

The children and parents of Mama Club were able to experience some Austrian Culture at the start of the summer holidays. We made the kind of lanterns that are typically made for Saint Martin's Day in November. The children's lanterns were wonderfully colorful. We also had lots of fun with the animal voice quiz and the duck's dance, which is popular with Austrian Kids!



Language Corner : Standard German

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Germany



Austria

The Austrian German is often seen as a cute dialect of German German. However, the German language has developed at the same time in a parallel manner in Germany, Switzerland and Austria. Standard language was chosen from the many variants and each country has their own standard language. Each of the countries' standards is correct German that is used in the respective country's dictionaries, newspapers, novels or news. In Austria we have Dialects, but not all Austrian German is a Dialect. The three countries' standard German is similar, with some differences in vocabulary, pronunciation, etc.

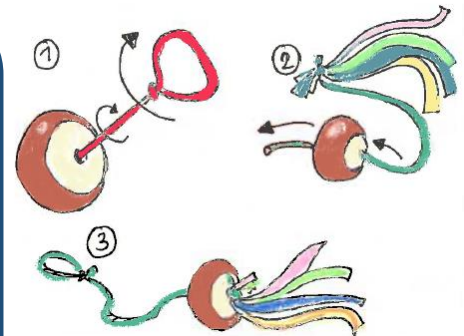
By the way, both the German State of Bavaria, whose dialect is very close to the Austrian standard language, and Austria use 'Grüß Gott!' as a standard greeting. You can see the borders of culture and spoken language are more flexible than country borders.

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Handmade ☆Horse Chestnut Toy

A popular throwing toy in Austrian nurseries and primary schools. Use a hand drill to make a hole in the center of a horse chestnut. Cut 3-5 strips of about 30cm by 2cm from colorful crêpe paper or fabric. Bundle them with the end of a 40cm string. Pull the other end through the hole in the chestnut and tie it into a loop.

Don't throw the slungshot towards people or fragile objects. To throw, hold the loop in your hand, let the slungshot circle and let go.



Answer below



Q What country was Austria before it became a republic 100 years ago?

A: An empire of the size of current Austria

B: An empire with Germany

C: An empire with Hungary

D: Part of the Swiss Confederation

Culture Corner : Shoes inside the House?



You have been invited to a party at an Austrian home – do you take off your shoes? You don't know? Well, that's something you have in common with Austrians! In Austria and Germany, it varies from home to home, depending on region, age, occasion, convenience and personal preference. For my father's uncle, a gentleman in his 70ies living in a city flat with parquet floors there is no question. 'Forcing guests to take off their shoes – how ungentee!' On the other hand, my mother's family thinks, 'The shoes are dirty and it's much more comfy to take them off, right?' Many households will allow guests to keep their shoes on although they themselves take them off. Muddy shoes are taken off in any case, so most people have slippers for guests. In case of doubt, simply ask your host and adjust to your host's preference.

Do you have any questions?



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Answer : C : Austrian-Hungarian Empire