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略歴: 高校時代にニュージーランドの現地高校に半年間留学。その後、オークランドの語学学校を経て現地の私立大学で高等ディプロマを取得。写真関連および雑誌制作の仕事に5年間従事した後、日本へ一時帰国。翻訳会社に2年、放送局に3年間勤務。出産を機にニュージーランド(以下「NZ」)に再び移住。在宅フリーランスで「多岐にわたる業務を請け負う傍ら、小学校の学習補助員や高校司書も経験。」17年にタウポに引っ越し、在宅ワークを続けつつ、現代NZアート専門のギャラリーにも不定期で勤務。NZ人の夫と高校生の娘の三人暮らし。NZ在住歴20年以上。

ニュージーランドと日本両国において国際渉外や各種コーディネート業務に携わってきた経験から、相手の立場、文化や価値観を尊重して誠実に向き合えば必ず信頼関係が築けるということを学びました。これを留学サポートの土台としています。海外からの移住者も多いタウポでは、実生活を通してNZのみならず他多くの国々の文化や価値観に触れる機会が日常的にあります。語学学習と並行して実体験から多様性を学び、受け入れることで留学先の人々と真の交流を深めることができると考えています。一期一会の精神をもって、出会う人々と互いに多くのものを得られる豊かな時間を過ごせるようお手伝いさせていただきたいと思っています。

高校、大学とNZ留学をした経験から、生徒さんの気持ちに寄り添えることも多いと思います。留学期間を通し、新たな興味や関心を抱き、安心して新しいことにチャレンジできるようお力添えて「これは「幸いて」す。元来、「世話好きのため、気後れせず何でも話せるアットホームな存在で「ありたいと思っていますか」、生徒さんの留学の目的とゴールそして個性と意思を尊重し、主体的な成長を妨げないよう極力干渉せずに影から見守らせていたいただきます。また一人の親として、親御さんやご家族の皆様にも安心してお任せいただける丁寧なケアを常に意識しています。

タウポは90年代より官民一体となってサステイナブルな町づくりを提唱し、実践してきました。持続可能な共存共栄をモットーとしてこの地域に生きる人々の多くはオープンマインドで、誰でも温かく迎え入れてくれます。この美しい湖畔の町と人々に魅せられた一人として、その魅力を留学生さんにも感じていただける日を心待ちにしております。

I am Rika Fukushima, a Japanese Student Advisor with over 20 years of experience living in New Zealand. I studied abroad at a NZ high school, later attending a language school and earning a Professional Diploma in Art and Design at a local university. I worked in photography and magazine editing for five years before temporarily returning to Japan to gain professional experience, where I worked at a translation company and a broadcasting station. Following the birth of our daughter in 2011, my Kiwi husband and I relocated back to NZ where I undertook various freelance work from home while also gaining experience as a primary school teacher aide and a high school librarian. In 2017, we moved to Taupō, where I continue my freelance work and occasionally work at an art gallery.

Through my extensive experience in external/international relations in both Japan and NZ, I have learned a foundational truth: when we approach others with sincerity and respect for their unique cultures and values, we can always build a strong bond of trust. This philosophy forms the core of the support I offer to every student. Living in Taupō—a vibrant community home to immigrants—offers a unique daily opportunity to experience a rich tapestry of global cultures and perspectives. I believe that studying abroad is not just about learning a language; it is about experiencing diversity firsthand. By embracing these new perspectives, students can form deep, meaningful connections with the people they meet. Guided by the spirit of *Ichigo Ichie* (treasuring every unique encounter), I am dedicated to helping students make the most of their journey, ensuring that every connection becomes a rewarding, life-enriching experience for everyone involved.

Having studied abroad in NZ myself, I truly understand the feelings, challenges, and excitement that students experience. My goal is to help them discover new interests throughout their journey and feel confident enough to step out of their comfort zone. Naturally, I love taking care of others and hope to be a supportive, approachable figure whom students can talk to about anything. At the same time, I deeply respect each student's unique personality, goals, and independence. My role is to guide them gently from the sidelines, ensuring they have the space to grow self-reliantly. Furthermore, as a parent myself, I am fully committed to providing the dedicated, thoughtful care that allows families back home to feel completely at ease.

Taupō has been a pioneer in sustainable community development since the 1990s, with both the public and private sectors needless to say including the resident working hand in hand. Guided by a spirit of sustainable coexistence, the people here are exceptionally open-minded and welcoming to everyone. As someone who fell in love with this beautiful lakeside town and its community, I truly look forward to the day I can help international students experience all the wonderful charms Taupō has to offer.