

## Hello everyone!

How have you been? I wish you all a happy and better (?) year 2021 !

I'd like to share about a happy event in my life in Shiroishi: the coming- of-age ceremony. On January 10, I had the joy to see my eldest daughter wearing a gorgeous "furisode ", a long sleeved kimono, for the day celebrating her majority. She had other occasions to wear a kimono in the past, but this time was very special because, as she said, it was her day. It was so nice to see her and her "old" friends reunited in their beautiful garments. The ceremony at Cube was shortened, and we could see it simultaneously on YouTube. Usually, the young people have a "nijikai", an after party, but unfortunately this time it had to be canceled. Sure they will have their party some other time, when the threat of Covid will be just a bad memory!

Back to France, the age of majority is 18, and we don't have such events as the coming of age ceremony in Japan. I'm so glad that Japan has kept some of their precious traditions like this one. Every year the Seijinshiki offers a chance to see many young adults wearing unique and beautiful traditional clothing. Congratulations everyone, and best of luck for the future!

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●久しぶりフローレンス先生の投稿●上の娘の成人式は喜びでした。成人式での"振袖"は特別ですね。今年度の成人式はいつもと違った形だったけれど、きっといつかみんなで集まれる日が来るわ!フランスでの成人は18歳で日本のような成人式はありません。日本の成人式はとてもいいですね。久しぶりに友だちと再会する機会だし晴れ姿もそれぞれですしね。みなさん、おめでとうございます。幸運を祈っています!



Stay alert by washing your hands often with soap and water at least 20 seconds.

気をゆるめずに、こまめに 20 秒は石鹸で手を洗いましょう。

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