# Newsletter issue 6: September 2023

Nelcome to Atami SGG International Club and our September newsletter. We are a group of likeminded volunteers, Japanese and foreign, all living in Atami.

If you have any language problem, please take a contact us. We have several members who, between them, speak English, German, Spanish, Italian, French and Chinese.







The Atami SGG Club held it's first Bon Odori dance in front of Atami Station on Aug 10th. Members, friends and visitors joined in the dance get into the summer spirit.

Looking forward to everyone's participation next year.

### Miranda ('Bertie') Bertram, Australian, Atami Resident

FAMI SGG

Last year, my husband John and myself, sold our home in Australia and came to Japan with a few suitcases, a guitar, and our cat. We are musicians with a passion for rock and Japanese traditional arts. Currently, we are putting our hearts into restoring a traditional house in Atami which was originally an *okiya*, a place for geisha to live and practice. We are launching our company  $\forall - z \land \forall \forall$  (Australiya), offering English lessons, events and entertainment. If you enjoy the English language, we look forward to hearing from you.



## Meet Atami Residents & SGG Club Members



#### Chizuho; Atami Geiko at the Atami Geigi Kenban Kaburenjo

My given name is Tomoko Inooku but I am known as Chizuho, an Atami *Geiko*. I am a long-time resident of Atami and this year is my 26th anniversary of living here. I also appear in the dance performance called *Hana-no-Mai* every Saturday and Sunday from 11:00 at the Atami Geigi Kenban. Everyone is welcome to attend the show and reservations are not required. I look forward to seeing you at the Geigi Kenban.

#### Atami Events September 2023

9/4 14:30-15:30 Atami SGG Monthly meeting; 15:30 ~ 17:00 Dr. Kinoshita's English lesson (Ikiki Plaza)
9/10, 24 Sunday morning market at Nagisasho kouen
9/18, 30 Fireworks Atami seaside
9/15 ~ 12/17 Atami Art's Festival (art installations around the Atami)
9/16, 23 Nagahama Special Market at Nagahama kaihin kouen
9/29 Izu san Utakai at Heart Pia Hotel from 14:15~
9/30 Yuzen Shrine Autumn Festival



(Advertisement) Australiya, a company launched by Bertie & John Bertram, offers English lessons and entertainment events. Both have toured the world playing music in Germany, France, the UK, USA & Afghanistan. To celebrate the launch of their new business, they will host an Australian themed *Beach Party* at Café Lydian in Atami on Sept. 30<sup>th</sup>. Accompanying them, Chizuho san from the Atami Geigi and Bonita BonBon will collaborate to create a unique event. Tickets are ¥ 2,500 & can be reserved at www.australiya.net/events or australiyajapan@gmail.com



We are developing our information and resources for the benefit of all residents of Atami. Is there some useful information about life in Atami you would like to have? We would be delighted to hear from you at <u>info@atamisgg.com</u>



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