



Introducing Our Partners (1)

Les Clefs d'Or Japan has 16 Associative Companies who are supporting our activities. Let us proudly introduce them to the readers.

The first of the series is the Roppongi Robotaya.

- Please tell us about your business.

The Roppongi Robotaya is a Japanese restaurant serving *robatayaki* grill. In the center of the restaurant is a hearth-like counter and two chefs cook at the grill and directly serve the customers using a long wooden spatula.

- Please tell us about your characteristics.

The restaurant provides a very lively atmosphere. The guests could enjoy watching the chefs cook selected seafood, vegetables of the season and premium *wagyu* beef right in front of them. The guests could also enjoy some fine sake. We provide some entertainment as such as pounding boiled rice into *mochi* and a special ceremony when changing chefs. We are flexible to the requests by our guests and are also capable of serving the guests with various food allergies.



- Please tell us the reason for joining our society.

We are in network with the hotel concierges through our daily guests. The fact that Les Clefs d'Or concierges support world travelers made us feel sympathized and strongly felt that we want to support the society.

- Please tell us your message for Les Clefs d'Or members.

We would like to provide unforgettable experiences through our sincere service to the guests visiting Japan in collaboration with the members of Les Clefs d'Or.

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Welcome to Japan!

In June, Mr. Andreas Adorjan, the Chef Concierge at the Sofitel Bali Nusa Dua in Indonesia, visited Yokohama, Japan with his wife. His wife used to be a member of Les Clefs d'Or Singapore.

Les Clefs d'Or Japan held a welcome dinner at an *izakaya* (Japanese-style pub). Friends from the Outech, one of our Associative Companies, also joined the event to meet the couple for the first time after the 9th Asian Congress that was held last summer in Tokyo.



We have received a message from Mr. Adorjan:

Hello from Bali.

One of the best time was cycling from home to the China Town. On the way there, I took a rest and happened to meet a gentleman aged in the mid-60s. He surprised me as he spoke very fluent English and said my bicycle was beautiful. He extended very warm welcome and said "welcome to Japan" with a beautiful smile. He was so friendly and had a good heart. We had a really good chat and talked about Japan and Bali and then we wished each other a lovely and wonderful day.

The second experience was taking a train from Yokohama to Tokyo on my own. I misdirected myself. As I always have positive mind, I was able to meet three helpful people. Firstly, I met a Japanese school girl who wished to assist me. She was trying hard although she spoke only a little English. Then, an American gentleman assisted me. He was really helpful. However, he had to alight and could not help me further. He wished me a luck and my luck came! One Japanese gentleman aged in the 50s was listening to our conversation and he greeted me in very fluent English and offered me his assistance. We had a great conversation and he assisted me getting back to the right track.

The most beautiful moment I had during my visit in Japan was the dinner invitation for me and my beautiful Japanese wife by Les Clefs d'Or Japan friends, Osamu, Emiko, Sakiko and Utsumi-san. The dinner was held at "Aburiya" in Yokohama which was an authentic Japanese grill.

The dinner was so great. Emiko-san had been looking after grilling and serving, Osamu's mobile kept vibrating as many messages for me from other Les Clefs d'Or Japan friends who could not make it to join the dinner were received.

It was really touching, made me so really welcomed, warm hospitality and true friendship.

Thank you Japan and Les Clefs d'Or Japan.

Big hug and true friendship - AA