

**New ALT Welcome Party 2019** (Held on Monday, September 16th, 2019 at the Chiba City Lifelong Learning Center)

On Monday, September 16th, a welcome party was held for new ALTs, featuring a program including the making of Bōsō Futomaki Matsuri Sushi. Including ALTs from Wisconsin working at high schools in Chiba Prefecture, a total of 31 people joined the event. Under the guidance of four members of the Chiba Traditional Local Cooking Association, all of the participants made splendid Bōsō Futomaki Matsuri Sushi. Afterwards, soup and fruits were also prepared, and the exciting lunch party began. After a while, each of the ALTs gave self-introductions. While some participants lived in regions affected by Typhoon #15, each of the speakers gave fascinating self-introductions. Following this, Mr. Toshihiro Okubo, now working as the Chiba Sports Concierge, gave a talk about his current exchanges with the State of Wisconsin. The listeners thoroughly enjoyed his talk, filled with humor and anecdotes.

