

## Hello! Bonjour! Intro to Canadian Life EX version

Hello everyone! It's your Coordinator of International relations (CIR) Mary again. In the Kyotanabe City newspaper-Hotto Kyotanabe 2018 September issue, I introduced about First Nation Artworks displayed in Vancouver International Airport. In this web column, I will introduce about Museum of Anthropology at UBC and the Coastal First Nations Dance Festival.

University of British Columbia (UBC) is very well-known for its connections and history with the First Nations. In particular, the Vancouver campus is known to be the land of First Nations in the past. There are many things you will find that has First Nations elements within the campus. For example, the first year student dormitory-Totem Parks has numerous totem poles and each and every house was name after the tribes living in the West Coast. These are Haida, Salish, Dene, Shuswap, Nootka, Kwakiutl, q' ələxən, həm' ləsəm.' Aside from the dormitory, Museum of Anthropology at UBC and the Coastal First Nations Dance Festival are very famous in Vancouver as First Nations presence.

## Museum of Anthropology at UBC

The Museum of Anthropology at UBC is known for its vast collections of art pieces and objects relating to the lives of First Nation tribes living in the West Coast.

Many people come to see totem poles from different tribes and objects used at traditional ceremonies such as the potlatches. There are also objects representative of ethnicities from all over the world.



## Coastal First Nations Dance Festival

Every year in the beginning of March, the Coastal First Nations Dance Festival will take place at the Museum of Anthropology at UBC for six days. Tribes from the West Coast will proudly perform their signature dances. It is a rare opportunity to watch these dances collectively.



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