



Kokusai Hiroba

A place for local and foreign residents to mix and exchange information.

Our 100th Issue!

Fukuoka International Exchange Foundation's newsletter 'Kokusai Hiroba' celebrates its 100th issue. From here on, we will continue to work toward the internationalization of Fukuoka Prefecture by providing useful information for foreigners and various international exchange events.



African Day@Kokusai Hiroba



Sekai e GO! ~ multicultural experience for kids ~



Study-Abroad Experience Hiroba ~ Let's go to Canada! ~



Habitat Hiroba



Kokusai Hiroba Cafe ~ Southeast Asia ~



Japanese Cultural Seminar



Japanese language class



Fukuoka/Bangkok Youth Exchange Report



'Descendants of immigrants' program exchange students ~ Kimono-wearing experience ~



Fukuoka International Exchange Foundation (FIEF)

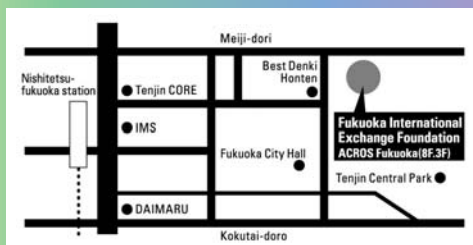
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8F Planning & Exchange Div.

TEL:092-725-9204 FAX:092-725-9205
Opening hours: 8:30-17:45
Closed: Saturdays, Sundays, public holidays, Dec 29 - Jan 3

3F Kokusai Hiroba

TEL:092-725-9200 FAX:092-725-9206
Opening hours: 10:00-19:00 Closed: Dec 29 - Jan 3



Kokusai Hiroba Event Information

January, February, March

In collaboration with various NPOs and international exchange organisations within the prefecture, events are held at Kokusai Hiroba to introduce the cultures and lifestyles of foreign countries. Please feel free to come and participate!

The latest event information is online!
www.kokusaihiroba.or.jp/



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Accessible

Event

Around the World with Kokusai Hiroba Cafe

- ▶ Date=vol.25 South America
Sunday 25th January 14:00~16:00
vol.26 Central Asia
Sunday 29th March 14:00~16:00
- ▶ Number of Participants=Approx. 50
- ▶ Cost=Supporting Members: Free General: ¥300
- ▶ Registration=Req'd (Phone, FAX, email)
- ▶ Contact=Fukuoka International Exchange Foundation 092-725-9200
- ▶ FAX=092-725-9206 ▶ E-mail=info@kokusaihiroba.or.jp
- ▶ URL=www.kokusaihiroba.or.jp/

Kokusai Hiroba Cafe introduces the world's countries and their cultures through foreign and Japanese guest teachers who are active at schools around the prefecture as part of International Understanding Education.

In vol. 25 we visit South America. Nine 'Descendants of Immigrants' scholarship students introduce their home countries, including Brazil, Peru and Argentina.

Vol. 26 will focus on Central Asia. (Details on our website)

African Day@Kokusai Hiroba

- ▶ Date=Saturday 21st March (public holiday) 13:30~17:30
- ▶ Cost=Free
- ▶ Contact=Fukuoka International Exchange Foundation 092-725-9200
- ▶ URL=www.kokusaihiroba.or.jp/

An event showcasing Africa, organized by African students from Kyushu University. In addition to Africa's continued growth in recent years, the event will also introduce traditional music, clothing and dance from various nations.



Last year's African Day

Lecture

24th Habitat Hiroba UN HABITAT

- ▶ Date=Sunday 1st February 14:00~15:00
- ▶ Number of Participants=Approx. 50 ▶ Cost=Free
- ▶ Registration=Req'd (Phone, FAX, email)
- ▶ Contact=UN Habitat Fukuoka Head Office 092-724-7121
- ▶ FAX=092-724-7124
- ▶ E-mail=habitat.fukuoka@unhabitat.org
- ▶ URL=www.fukuoka.unhabitat.org/

Joint lecture series by UN Habitat Fukuoka Head Office and the Fukuoka International Exchange Foundation. Theme TBA. (Details on our website)

Japanese Cultural Seminar

- ▶ Date=61st Saturday 24th January 15:00~18:00
62nd Saturday 28th February 15:00~18:00
- ▶ Number of Participants=100 ▶ Cost=Free
- ▶ Registration=Req'd (Phone, email)
- ▶ Contact=Fukuoka International Student Support Center 092-725-9201
- ▶ E-mail=bunkajuku.fissc@gmail.com
- ▶ URL=www.fissc.net

At the Japanese Cultural Seminar, we invite people working on the front lines of various fields to provide foreign students and local residents with an opportunity to learn extensively about Japan. (Details on our website)

Global Stage Fukuoka

~ Prominent Fukuokans around the World ~

- ▶ Date=Saturday 14th March 15:00~16:30
- ▶ Number of Participants=50 ▶ Cost=Free
- ▶ Registration=Req'd (FAX, email)
- ▶ Contact=Office of the Executive Committee for Promotion of Kenjinkai Member Involvement/Development 092-725-9204
- ▶ FAX=092-725-9205 ▶ E-mail=exchange@kokusaihiroba.or.jp
- ▶ URL=www.kokusaihiroba.or.jp

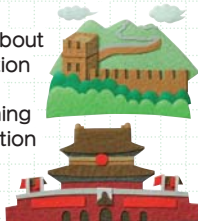
'Dreams of being an Astronomer ~ Confronting the Universe from the Subaru Telescope'. Junichi Noumaru, Hawaii Shima Fukuoka Kenjinkai Chairman and staff at the NAOJ Hawaii Observatory, speaks about his research with astronomers from around the world, discoveries from the skies of Hawaii and the joys of working overseas.

Study-Abroad Information

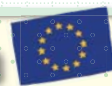
Study-Abroad Experience Hiroba vol.4 Let's Go to Asia!

- ▶ Date=Sunday 8th March 14:00~16:00
- ▶ Number of Participants=Approx. 40
- ▶ Cost=Free
- ▶ Registration=Req'd (Phone, FAX)
- ▶ Contact=Fukuoka International Exchange Foundation 092-725-9200
- ▶ FAX=092-725-9206
- ▶ URL=www.kokusaihiroba.or.jp/

Those with experience studying abroad speak about everything from preparation to student life, as well as what to expect after coming home. The latest information will also be provided by foreign government agencies (China, Korea).



6th Enjoy EU in Fukuoka



Collaboration event by the Fukuoka EU Association and local friendship associations of EU member nations. Enjoy wine and food from France, Germany, Ireland, Spain, Denmark and Bulgaria, as well as music from the various countries. A chance to experience the culture and charm of the EU.

- ▶ Music from various EU countries performed by the quartet 'De Cuatro Hojas'
- ▶ Wine showcase by Nicolas Sudre
- ▶ Food and wine from various EU nations!
- ▶ Activity reports/present raffle by local friendship associations of EU member nations



- Date: Thursday 19th February, 2015, 19:00 ~
- Venue: 2F Nishitetsu Grand Hotel (2-6-60 Daimyo, Chuo-ku, Fukuoka)
- Cost: Members of Fukuoka EU Association or supporting friendship associations: ¥3,000 / General: ¥4,500
- Registration: Req'd (Post, FAX, Email) ※Deadline: Thu 12th February, 2015
- Please send the following to the contact details below: ①Name ②Address ③Contact Details ④Occupation ⑤Company/Affiliated Organization
- Fukuoka EU Association (within Kokusai Hiroba) 〒810-0001 3F ACROS Fukuoka 1-1-1 Tenjin, Chuo-ku, Fukuoka TEL:(092)725-9200 FAX:(092)725-9206 Email:fukuoka-eu@kokusaihiroba.or.jp URL: www.fukuoka-eu.com
- Organized by: Fukuoka EU Association (Office: Fukuoka International Exchange Foundation, KYUSHU ELECTRIC POWER CO., INC.)
- Supported by: Institut Francais Kyushu, EUJ Kyushu, Japan-German Society West Japan, Japan Celtic Society, Fukuoka Spain Friendship Association, Fukuoka&Denmark Association, Franco-Japanese Society in Fukuoka, Fukuoka Bulgaria Friendship Association

Disaster Information Service: Disaster Prevention Mail 'Mamoru-kun'

Free Registration & Use

Japanese

English

- Disaster-prevention weather bulletins by email
- Confirmation of wellbeing sent to family and friends in case of disaster

Disaster Prevention Mail - Mamoru-kun is available in Japanese and English. Please register below:



Japanese www.bousaimobile.pref.fukuoka.lg.jp/

English www.bousaimobile.pref.fukuoka.lg.jp/en/

Kokusai Hiroba Calendar

★ Kokusai Hiroba Café ★ Habitat Hiroba ★ Japanese Cultural Seminar

■ Human Rights Counseling for Foreigners

■ Immigration and Residency Process Consultations

A ~ I indicate Japanese classes. Please check the table below to see which classes are being held.

January

Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	Sun
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February

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★When events are held at Kokusai Hiroba, classes will be held in the Exchange Room.

★As the schedule for Japanese classes is subject to change, please visit our home page for the latest information.

★Kokusai Hiroba will be closed over the New Year period, 29 Dec – 3 Jan.

Japanese Classes @ Kokusai Hiroba

	Name of Class	Time	Participation Fee	Contact (TEL/E-mail)	Details
Tue	A Chiisana Kokusai Koryu no Kai	10:00-12:00	1000 yen/month (Trial lesson free)	(Phone&FAX) 092-662-7690 chiisanainfo@gmail.com kakkokoh@kaz.bbq.jp	Everyday conversation (focus on speech, following the year-long conversation curriculum. We may add sentence structure if needed.) Pronunciation practice (correction of pronunciation) 【Level : Beginner, Intermediate】
Wed	B Cosmos Japanese Class	①11:00-12:30 ②13:30-15:00	100 yen/class or 400 yen/month	(Phone & FAX) 092-807-7053 nayutami_bien@yahoo.co.jp	Everyday conversation, grammar, Japanese Language 【Level : Beginner, Intermediate, Advanced】
Thu	C F H Japanese Class	13:30-15:30	200 yen/class or 500 yen/month	(Phone) 090-7539-3739 (FAX) 0940-36-9359 fumika@forest.ocn.ne.jp	Everyday conversation, grammar Individual tutoring for people aiming for JLPT (N1 ~ N5) 【Level : Beginner, Intermediate, Advanced】
Fri	D Japanese Class Friday Club	14:00-16:00	500 yen/month	(Phone) 080-3946-8859 *English, Chinese okay kinyoclub_nihongo@gmail.com	Everyday conversation, grammar JLPT training (N1 ~ N4) 4th week each month is a 'free-talk' session. 【Level : Beginner, Intermediate, Advanced】
Sat	E Nihongo Hiroba	10:30-12:30	Free	chikushijfl@yahoo.co.jp	This class by Chikushi Jogakuen University students focuses on conversation as a means of communication for all levels. Come and join us! 【Level : Intermediate, Advanced】
	F Meeting for Learning Japanese	13:30-15:30	500 yen/month	(Phone&FAX) 092-806-3704 090-4779-6816 nihongowomanabukai@hotmail.co.jp	We will help you with daily conversation, grammar, and Japanese Language Proficiency Test preparation. 【Level : Beginner, Intermediate, Advanced】
	G Yokoso Japanese Class	16:30-18:20	500 yen/month	(Phone&FAX) 090-1365-6029 nihongo822@hotmail.com	Everyday conversation, grammar Japanese Language Proficiency Test classes: Levels 1, 2 【Level : Beginner, Intermediate, Advanced】
Sun	H Sunday Conversation Salon	10:30-12:20	100 yen/class	nichiyo2525@yahoo.co.jp	Enjoy speaking Japanese on a theme of your choice in this relaxed environment. We are not picky on grammar, but will work to improve your level of expression and listening. 【Level : Intermediate】
	I Nihongo Hiroba Ichi · Ni · San	13:30-15:00	200 yen/class or 500 yen/month * extra material fees may apply	nihongohiroba123@yahoo.co.jp	Beginner : learn basic grammar using a textbook, and improve conversation skills. Intermediate and above: improve on expression. 【Level : Beginner, Intermediate】

※Please visit our home page for volunteer-run Japanese classes around Fukuoka Prefecture (~80 locations).

Free Consultation for Foreigners (1) Kokusai Hiroba

	Human Rights counseling for non-Japanese	Immigration and Residency Process Consultations
Date	10 th Jan, 14 th Feb, 14 th Mar (2 nd Sat each month)	24 th Jan, 28 th Feb, 28 th Mar (4 th Sat each month)
Time	13:00 ~ 16:00 (appointment not required)	13:00 ~ 16:00 (last entry 15:30, appointment not req.)
Language	Japanese, English	Japanese, English, Chinese * For other languages, please advise in advance
Corresponding Organisation	Fukuoka Legal Affairs, Bureau Civil Liberties Commissioner First Division	Fukuoka Gyoseishoshi Lawyers Association 092-641-2501
Consultation Content	Human rights issues relating to foreigners, including employment, housing, marriage, neighbourhood disputes, etc.	Citizenship, immigration, residency, etc.

Free Consultation for Foreigners (2) other venues

Fukuoka Labour Bureau

Free consultation related to working conditions

- Time and Date / Every Tuesday/Thursday 9:00-16:00
- Languages / Japanese, English
- Content / Consult directly with an inspector or advisor. (Also available by phone)

Venue Inspection Division, Fukuoka Labour Bureau
4F Fukuoka National Government Building ANNEX
(2-11-1 Hakataekihigashi, Hakata-ku, Fukuoka)

Contact Fukuoka Labour Bureau Labour Standards Department, Inspection Division
092-411-4862

Tenjin Attorney's Center

Free legal consultation for Non-Japanese Residents

- Time and Date / 2nd and 4th Fridays each month (1/9, 23, 2/13, 27, 3/13, 27)
13:00~16:00 *excluding public holidays
- Languages / Japanese, Chinese, English *English only on 4th Fridays
- Registration / Required (via phone) Weekdays 10:00~16:00
- Content / Lawyers provide counseling on general civil affairs, labour or household problems, immigration and criminal cases.

Venue Fukuoka Prefectural Bar Association Tenjin Attorney's Center
(2F Minami Tenjin Bldg., 5-14-12 Watanabe-dori, Chuo-ku Fukuoka)

Contact Fukuoka Bar Association 092-737-7555

Kitakyushu International Association

Legal Consultation

- Time and Date / 4th Saturday each month (1/24, 2/28, 3/28) 13:30-16:30
- Languages / Japanese, English, Chinese, Korean
- Registration / Required (via phone) *First 3 reservations
- Content / Consult with lawyers regarding trouble at work, traffic incidents, housing, marriage, divorce, etc.

Immigration, Residency,

Nationality Procedures Consultation

- Time and Date / 3rd Sunday each month (1/18, 2/15, 3/15) 13:00-16:00
- Languages / Japanese, English, Chinese, Korean
- Registration / Not Req'd *unless an interpreter is needed (phone in advance)
- Content / Administrative scriveners provide consultation on processes for change of residency status and period, bringing family into Japan, re-entry procedures, naturalisation & permanent residency, foreigner registration, international marriage, nationality and more.

Psychological Counseling

- Time and Date / 4th Saturday each month (1/24, 2/28, 3/28) 9:30-12:30
- Languages / Japanese, English, Chinese, Korean
- Registration / Required (via phone) *First 3 reservations
- Content / A clinical psychologist is available for consultation and will work together to resolve psychological issues relating to trouble and stress in personal relationships.

Venue Kitakyushu International Association
(3F COM City, 3-15-3 Kurosaki, Yahatanishi-ku, Kitakyushu)

Contact Kitakyushu International Association
Foreigners Information Center 093-643-6060

U R L www.kitaq-koryu.jp/lifeinfo/freeadvice.html

Kurume City Hall

Free consultation for foreigners

- Time and Date / 3rd Saturday each month (1/17, 2/21, 3/21) 13:00-16:00
- Languages / Japanese, English, Chinese, Korean
- Content / Administrative scriveners provide consultations on international marriage, naturalisation, nationality problems etc. Appointment not required.

Venue Kurume City Hall 3F Meeting Room (15-3 Jounanmachi Kurume)

Contact Kurume Convention 0942-31-1717

E-mail kokusaikoryu@ktie.or.jp

Rainbow Plaza

Free consultation on Immigration, Residence and Nationality for foreign nationals

- Time and Date / 2nd Sunday each month (1/11, 2/8, 3/8) 13:00-16:00
- Languages / Japanese, English, Chinese
*For other languages, please advise in advance
- Content / Administrative scriveners provide consultation on processes regarding residency status and period, bringing family into Japan, naturalisation & permanent residency, international marriage, etc. Reception until 15:30.

Free legal consultation for Non-Japanese Residents

- Time and Date / 1st and 3rd Saturday each month
(1/10, 17, 2/7, 21, 3/7, 21)
(1)10:30~ (2)11:15~ (3)12:00~ (4)12:45~
- Languages / Japanese, English, Chinese
*For other languages, please advise in advance
- Registration / Required (homepage)
- Content / Consultation with lawyers from the Fukuoka Lawyer's Association. 45mins per person.

Free Personal Counseling for foreign nationals

- Time and Date / Monday 10:00-17:00, Thursday 10:00-13:00,
Saturday 14:00-20:00
- Languages / Japanese, English
- Registration / Required (Phone, Rainbow Plaza counter)
- Content / Counseling by a clinical psychologist.

Free Health Consultation for foreign nationals

- Time and Date / every Wednesday 17:00-19:00
(occasionally not held so please check in advance via phone, etc.)
- Languages / Japanese, English
- Content / A Japanese volunteer doctor provides consultation on various health matters. Don't worry all alone—feel free to stop by for a consultation. However, medical treatments, medications or prescriptions are not issued due to legal restrictions.

Venue Rainbow Plaza(8F IMS 1-7-11Tenjin, Chuo-ku, Fukuoka)

Contact Fukuoka City International Foundation Rainbow Plaza 092-733-2220

U R L www.rainbowfia.or.jp/foreigner/



LOVE FM 76.1 "Info from Fukuoka Prefecture"
(Mon ~ Fri 13:55 ~)

(Mon: English/ Tue: Chinese/ Wed: Korean/ Thu: Tagalog/ Fri: Japanese)
Broadcasting useful information for foreigners in multiple languages!

Fukuoka International Exchange Foundation

**Let's work together...
International Exchange**

Looking for Supporters!

[Supporting Members]

The membership fee contributes to supporting:

- Exchange with friendship cities of Fukuoka Prefecture
- International Understanding Education
- Scholarship programs for international students and other projects. Please lend us your assistance.

Founding Objective

Utilizing Fukuoka Prefecture's special geographical and historical characteristics, FIEF cooperates with other prefectural international exchange organizations to promote international exchange amongst citizens. As well as strengthening Fukuoka Prefecture's position as a focal point for international exchange, this deepens relationships with Asian countries and the rest of the world, contributing to greater mutual prosperity and world peace. [Establishment Date: 27th June 1989]

Annual Membership
(valid for 1 year from date of payment)
Students: ¥1,000/person
General: ¥2,000/person
Corporate: ¥10,000/organization
(multiple memberships OK)

[Benefits]

- Our "Kokusai Hiroba" newsletter delivered 4 times a year, and free entry to our "Kokusai Hiroba Cafe" events. (held every 2nd month, normally ¥300)
- Usage of the Exchange Room inside Kokusai Hiroba (fits up to 30 people).
- One free set of ID photos (including passport) per year (normally ¥1,200 per set)
- Discounts at supporting organizations, including World Gourmet Hiroba registered stores, the Fukuoka Prefectural Museum of Art, travel agencies and hotels.

For more details on benefits, please visit our homepage.



Application documents are available by post. Please contact Kokusai Hiroba if interested. Find the latest on our **Facebook**! Simply click 'Like'.