



Kokusai Hiroba

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

Fukuoka Prefecture is home to over 9,000 international students, ranking third in the country after Tokyo and Osaka.

Together with universities, local governments and businesses within the prefecture, Fukuoka International Exchange Foundation is engaged in various projects targeted at these students. They include consultation and employment support, part time work introduction, scholarships and promotion of exchange with local residents.



Fukuoka Overseas Students Association (FOSA) Welcome Party 2014

Prefectures with Highest Number of International Students

| Rank | Prefecture | Number of Students |
|------|----------------|--------------------|
| 1 | Tokyo | 42,791 |
| 2 | Osaka | 10,533 |
| 3 | Fukuoka | 9,027 |
| 4 | Kyoto | 7,243 |
| 5 | Aichi | 6,214 |

As of 1st May, 2013

Main Home Countries/Regions of International Students in Fukuoka

| Rank | Country/Region | Number of Students |
|------|----------------|--------------------|
| 1 | China | 5,945 |
| 2 | Nepal | 679 |
| 3 | Vietnam | 677 |
| 4 | South Korea | 659 |
| 5 | Taiwan | 137 |
| 6 | Indonesia | 133 |

As of 1st May, 2013

Please contact us if you're interested in meeting with international students!

Fukuoka International Student Support Center

www.fissc.net



Fukuoka International Exchange Foundation (FIEF)

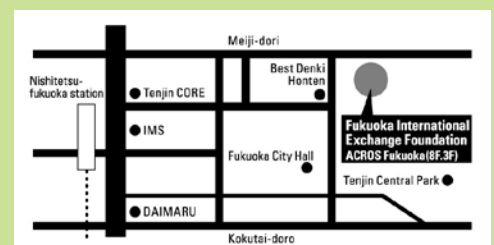
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8F Planning & Exchange Div.

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

April, May, June

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 vol.27

- ▶ Date=Sunday 31st May 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, as well as life in Japan, through the eyes of foreign and Japanese guest teachers who are active at schools around the prefecture as part of International Understanding Education.

In vol.27, we invite guest speakers from the USA and South Korea. (Details on our website)

Lecture

24th Habitat Hiroba

- ▶ Date=25th Wednesday 1st April 18:30~19:30
26th Monday 1st June 18:30~19:30
- ▶ 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 Fukuoka International Exchange Foundation.

The theme for the 25th lecture is "Africa", and the 26th will focus on "Climate Change". (Content may change, visit our website for details)

Become an "International Understanding Education" guest teacher!

Through the Project for the Promotion of International Understanding Education, FIEF creates an opportunity to consider and learn about the world by sending foreign and Japanese guest teachers with experience living abroad to schools and community centers around the prefecture, as well as organizing various international exchange events.

Interested in sharing your home country/region, and your own story, with children and local residents? To get started, please contact the Fukuoka International Exchange Foundation.

Guest Teacher Eligibility



[Foreign Guest Teachers]

- Reside in Fukuoka Prefecture
- Be able to communicate in Japanese
- Hold a working visa or permission to work



[Japanese Guest Teachers]

- Reside in Fukuoka Prefecture
- Have experience working/living abroad long-term

Also seeking class/workshop organizers! If you would like to be introduced to a teacher or learn about examples of past classes and workshops, we are available for consultation via phone, email or in person. To get started, please contact us.



2015 Support Program for Activities Promoting Regional Internationalization

FIEF provides support for citizen-led grass-roots level international exchange activities carried out by private organizations based within the prefecture. Application guidelines are outlined below.

● Eligible Organizations (must satisfy all of the following)

- (1) Activities are based in Fukuoka Prefecture
- (2) Not receiving regular assistance from national or local Public Organizations
- (3) Non-Profit Organization (4) Not related to political or religious activities
- (5) Not a member of or closely related to criminal organizations

● Eligible Projects (held within the prefecture)

- (1) Exchange projects or support/consultation for foreign residents (including students)
- (2) Projects aiming to develop international understanding amongst youth
- (3) International understanding/exchange projects aiming to create a more multicultural society
- (4) Other projects contributing to regional internationalization

● Details of Support

- (1) Provision of venue: the 'Kokusai Hiroba' open space or conference room
- (2) Financial support: up to half of the relevant expenses, to a maximum of 200,000 yen. Relevant expenses include the cost of personnel, transportation, lodging, venue, promotion or materials printing.
- (3) PR assistance.

● Applications

Ongoing. In general, applications should be made at least 3 months prior to the commencement of the project. Please make sure to contact FIEF before applying. Application forms are to be submitted in person upon arranging a meeting time with the staff in charge.

* Note: Applications will be closed if the total amount granted reaches the budget limit for the fiscal year.

※For details regarding the Project for the Promotion of International Understand Education or the Support Program for Activities Promoting Regional Internationalization, please visit the Fukuoka International Exchange Foundation website or contact us by phone.

[Enquiries] TEL : 092-725-9200 HP : www.kokusaihiroba.or.jp/

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

Free Registration
& Use

- 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.

April

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|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-------|-----|
| Mon | Tue | Wed | Thu | Fri | Sat | Sun |
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| | | B | C | D | F,G | H,I |
| 6 | 7 | 8 | 9 | 10 | 11 | 12 |
| | | B | C | D | E,F,G | H,I |
| 13 | 14 | 15 | 16 | 17 | 18 | 19 |
| | | B | C | D | F,G | H,I |
| 20 | 21 | 22 | 23 | 24 | 25 | 26 |
| | A | B | C | D | E,F,G | H,I |
| 27 | 28 | 29 | 30 | | | |

May

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June

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| | | B | C | D | E | H,I |
| 29 | 30 | | | | | |

★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.

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 【Level : Beginner, Intermediate, Advanced】 |
| Thu | C F H Japanese Class | 13:30-15:30 | 500 yen/month (first class 200yen) | (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, many successful students each time) 【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 | 11 th Apr, 9 th May, 13 th Jun (2 nd Sat each month) | 25 th Apr, 23 rd May, 27 th Jun (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(4/10·24, 5/8·22, 6/12·26)
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 (4/25, 5/23, 6/27) 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 (4/19, 5/17, 6/21) 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 (4/25, 5/23, 6/27) 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.kitakyushu-international.jp/lifeinfo/freetadvice.html

Kurume City Hall

Free consultation for foreigners

- Time and Date / 3rd Saturday each month (4/18, 5/16, 6/20) 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 (4/12, 5/10, 6/14) 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 Saturdays each month (4/4·18, 5/2·16, 6/6·20)
(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

Become a Supporting Member (join any time)

《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) (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.

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

Fukuoka International Exchange Foundation always seeks to carry out projects with the understanding and cooperation of as many people as possible. We are seeking members who agree with our Founding Objective.

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]



Individual Member



Corporate Member

Application documents are available by post. Please contact Kokusai Hiroba if interested.

*For more details on benefits, please visit our homepage. Find the latest on our Facebook!
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