



Kokusai Hiroba

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

In collaboration with various NPOs and international exchange organisations within the prefecture, FIEF holds events aimed at deepening understanding of cultural exchange and furthering internationalization.



Around the World with Kokusai Hiroba Cafe
- America & South Korea



African Day @Kokusai Hiroba
(African Society of Kyushu University)



Habitat Hiroba
(UN Habitat Fukuoka Head Office)



Study-Abroad Experience Hiroba
- Let's go to America! (Fukuoka American Center)



EU Christmas
(Fukuoka EU Association, EUJ Kyushu)

From the Participants:
Around the World with Kokusai Hiroba Cafe
~ America & South Korea!

I learnt many things that I didn't know before. It was really interesting to hear foreigners' impressions of Japan, and I enjoyed meeting other participants my own age!



guest speaker Alan

I had fun playing Korean instruments and being able to talk to Alan in English!

Today was my first time at this event. It offers a chance to learn about foreign cultures and lifestyles, as well as experiencing music or games, which I think would appeal to anyone with an interest in international exchange.

guest speaker Jung



Fukuoka International Exchange Foundation (FIEF)

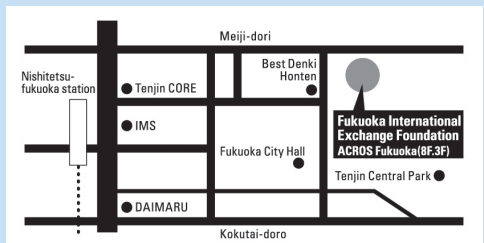
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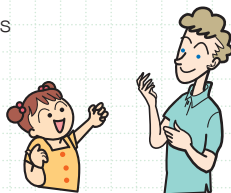
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See our homepage for the latest event information www.kokusaihiroba.or.jp/

Event

Sekai e GO! ~ Multicultural Experience for Kids

- ▶ Date=Saturday 25th July, 14:00~16:00
- ▶ Participants=elementary school students
- ▶ Number of Participants=50
- ▶ Cost=Free
- ▶ Registration=Req'd (Phone, FAX, email)
- ▶ Contact=Fukuoka International Exchange Foundation
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Fukuoka's foreign guest teachers from around the world introduce their home countries. Experience games and other cultural activities at this international understanding event for children. (Details on our website)

Around the World with Kokusai Hiroba Cafe

- ① vol.28 Spain & Thailand
- ② vol.29 Sri Lanka & Niger

- ▶ Date=① Sunday 26th July 14:00~16:00
② Sunday 27th September 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
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Foreign and Japanese guest teachers who are active at schools around the prefecture as part of International Understanding Education come to Kokusai Hiroba! Guest speakers talk about their various experiences in Japan and abroad. Enjoy some tea and sweets with people from around the world. (Details on our website)

Lecture

27th Habitat Hiroba HABIAT

- ▶ Date=Saturday 1st August, 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 Fukuoka International Exchange Foundation. The 27th lecture will commemorate the 18th anniversary of establishment of the Fukuoka Head Office. (Details on our website)

Study-Abroad Information

Study-Abroad Experience Hiroba vol.1 - Let's go to America!

- ▶ Date=Sunday 13th September, 14:00~16:30
- ▶ Number of Participants=Approx. 50
- ▶ 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. In addition, the Fukuoka American Center will provide the latest information and booths for individual consultation regarding American universities.



FiSSC

Tips

Greetings from the Fukuoka International Student Support Center (FiSSC). Working together with local governments and universities within the prefecture, FiSSC provides support for international students, including consultation, employment support, introduction to part-time jobs, providing scholarships and promoting exchange with local residents. In this 4-part series, we bring you tips and useful information related to FiSSC.

Did you know Fukuoka Prefecture is home to various international student societies?

In addition to the Fukuoka Overseas Students Association (FOSA), our prefecture has several international student societies established around the members' university or home country. These societies are engaged in various activities to promote exchange with local residents and other international students. Many events are also open to the general public, so make sure to check each society's facebook or website!

Fukuoka Overseas Students Association (FOSA)



Nepal Society (FUNESO)



Check the FiSSC website for information about international student groups from around the world.

www.fissc.net/ja/friends/abroad/

Kokusai Hiroba Calendar

★ Kokusai Hiroba Café ★ Habitat Hiroba ★ Japanese Cultural Seminar

■ Human Rights Counselling for non-Japanese

■ Immigration and Residency Process Consultations

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

July

Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	Sun
		1	2	3	4	5
		B	C	D	F,G	H,I
6	7	8	9	10	11	12
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13	14	15	16	17	18	19
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August

Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	Sun
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September

Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	Sun
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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.

Japanese Classes @ Kokusai Hiroba

	Name of Class	Time	Participation Fee	Contact (TEL/E-mail)	Details
Tue	A Chiisana Kokusai Koryu no Kai	①10:00-12:00 ②13:00-15:00	5,000 yen/6 months (first time) * Can use members' card to join any of our other classes	092-662-7690 (Noguchi) chiisanainfo@gmail.com	①Everyday conversation. Pronunciation practice (correction of pronunciation) 【Level : Beginner, Intermediate】 ②Foundation class (characters, sentence patterns, basic conversation, pronunciation practice) 【Level : Beginner】
Wed	B Cosmos Japanese Class	①11:00-12:30 ②13:30-15:00	100yen/class or 400yen/month	092-807-7053 (Kishida) nayutami_bien@yahoo.co.jp	①&②Everyday conversation, grammar 【Level : Beginner, Intermediate, Advanced】
Thu	C F H Japanese Class	13:30-15:30	500 yen/month (first class 200yen)	090-7539-3739 (Aoki) fumika@forest.ocn.ne.jp	Everyday conversation, grammar, JLPT preparation 【Level : Beginner, Intermediate, Advanced】
Fri	D Japanese Class Friday Club	14:00-16:00	200 yen/class or 500 yen/month	080-3946-8859 (Shiba) torianon-2@com.home.ne.jp * English, Chinese okay	Everyday conversation, grammar, JLPT preparation (N1 ~ N4) 【Level : Beginner, Intermediate, Advanced】
Sat	E Nihongo Hiroba	10:30-12:30	Free	chikushijfi@yahoo.co.jp	Everyday conversation * Free discussion with student volunteers from Chikushi Jogakuen University 【Level : Intermediate, Advanced】
	F Meeting for Learning Japanese	13:30-15:30	500 yen/month	090-4779-6816 (Hamachi) nihongowomanabukai@hotmail.co.jp	Everyday conversation, grammar, JLPT preparation. 【Level : Beginner, Intermediate, Advanced】
	G Yokoso Japanese Class	16:30-18:20	500 yen/month	092-801-2974 (Hirata) nihongo822@hotmail.com	Everyday conversation, grammar, JLPT preparation (N1-N2) 【Level : Beginner, Intermediate, Advanced】
Sun	H Sunday Conversation Salon	10:30-12:20	100 yen/class	090-4754-6321 (Fukagawa) nichiyu2525@yahoo.co.jp	Everyday conversation, free discussion 【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	Everyday conversation, grammar * using textbooks 【Level : Beginner, Intermediate】

※Please visit our home page for volunteer-run Japanese classes around Fukuoka Prefecture (~90 locations).

Japanese Class Spotlight

Many students from around the world enjoy interacting and studying Japanese at Kokusai Hiroba, with 9 different volunteer-run Japanese classes to suit all levels.

Tuesday Chiisana Kokusai Koryu no Kai ①

(Features)

Focus on developing communication ability, rather than grammar. This class is more like enjoying a conversation with friends than the usual student-teacher relationship.

Volunteers

Instead of one-way lectures, we do our best to engage with students to create back-and-forth conversations.



Riza (Philippines)

After our class in March, we went out to experience the Japanese spring festivities of hanami.

Tania (Russia)

In addition to learning Japanese, students can also discover new things about Japan, such as daily life and cultural differences.

Wednesday Cosmos Japanese Club

(Features)

Two separate sessions, morning and afternoon. Volunteers can work with students one-on-one to meet their individual requests. A class dedicated to Japanese language study, with many students coming back time and again.

Ren (China)

I came to Fukuoka 2 months ago. In class I can practice things I couldn't do on my own and instantly fix any problems, which is really great. I will keep doing my best with this study so I can get into graduate school!



Carolina (Brazil)

The teachers are really kind. This class has students from all over the world, and I was able to make friends with people from Brazil and Peru who live in Fukuoka. I want to be able to speak just like a Japanese person!

Free consultation for foreigners (Fukuoka, Kitakyushu, Kurume)

Available in
English, Chinese and Korean

Fukuoka

Human Rights counseling for non-Japanese

- Date / 2nd Saturday each month (7/11, 8/8, 9/12) 13:00~16:00
- Content / Human rights issues relating to foreigners, including employment, housing, marriage, etc.
- Languages / Japanese, English ●Consultant / Lawyer ●Registration / Not Req'd
- Contact / Fukuoka Legal Affairs Bureau Civil Liberties Commissioner First Division 092-832-4311

Immigration and Residency Process Consultations

- Date / 4th Saturday each month (7/25, 8/22, 9/26) 13:00~16:00 *last entry 15:30
- Content / Citizenship, immigration, residency, etc.
- Languages / Japanese, English, Chinese *For other languages, please advise in advance
- Consultant / Administrative scrivener ●Registration / Not Req'd
- Contact / Fukuoka Gyoseishoshi Lawyers Association 092-641-2501

Venue : Kokusai Hiroba Exchange Room(3F ACROS Fukuoka 1-1-1 Tenjin, Chuo-ku, Fukuoka)
W e b : www.kokusaihiroba.or.jp/english/project/infomation/consultation.html

[Phone Consultation] Consultation for Foreign Residents

- Date / Monday~Friday 9:00~17:00
- Content / Issues relating to employment, kindergarten/school enrolment for children, house rental, etc.
- Languages / Japanese, English, Chinese, Korean, Tagalog
- Consultant / Administrative scrivener

Contact : NPO Global Life Support Center 092-283-8880
W e b : www.npo-global.jp/

Free consultation on Immigration, Residence and Nationality for foreign nationals

- Date / 2nd Sunday each month (7/12, 8/9, 9/13) 13:00~16:00 *last entry 15:30
- Content / Residency status and period, bringing family into Japan, naturalisation & permanent residency, international marriage process, etc.
- Languages / Japanese, English, Chinese *For other languages, please advise in advance
- Consultant / Administrative scrivener ●Registration / Not Req'd

Free legal consultation for Non-Japanese Residents

- Date / 1st and 3rd Saturdays each month(7/4-18, 8/1-15, 9/5-19) (1)10:30~ (2)11:15~ (3)12:00~ (4)12:45~
- Content / Legal counselling (45min per person)
- Languages / Japanese, English, Chinese *For other languages, please advise in advance
- Consultant / Lawyer ●Registration / Required (homepage)

Free Personal Counselling for foreign nationals

- Date / Monday 10:00~18:00, Thursday 10:00~13:00, Saturday 14:00~19:00
- Content / Interpersonal troubles, stress and other psychological problems, etc. (60min per person)
- Languages / Japanese, English ●Consultant / Clinical Psychologist
- Registration / Required (Phone, Rainbow Plaza counter)

Free Health Consultation for foreign nationals

- Date / Every Wednesday 17:00~19:00
- Content / Health-related issues. However, medical treatments, medications or prescriptions are not issued due to legal restrictions.
- Languages / Japanese, English ●Consultant / Volunteer Japanese doctor
- Registration / Not Req'd *occasionally not held so please check in advance via phone, etc.

Venue : Rainbow Plaza Meeting Room (8F IMS 1-7-11Tenjin, Chuo-ku, Fukuoka)
Contact : Fukuoka City International Foundation Rainbow Plaza 092-733-2220
W e b : www.rainbowfia.or.jp/foreigner/

Work Consultation for Foreigners

- Date / Every Tuesday, 2nd and 4th Thursdays each month (7/9-23, 8/13-27, 9/10-24) 9:00~16:00
 - Content / Issues related to working conditions (available by phone)
 - Languages / Japanese, English ●Consultant / Inspector, Advisor
 - Registration / Not Req'd
- 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

Kokusai Hiroba foreign-language staff



Kamil

Zhou

Song

At the Kokusai Hiroba consultation desk, we provide information regarding support for foreign residents and international exchange.

Free legal consultation for Non-Japanese Residents

- Date / 2nd and 4th Fridays each month (7/10-24, 8/14-28, 9/11-25) 13:00~16:00 *excluding public holidays
- Content / General civil affairs, labour or household problems, immigration, criminal cases, etc.
- Languages / Japanese, Chinese, English *English only on 4th Fridays
- Consultant / Lawyer ●Registration / Required (via phone) Weekdays 10:00~16:00

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
W e b : www.fben.jp/whats/gaikokujin.htm

Kitakyushu

Legal Consultation

- Date / 4th Saturday each month (7/25, 8/22, 9/26) 13:30~16:30
- Content / Trouble at work, traffic incidents, housing, marriage, divorce, etc.
- Languages / Japanese, English, Chinese, Korean
- Consultant / Lawyer ●Registration / Required (via phone) *First 3 reservations

Immigration, Residency, Nationality Procedures Consultation

- Date / 3rd Sunday each month (7/19, 8/16, 9/20) 13:00~16:00
- Content / 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.
- Languages / Japanese, English, Chinese, Korean
- Consultant / Administrative scrivener
- Registration / Not Req'd *unless an interpreter is needed (phone in advance)

Psychological Counseling

- Date / 4th Saturday each month (7/25, 8/22, 9/26) 9:30~12:30
- Content / Interpersonal troubles, stress and other psychological problems, etc. (60min per person)
- Languages / Japanese, English, Chinese, Korean ●Consultant / Clinical Psychologist
- Registration / Required (via phone) *First 3 reservations

Venue : Kitakyushu International Association (3F COM City, 3-15-3 Kurosaki, Yahatanishi-ku, Kitakyushu)
Contact : Kitakyushu International Association/Foreigners Information Center 093-643-6060
W e b : www.kitakyu.jp/en/lifeinfo/freeadvice.html

Kurume

Free consultation for foreigners

- Date / 3rd Saturday each month (7/18, 8/15, 9/19) 13:00~16:00
 - Content / International marriage, naturalisation, nationality problems, etc.
 - Languages / Japanese, English, Chinese, Korean
 - Consultant / Administrative scrivener ●Registration / Not Req'd
- Venue : Kurume City Hall 3F Meeting Room (15-3 Jounanmachi Kurume)
Contact : Kurume Convention 0942-31-1717
kokusaioryu@ktie.or.jp



LOVE FM 76.1 "Info from Fukuoka Prefecture"

(Mon~Fri 13:25~)
(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). *Can be booked by corporate members, or individual member groups of 5 or more.
- One free set of ID photos (including passport) per year (normally ¥1,200 per set of 2: individual members only)
- 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]



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

*Supporting Members can also receive various other benefits. For more details, please visit our homepage.
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