



Kokusai Hiroba

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

Fukuoka International Exchange Foundation organizes programs to promote private-level exchange with the prefecture's friendship regions. We are also engaged in exchange and support for Overseas Fukuoka Kenjinkai, located in 21 regions of 9 countries, promoting mutual understanding and personnel development.

Exchange with Friendship Regions



Host Program

20 high-school students from Bangkok, Thailand, visited Fukuoka Prefecture.
(exchange with local high schools, home stay, tour of car factory)



Bangkok Sister City Youth Program

3 university students from the prefecture joined participants from other countries in the Sister City Youth Program hosted by Bangkok, Thailand.
(tour of Royal Project, group activities, Thai cultural experience)



Visit Program

10 high-school students from within the prefecture visited Bangkok. (exchange with local high schools, home stay)

Exchange with Overseas Fukuoka Kenjinkai



'Descendants of Immigrants' Exchange Students

10 students from 7 countries are studying at local universities for 1 year under a prefectural scholarship.



Short Term Visit Program for Descendants of Immigrants from Fukuoka Prefecture

Fukuoka Prefecture hosted 29 participants from 11 Kenjinkai in 8 countries. (exchange with peers at elementary schools, home stay, sightseeing in the prefecture)

I had a lot of fun with the students from Naka Elementary School! I'm glad I could see what school life is like for Japanese kids.



I made lots of friends and had the best time! One of them had the same surname as me and was the same age.



Global Stage

The Brazil and Hawaii Shima Fukuoka Kenjinkai each hosted 5 young participants from the prefecture. (exchange with local youth, visits to businesses and government agencies)



Network Utilization Project

Lecture events with successful Fukuoka experts as guest speakers.



Fukuoka International Exchange Foundation (FIEF)

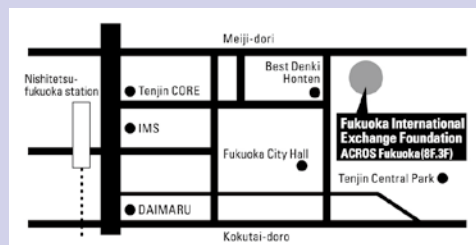
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8F Planning & Exchange Div.

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Closed: Weekends, 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

October, November, December

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

Smartphone Accessible



Event

5th Nigeria Day @Kokusai Hiroba

- ▶Date=Saturday 3rd Oct. 13:30~16:30 ▶Cost=Free
- ▶Contact=Fukuoka International Exchange Foundation 092-725-9200
- ▶URL=www.kokusaihiroba.or.jp/

Kyushu's resident Nigerians introduce the attractions of their home country! With chances to dress in native clothing or join in the dancing, there is something for everyone to enjoy. Come experience Nigeria at Kokusai Hiroba!



Last year's event

Around the World with Kokusai Hiroba Cafe vol.30 Italy & France

- ▶Date=Sunday 29th November 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/

Foreign and Japanese guest teachers who are active at schools around the prefecture as part of International Understanding Education come to Kokusai Hiroba! Speakers from various backgrounds introduce foreign countries and their life in Japan. Enjoy some tea and sweets with people from around the world. (visit our website for details)

Lecture

Habitat Hiroba



- ▶Date=①28th Thursday 1st October 18:30~19:30
②29th Tuesday 1st December 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. Theme for the 28th lecture is "Myanmar", with the 29th TBA. (visit our website for details)

Study-Abroad Information

Study-Abroad Experience Hiroba

- ①vol.2 Study in Canada!
- ②vol.3 Study in Taiwan!

- ▶Date=①Saturday 17th October 14:00~16:00
②Saturday 19th December 14:00~16:00
- ▶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 latest information will be provided by related agencies (Canadian Embassy PR division, Fukuoka Branch of Taipei Economic and Cultural Office, Taiwan Education Center in Japan).

Skills seminar for local Japanese language class volunteers in Fukuoka Prefecture!

FIEF supports volunteers involved in Japanese language classes, which play an important role in fostering a multicultural society by providing a place for foreign residents to study Japanese and interact with locals.

Come and listen to advice from specialists in the field, or share your daily questions and concerns with volunteers from other classes!

Venues Fukuoka - "Kokusai Hiroba", Kitakyushu - "Yahatanishi Lifelong Education Center", Kurume - "Civic Activities Support Center Minkuru"

①Japanese teaching method examples from other classes

- [Kitakyushu] Saturday 7th Nov. 14:00~16:30 (Speaker: Sachiko Sawata)
- [Fukuoka] Sunday 8th Nov. 10:00~12:30
- [Kurume] Sunday 8th Nov. 15:00~17:30

②How is Japanese taught overseas?

- [Fukuoka] Sunday 13th Dec. 14:00~16:30

③Fukuoka Prefecture local Japanese language class presentations & networking event

- [Fukuoka] Sunday 24th Jan., 2016. 14:00~16:30 (Facilitator: Uichi Kamiyoshi)



*Please see our website for registration and other details. www.kokusaihiroba.or.jp/

FiSSC Vol.2

Tips

We also provide consultation for businesses looking to hire international students!

FiSSC provides free part time job and employment referrals for current international students at universities in the prefecture and graduates remaining in Fukuoka to seek work.

Please consult us if you are considering hiring international students.

*FiSSC is authorized by the Minister of Health, Labour and Welfare to provide free employment referrals. (Permit number: 40- ㇿ-300012)

Please check the FiSSC website for details. www.fissc.net/ja/support/job/

Greetings from the Fukuoka International Student Support Center (FiSSC). Together with universities and local governments within the prefecture, FiSSC assists international students by offering consultation, employment support, part time work introduction, scholarships and promotion of exchange with local residents. In this issue we bring you the 2nd instalment of useful information about FiSSC.



Kokusai Hiroba Calendar

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

★ Kokusai Hiroba Cafe ★ Habitat Hiroba ★ Japanese Cultural Seminar

■ Human Rights Counselling for non-Japanese

■ Immigration and Residency Process Consultations

October

Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	Sun
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	A②	B	C	D	E,F,G	
19	20	21	22	23	24 ★	25
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	A②	B			E,F,G	

November

Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	Sun
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16	17	18	19	20	21	22
	A	B	C	D	E,F,G	H,I
23	24	25	26	27	28	29 ★
	A②	B	C	D	E,F,G	H,I

December

Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	Sun
	1 ★	2	3	4	5	6
	A②	B	C	D	F,G	H,I
7	8	9	10	11	12	13
	A②	B	C	D	E,F,G	H,I
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	A	B	C	D	F,G	H
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
					E,F,G	
28	29	30	31			

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	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 textbookR11:U33s 【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 F H Japanese Class

(Features)

Working on a 1-on-1 basis with materials adapted to individual needs, this class aims to provide students with the language necessary to live, study or work in Japan. Many students also study towards the JLPT, with a number finding success each time.



Furukawa

I've been coming to this class for a year and a half. The teachers' methods are easy to understand, and they patiently explain anything we want to know. In the future I want to utilise Vietnamese, English and Japanese in my work, so I will keep studying hard!

Linh (Vietnam)

Aoki

Friday Friday Club

(Features)

From grammar and daily conversation to JLPT preparation, teachers pay close attention to each student's level. This class aims to create an enjoyable study environment for students and teachers alike.



Ito (China)

The teachers continue to listen even when I make mistakes, so I can enjoy conversation without worrying about being wrong.

I want to improve my Japanese so that I can communicate with many people!

Kang (Korea)

Ka (China)

Morillot (Tahiti)

I've been coming to this class for 4 years. I could feel myself gradually improving, and became confident in my Japanese. I look forward to Friday every week!

• Free consultation for foreigners (Fukuoka, Kitakyushu, Kurume) •

Introducing
the Fukuoka
Gyoseishoshi Lawyers
Association

Fukuoka

Human Rights counseling for non-Japanese

- Date / 2nd Saturday each month (10/10, 11/14, 12/12) 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 (10/24, 11/28, 12/26) 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 (10/11, 11/8, 12/13) 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(10/3・17, 11/7・21, 12/5・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
(10/8・22, 11/12・26, 12/10・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



Suzuki Kojo Akiyoshi

We hold a free consultation session at Kokusai Hiroba on the 4th Saturday each month. Please feel free to come and talk to us if you are uncertain about issues such as residency status or period in Japan, or bringing family from abroad.

Free legal consultation for Non-Japanese Residents

- Date / 2nd and 4th Fridays each month (10/9・23, 11/13・27, 12/11・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 (10/24, 11/28, 12/26) 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 (10/18, 11/15, 12/20) 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 (10/24, 11/28, 12/26) 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 (10/17, 11/21, 12/19) 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
kokuaisakoryu@ktie.or.jp

Free to Register & Use Disaster Information Service "Disaster Prevention Mail - Mamoru-kun"

- Disaster-prevention weather bulletins by email
 - Send confirmation of well-being to family and friends in the case of a disaster
- Japanese  English 

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)
- 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.
* Members also receive various other benefits. Please check our website for details.
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