



# Kokusai Hiroba

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

Bringing together Fukuoka's universities, local governments and business groups, the Fukuoka International Student Support Center (FiSSC) is engaged in various projects that provide support for international students within the prefecture, from pre-enrolment to post-graduation.

## Pre-enrolment PR & Recruitment

▶ FiSSC visits various cities overseas to provide information about Fukuoka's schools and the conditions for international students, as support for those interested in study abroad.



## During Study

Life consultation, part-time job introduction, Japanese cultural seminars, interaction with local residents, employment support

◀ The consultation desk is open seven days a week, so come by any time.

▼ At the Japanese Cultural Seminar, we introduce international students to various aspects of Japanese culture.



Advanced business Japanese seminar

Being allowed inside the main shrine was an unforgettable experience!



65th Seminar "Japan's Shrines & Deities - Dazaifu Tenmangu"

As well as learning about Japanese culture, I enjoyed making new friends from different countries.

◀ Workplace introductions and seminars for international students seeking employment.

## Post-graduation Follow-up

▶ FiSSC offers support for establishing former international student societies in various cities, in order to maintain the networks cultivated in Fukuoka even after returning home.



'Thailand Fukuoka Alumni Society' Inaugural ceremony

《Enquiries》



Fukuoka International Student Support Center (FiSSC)

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## Fukuoka International Exchange Foundation (FIEF)

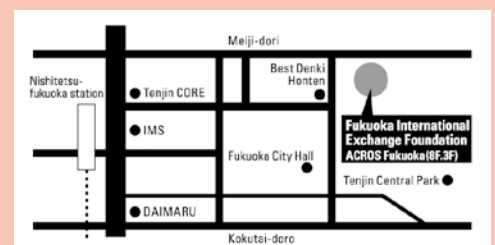
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8F Planning & Exchange Div.

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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

See our homepage for the latest event information [www.kokusaihiroba.or.jp/](http://www.kokusaihiroba.or.jp/)



Smartphone Accessible



## Business Startup Seminar for International Students

- ▶Date=Saturday 16th January 14:00~17:00
  - ▶Participants=Former/current international students
  - ▶Number of Participants=50 ▶Cost=Free
  - ▶Registration=Req'd (Phone, email)
  - Fukuoka International Student Support Center 092-725-9201
  - ▶E-mail=club.fissc@gmail.com
- Fukuoka's foreign entrepreneurs speak about their experiences, with legal specialists to provide guidance on the 'procedures and key points for setting up a business'.

## Local Japanese language class presentations & networking event

- ▶Date=Sunday 24th January 14:00~16:30
  - ▶Number of Participants=60 ▶Cost=Free
  - ▶Registration=Req'd (Phone, FAX, email)
  - Fukuoka International Exchange Foundation
- Come and listen to advice from specialists in the field, or share your daily questions and concerns with volunteers from other classes! (Facilitator: Uichi Kamiyoshi)

## Study-Abroad Experience Hiroba

- ①vol.4 Study in South Korea!
- ②vol.5 Study in Australia!
- ③vol.6 Study in China!

- ▶Date=①Saturday 30th January 14:00~16:00
- ②Saturday 6th February 14:00~16:00
- ③Sunday 6th March 14:00~16:00
- ▶Number of Participants=50 ▶Cost=Free
- ▶Registration=Req'd (Phone, FAX)
- Fukuoka International Exchange Foundation

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 (South Korean Consulate General in Fukuoka, Australian Consulate-General Fukuoka, Consulate-General of the Peoples Republic of China in Fukuoka).



## Around the World with Kokusai Hiroba Cafe

- ①vol.31 The Americas
- ②vol.32 Egypt & Australia

- ▶Date=① Sunday 31st January 14:00~16:00
- ② Sunday 13th March 14:00~16:00
- ▶Number of Participants=50
- ▶Cost=Supporting Members: Free General: ¥300
- ▶Registration=Req'd (Phone, FAX, email)
- Fukuoka International Exchange Foundation

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. Vol.31 will focus on 'the Americas'. 'Descendants of Immigrants' scholarship students introduce the culture of their home countries and the lives of nikkei abroad. In vol.32 we visit Egypt and Australia. (visit our website for details)



## 30th Habitat Hiroba UN HABITAT 'Working for an International Agency'

- ▶Date=Monday 1st February 18:00~19:30
  - ▶Number of Participants=100 ▶Cost=Free
  - ▶Registration=Req'd (Phone, FAX, email)
  - UN Habitat Fukuoka Head Office 092-724-7121
  - ▶FAX=092-724-7124 ▶E-mail=habitat.fukuoka@unhabitat.org
  - ▶URL=[www.fukuoka.unhabitat.org/](http://www.fukuoka.unhabitat.org/)
- Joint lecture series by UN Habitat Fukuoka Head Office and Fukuoka International Exchange Foundation. The theme for the 30th lecture is 'Working for an International Agency'. A speaker from the Foreign Ministry's International Agency Human Resources Center provides advice for Japanese aiming to work for an international agency. (visit our website for details)

## The Goryeo/Joseon Dynasties through Korean dramas

- ▶Date=Saturday 5th March 14:00~17:00
  - ▶Number of Participants=100 ▶Cost=Free
  - ▶Registration=Req'd (Phone, FAX, email)
  - Research Center for Korean Studies 092-642-4358
  - ▶FAX=092-642-4359 ▶E-mail=intkrcks.uok@jimu.kyushu-u.ac.jp
  - ▶URL=[rcks.kyushu-u.ac.jp/](http://rcks.kyushu-u.ac.jp/)
- An exploration of the political/social realities of various periods and the unique "telling" of history depicted through Korean films and TV dramas which focus on stories such as the nation's founding during the Goryeo Dynasty; Jeongjo, the wise ruler of the late-Joseon Dynasty; and the invasion by Toyotomi Hideyoshi at the end of the 16 century.

## African Day @Kokusai Hiroba

- ▶Date=Monday 21st March (public holiday) 13:30~16:30
- ▶Cost=Free

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 a broad range of traditional music, clothing and dance from various nations.



Last year's African Day

## 4th EU Study Tour Report

- ▶Date=Thursday 24th March ▶Number of Participants=60
  - ▶Cost=Free
  - ▶Registration=Req'd (FAX, email) EUJ Kyushu
  - ▶FAX=092-642-4435 ▶E-mail=event@euij-kyushu.com
- A presentation of findings by 16 students from Kyushu University and Fukuoka Women's University selected to visit various EU agencies and exchange with local university students in Belgium, Holland and Luxembourg as part of the EU Study Tour.

## Event Registration

### Fukuoka International Exchange Foundation

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# FiSSC

# TIPS

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 and promotion of exchange with local residents. In this issue we bring you the 3rd instalment of useful information about FiSSC.

**International exchange event information on the FiSSC website and facebook!**

FiSSC shares event information related to international exchange on facebook and the event calendar on our website. Not only for foreign students, there is plenty of useful information for anyone with an interest in international exchange. Check it out for yourself!



website



[www.fissc.net/en/](http://www.fissc.net/en/)



facebook



[www.facebook.com/fukuoka.fissc](http://www.facebook.com/fukuoka.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

## January

Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	Sun
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11	12	13	14	15	16	17
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## February

Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	Sun
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## March

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28	29	30	31			
		B				

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	<b>A</b> 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>B</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	<b>C</b> 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	<b>D</b> Japanese Class Friday Club	14:00-16:00	200 yen/class or 500 yen/month	080-3946-8859 (Shiba) torianon-2@jcom.home.ne.jp * English, Chinese okay	Everyday conversation, grammar, JLPT preparation (N1 ~ N4) 【Level : Beginner, Intermediate, Advanced】
Sat	<b>E</b> 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】
	<b>F</b> 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】
	<b>G</b> 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	<b>H</b> Sunday Conversation Salon	10:30-12:20	100 yen/class	090-4754-6321 (Fukagawa) nichiyu2525@yahoo.co.jp	Everyday conversation, free discussion 【Level : Intermediate】
	<b>I</b> 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.

### Saturday① Nihongo Hiroba



**(Features)** A conversation class covering life in Japan, cultural differences, sports and other recent topics, without using textbooks. The volunteers include Japanese teachers and university students with an interest in foreign countries. With little difference in age between students and instructors, the conversation flows naturally and it's easy to make new friends.

### Saturday② Meeting for Learning Japanese

**(Features)** Study conversation and grammar in a fun and friendly atmosphere. Students are divided into groups and study according to their level. We help you to utilize the things learned in class in your daily life.



### Saturday③ Yokoso Japanese Class



**(Features)** Students are divided into groups based on their needs and ability, covering daily conversation and grammar from beginner to advanced. One-on-one tutoring for JLPT and other tests is also available. There are also chances to experience Japanese culture and customs, such as hanami or end-of-year parties.

I joined this class 5 months ago. As I understand more Japanese, my daily study becomes more enjoyable. My next goal is to pass the JLPT N3!

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

**Introducing members of Fukuoka Legal Affairs Bureau Civil Liberties Commission**

**Fukuoka**

**Human Rights counseling for non-Japanese**

- Date / 2nd Saturday each month (1/9, 2/13, 3/12) 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 / 1st Monday each month (1/4, 2/1, 3/7) 16:30~18:30 \*last entry 18:00  
4th Saturday each month (1/23, 2/27, 3/26) 13:00~16:00 \*last entry 15:30
- Content / Citizenship, immigration, residency, etc.
- Languages / Japanese, English, Chinese \*English, Chinese only available on 4th Saturday
- 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](http://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/](http://www.npo-global.jp/)

**Free consultation on Immigration, Residence and Nationality for foreign nationals**

- Date / 2nd Sunday each month (1/10, 2/14, 3/13) 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(1/16, 2/6-20, 3/5-19)  
(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/](http://www.rainbowfia.or.jp/foreigner/)

**Work Consultation for Foreigners**

- Date / Every Tuesday, 2nd and 4th Thursdays each month  
(1/14-28, 2/11-25, 3/10-24) 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



We hold a free consultation session at Kokusai Hiroba on the 2nd Saturday each month. Please come and talk to us about human rights issues relating to foreigners, including employment, marriage, neighbourhood disputes etc.

**Free legal consultation for Non-Japanese Residents**

- Date / 2nd and 4th Fridays each month (1/8-22, 2/12-26, 3/11-25) 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](http://www.fben.jp/whats/gaikokujin.htm)

**Kitakyushu**

**Legal Consultation**

- Date / 4th Saturday each month (1/23, 2/27, 3/26) 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 (1/17, 2/21, 3/20) 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 (1/23, 2/27, 3/26) 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](http://www.kitakyu.jp/en/lifeinfo/freeadvice.html)

**Kurume**

**Free consultation for foreigners**

- Date / 3rd Saturday each month (1/16, 2/20, 3/19) 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  
[kokusaikoryu@ktie.or.jp](mailto:kokusaikoryu@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)
- 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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Simply click 'Like'.

