



Kokusai Hiroba

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

Anyone anywhere connected to the world!

FIEF's "International Understanding Education Promotion Project" provides opportunities to learn about and consider the world we live in.

Around the World with Kokusai Hiroba Cafe



Every second month at Kokusai Hiroba guest speakers from various backgrounds introduce their activities in Japan and abroad.

Sekai e GO!



Multicultural Experience for Kids



Popular multicultural experience event for kids held during the summer holidays.

Guest Teacher Visit/ Introduction



Foreign and Japanese guest teachers with experience working and living abroad visit schools and community centers.

Guest Teacher Skills Seminar



Veteran teachers present mock classes and share their experiences as advice for other guest teachers.

Class Presentation



Guest teachers and organizers introduce various examples of International Understanding Education classes.

Participants

Events such as Kokusai Hiroba Cafe and the Class Presentation are open to the general public.

Organizers

Consult us about guest teachers or past classes by phone, email or in person at our consultation desk.

Guest Teachers

Foreigners and Japanese with experience working or living abroad can register as guest teachers.

Fukuoka International Exchange Foundation (FIEF)



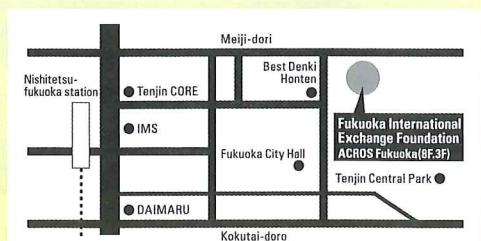
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Closed: Weekends, Public Holidays, Dec 29-Jan 3

3F Kokusai Hiroba

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



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



Event

Habitat Hiroba UN HABITAT

- ①31st: Guidelines for Livable Cities ~ Compact City Fukuoka Case Study
- ②32nd: The Fukuoka Method in Africa, Part II

- ▼Date=①31st: Friday 1st April 18:30 ~ 19:30
②32nd: Wednesday 1st June 18:30 ~ 19:30
- ▼Number of Participants=50 ▼Cost=Free
- ▼Registration=Req'd (Phone, FAX)
- ▼Contact=UN Habitat Fukuoka Head Office
092-724-7121
- ▼FAX=092-724-7124
- ▼URL=www.fukuoka.unhabitat.org/

Joint lecture series by UN Habitat Fukuoka Head Office and Fukuoka International Exchange Foundation. UN Habitat staff introduce their activities around the world. A valuable opportunity to hear directly from UN staff!. (visit our website for details)

Around the World with Kokusai Hiroba Cafe

- ①vol.33 Guinea & Uganda
- ②vol.34 South Korea & Mongolia

- ▼Date=①Sunday 29th May 14:00 ~ 16:00
②Sunday 31st July 14:00 ~ 16:00
- ▼Number of Participants=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)

※Please be aware that event content or presenters may change.

2016-17 Support Program for Activities Promoting Regional Internationalization

We provide support for activities by private organizations based within Fukuoka Prefecture that aim to progress regional internationalization by promoting grass-roots level international exchange amongst citizens. 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
- Non-Profit Organization
- Not related to political or religious activities
- 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 per project. Relevant expenses are staff, transportation, accommodation, venue, PR and printing costs.
- (3) PR assistance.

Applications

Ongoing. Generally, applications should be made at least 3 months prior to the project. Please contact us prior to applying. Please bring the application form when meeting with our staff.
※Note: Applications will be closed if the total amount of grants issued reaches the budgeted limit for a given financial year.

FISSE

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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 final of our 4 instalments of useful information about FiSSC.

Important! Points to keep in mind when hiring international students for part-time jobs

Many international students stay in Japan under the 'student' resident status, which is provided for the purposes of study and, in general, does not allow them to work in the country. As such, they must obtain a "Permission to Engage in Activity other than that Permitted under the Status of Residence" from the local immigration bureau when looking to undertake part time work. With this permission, students are in principle able to work 28 hours per week. In the case of multiple jobs, students must take care to ensure that the total working time per week does not exceed 28 hours.

Residence Card

Image source: Ministry of Justice Immigration Bureau



For those considering hire of international students for part-time work, please be aware of the outlined points. For further information, please contact FiSSC (092-725-9201).

- ①Status
- ②Period of Stay (Date of Expiration)
- ③Period of Validity
- ④If permission has been granted, a notice will be stamped here

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

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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, Advanced] ②Foundation class (characters, sentence patterns, basic conversation, pronunciation practice) [Level : Beginner, Intermediate, Advanced]
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@jcom.home.ne.jp *English, Chinese okay	Everyday conversation, grammar, JLPT preparation [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) nichiyos2525@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.

Sunday① Sunday Conversation Salon

[Features]

A class where students can freely enjoy conversation on seasonal and popular topics, without using textbooks. Students range broadly from beginner to advanced, and occasional games help to create a congenial, at-home atmosphere where everyone can study Japanese.



Sunday② Nihongo Hiroba Ichi · Ni · San

[Features]

Students are separated into 3 groups based on their Japanese ability and materials are prepared each time to meet their individual needs. This class provides students with a good balance of the 4 components of language learning - reading, listening, writing and speaking.



Free consultation for foreigners (Fukuoka, Kitakyushu, Kurume)

Available in

Korean, English and Chinese

Fukuoka

Human Rights counseling for non-Japanese

- Date / 2nd Saturday each month (4/9, 5/14, 6/11, 7/9) 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 (4/4, 5/2, 6/6, 7/4) 16:30 ~ 18:30 *last entry 18:00
4th Saturday each month (4/23, 5/28, 6/25, 7/23) 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/information/consultation.html

Free consultation on Immigration, Residence and Nationality for foreign nationals

- Date / 2nd Sunday each month (4/10, 5/8, 6/12, 7/10) 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 (4/2-16, 5/7-21, 6/4-18, 7/2-16) (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 1-7-11 Tenjin, 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 (4/14-28, 5/12-26, 6/9-23, 7/14-28) 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

Free legal consultation for Non-Japanese Residents

- Date / 2nd and 4th Fridays each month (4/8-22, 5/13-27, 6/10-24, 7/8-22) 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

Kokusai Hiroba foreign-language staff

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



Kitakyushu

Legal Consultation

- Date / 4th Saturday each month (4/23, 5/28, 6/25, 7/23) 13:30 ~ 16:30
- Content / Trouble at work, traffic incidents, housing, marriage, divorce, etc.
- Languages / Japanese, English, Chinese, Korean
- Consultant / Lawyer ●Required (via phone) *First 3 reservations

Immigration, Residency, Nationality Procedures Consultation

- Date / 3rd Sunday each month (4/17, 5/15, 6/19, 7/17) 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 *must book ahead if interpreter is needed (phone)

Psychological Counseling

- Date / 4th Saturday each month (4/23, 5/28, 6/25, 7/23) 9:30 ~ 12:30
- Content / Interpersonal troubles, stress and other psychological problems, etc.
- 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.kitak-qoryu.jp/en/lifeinfo/freeadvice.html

Kurume

Free consultation for foreigners

- Date / 3rd Saturday each month (4/16, 5/21, 6/18, 7/16) 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

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

- Disaster-prevention weather bulletins Japanese English
- Confirmation of well-being sent to family and friends in case of disaster

Fukuoka Medical Interpretation Service

- Support when you need help at hospitals in Fukuoka.
- Phone Interpretation Service, Medical Interpreter Service, Medical Information
- Languages: English, Chinese and Korean

Fukuoka Asian Medical Support Center TEL:0570-006-626
*Fukuoka Asian Medical Support Center is a joint project by Fukuoka Prefecture and Fukuoka City.

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'.

