



# Kokusai Hiroba

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

With the collaboration of various NPOs and international exchange organizations within the Prefecture, FIEF's 'Kokusai Hiroba' is home to many events that further local residents' understanding of internationalization and international exchange.



**Around the World with Kokusai Hiroba Cafe**  
Egypt & Australia



**Habitat Hiroba**  
(UN Habitat Fukuoka Regional Office)



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



**Study-Abroad Experience Hiroba**  
- Study in America!  
(Fukuoka American Center)



**EU Christmas**  
(Fukuoka EU Association, EUIJ Kyushu)



## Fukuoka International Exchange Foundation (FIEF)

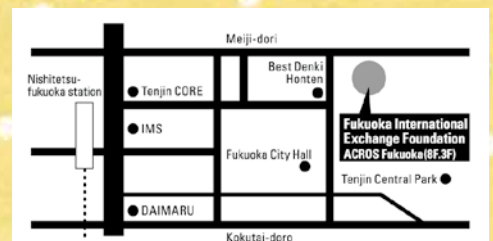
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8F Planning & Exchange Div.

TEL:092-725-9204 FAX:092-725-9205  
Opening hours: 8:30-17:45  
Closed: 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/](http://www.kokusaihiroba.or.jp/)

Event

## Habitat Hiroba UN HABITAT

### ①33rd: Habitat III and Japan - Fukuoka Regional Office Commemorative Project

### ②34th: Afghanistan

- ▼Date=①Monday 1st August 14:00~15:00  
②Saturday 1st October 14:00~15:00
- ▼Number of Participants=50 ▼Cost=Free
- ▼Registration=Req'd (Phone, FAX, email)
- ▼Contact=UN Habitat Fukuoka Head Office 092-724-7121
- ▼FAX=092-724-7124 ▼URL=[www.fukuoka.unhabitat.org/](http://www.fukuoka.unhabitat.org/)

Joint lecture series by UN Habitat Fukuoka Regional Office and Fukuoka International Exchange Foundation.  
The theme of the 33rd lecture is 'Habitat III and Japan - Fukuoka Regional Office Commemorative Project', and the 34th is Afghanistan.

## Around the World with Kokusai Hiroba Cafe

### ①vol.35 Serbia & Germany

### ②vol.36 Southeast Asia

- ▼Date=①Sunday 25th September 14:00~16:00  
②Sunday 27th November 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



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.

In vol.35 we will visit Serbia and Germany, while vol.36 will focus on Southeast Asia.

## Study-abroad Experience Hiroba

### ①vol.1 America ②vol.2 Canada

- ▼Date=①Saturday 17th September 10:00~17:00  
②Sunday 6th November 14:00~17:00
- ▼Number of Participants=50 ▼Cost=Free
- ▼Registration=Req'd (Phone, FAX, email)
- ▼Contact=Fukuoka International Exchange Foundation

Those with experience studying abroad give their first-hand advice on everything from preparation to student life, and what to expect upon coming home.

① will include individual consultation sessions with local universities from Hawaii (morning) and the mainland (afternoon). In addition, the afternoon session will include the latest information from the Fukuoka American Center. ② will also offer individual consultation with Canadian universities.



## 2016 International Understanding Education Promotion Program 'Model Class Presentation'

- ▼Date=Thursday 4th August 15:00~17:00
- ▼Participants=Educators, organizations/individuals interested in international understanding education
- ▼Number of Participants=60 ▼Cost=Free
- ▼Registration=Req'd (Phone, FAX, email)
- ▼Contact=Fukuoka International Exchange Foundation

An explanation of the International Understanding Education Promotion Program, which introduces foreign and Japanese guest teachers with experience working and living abroad to schools and community centers within the prefecture. Partake in a sample class by a guest teacher and learn more about the program.

## Fukuoka Prefecture Japanese Language Class Volunteer Skills Seminar

- ▼Date=Saturday 19th November 14:00~16:30
- ▼Participants=Those currently active as Japanese language class volunteers, or those interested in volunteering
- ▼Number of Participants=70 ▼Cost=Free
- ▼Registration=Req'd (Phone, FAX, email)
- ▼Contact=Fukuoka International Exchange Foundation


A skills seminar for volunteers active in Japanese language classes for foreigners.

Hear advice from specialists in the field or share your daily questions and concerns with volunteers from other classes.

## Event Registration Fukuoka International Exchange Foundation

Tel: 092-725-9200 FAX: 092-725-9206  
E-mail: [info@kokusaihiroba.or.jp](mailto:info@kokusaihiroba.or.jp)

## From the participants

Kokusai Hiroba hosts various events. Recently, we asked several participants at our 'Around the World with Kokusai Hiroba Cafe  ~ vol.33 Guinea & Uganda' event on Sunday 29th May what they thought!



I came to hear my friend Jophous, who was one of today's presenters. I really enjoyed it, particularly the activity where everyone joined in clapping to African rhythms!



I came today because I've always had an interest in world affairs. I had strongly associated Africa with poverty, but my impressions changed greatly when I learned how truly cheerful the people are, their lives filled with music and dance. I realized that some things can only be understood by seeing them for yourself. I would like to come back again!

I was glad to see everyone enjoying themselves! I think it was a good chance for those who were unaware of the differences between African countries to experience this fascinating variety. I really enjoyed today's event as well!

We came from Kitakyushu. The group percussion we did was a lot of fun. This was a great opportunity to learn about Africa, a part of the world that was not very familiar.

Guest speaker:  
Jophous Mugabi (Uganda)

# Kokusai Hiroba Calendar

A ~ I indicate Japanese classes. Please check the table below for the class schedule.

★ Kokusai Hiroba Cafe ★ Habitat Hiroba

■ Human Rights Counselling for non-Japanese

■ Immigration and Residency Process Consultations

## August

Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	Sun
1★	2	3	4	5	6	7
	A②	B	C	D	F,G	H,I
8	9	10	11	12	13	14
	A②	C			E,G	
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
		B	C	D	F,G	H,I
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
	A②	B	C	D	E	H,I
29	30	31				
		B				

## September

Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	Sun
			1	2	3	4
			C		F,G	H,I
5	6	7	8	9	10	11
	A②	B	C	D	E,F,G	H,I
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
	A②	B	C	D	F,G	H,I
19	20	21	22	23	24	25★
	A①,②	B	C	D	E,F,G	H,I
26	27	28	29	30		
	A①,②	B		D		

## October

Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	Sun
					1★	2
					F,G	H,I
3	4	5	6	7	8	9
	A①,②	B	C	D	E,F,G	H,I
10	11	12	13	14	15	16
	A①,②	B	C	D	F,G	H,I
17	18	19	20	21	22	23
	A①,②	B	C	D	E,F,G	H,I
24	25	26	27	28	29	30
	A①,②	B	C	D	E,F,G	H,I
31						

## November

Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	Sun
	1	2	3	4	5	6
	A①,②	B	C	D	F,G	H,I
7	8	9	10	11	12	13
	A①,②	B	C	D	E,F,G	H,I
14	15	16	17	18	19	20
	A①,②	B	C	D	F,G	H,I
21	22	23	24	25	26	27★
	A①,②	C	D	E		H,I
28	29	30				
		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.

## 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, Advanced] ②Foundation class (characters, sentence patterns, basic conversation, pronunciation practice) [Level : Beginner, Intermediate, Advanced]
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@com.home.ne.jp * English, Chinese okay	Everyday conversation, grammar, JLPT preparation [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 (92 locations).

**FiSSC**

**Tidbits**

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.

Here we bring you interesting FiSSC-related news.

## 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 based on 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!



### Main Student Societies by Origin

- ★ African Society of Kyushu University (ASKU)
- ★ Association of Cambodian Students in Kyushu (ACSK)
- ★ Association of Chinese Students and Scholars in Kyushu, Japan
- ★ Indonesian Students Association in Fukuoka, Japan
- ★ Fukuoka Nepal Society (FUNESO)
- ★ Nigerian Union, Kyushu, Japan
- ★ Taiwanese Students Organization in Fukuoka, Japan
- ★ Thai Association in Fukuoka (ThaiFuk)
- ★ Vietnamese Youth and Student Association in Fukuoka (VYSAF)

Information about the various student societies is on the FiSSC website. <http://www.fissc.net/en/friends/abroad/>



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



## Fukuoka

### Human Rights counseling for non-Japanese

- Date / 2nd Saturday each month (8/13, 9/10, 10/8, 11/12) 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 (8/1, 9/5, 10/3, 11/7) 16:30~18:30 \*last entry 18:00  
4th Saturday each month (8/27, 9/24, 10/22, 11/26) 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)

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

- Date / 2nd Sunday each month (8/14, 9/11, 10/9, 11/13) 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 (8/6-20, 9/3-17, 10/1-15, 11/5-19) (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 (8/11-25, 9/8-22, 10/13-27, 11/10-24) 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

### Free legal consultation for Non-Japanese Residents

- Date / 2nd and 4th Mondays each month (8/12-26, 9/9-23, 10/14-28, 11/11-25) 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)

We hold free consultation sessions at Kokusai Hiroba on the 1st Monday and 4th Saturday every month. Please come and speak with us if you have any questions related to Japanese residency status or period for you or your family.

## Fukuoka Gyoseishoshi Lawyers Association

## Kitakyushu

### Legal Consultation

- Date / 4th Saturday each month (8/27, 9/24, 10/22, 11/26) 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 (8/21, 9/18, 10/16, 11/20) 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 \*must book ahead if interpreter is needed (phone)

### Psychological Counseling

- Date / 4th Saturday each month (8/27, 9/24, 10/22, 11/26) 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.kitaq-koryu.jp/en/lifeinfo/freedvice.html](http://www.kitaq-koryu.jp/en/lifeinfo/freedvice.html)

## Kurume

### Free consultation for foreigners

- Date / 3rd Saturday each month (8/20, 9/17, 10/15, 11/19) 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)



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

Japanese



English



## 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 3 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]



Individual Member

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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