



Kokusai Hiroba

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

Fukuoka International Exchange Foundation carries out youth exchange programs in order to strengthen the exchanges between Fukuoka Prefecture and its friendship regions. Our other activities include, support for Overseas Fukuoka Kenjinkais, promotion of exchange and mutual understanding, and utilization and training of human resources.

Exchanges with friendship regions

Exchanges between teenagers

(Fukuoka Prefecture, Kingdom of Thailand-Bangkok Metropolitan)

This year is the 10th year anniversary of the friendship between Fukuoka Prefecture and Bangkok Metropolitan. Among the exchanges in different categories that are still actively being run and improved upon. Every year our foundation receives 20 senior high school students from Bangkok Metropolitan into Fukuoka Prefecture in May and in August Fukuoka Prefecture sends 10 senior high school students to Bangkok Metropolitan in August. This year's program included facility visits such as the factory and museum, in addition to school visits and homestay experience in both of the regions.



Exchanges with the Overseas Fukuoka Kenjinkai

Due to the Japanese Government's immigration policy, people of Fukuoka descent and their children organised Overseas Fukuoka Kenjinkais in 9 countries, with 21 regions centred around North America and Latin America. Our foundation is dedicated to support the overseas Fukuoka Kenjinkai, strengthening cooperation with them, training successors for the Kenjinkai, and other various activities. Every 3 years we have The Worldwide Fukuoka Kenjinkai Convention where people from different Fukuoka Kenjinkai around the world gather together, this year the convention took place in Mexico City, Mexico from October 15th-16th.

Descendants of Immigrants Exchange Students



Short Term Visit Program for Descendants of Immigrants



9th Worldwide Fukuoka Kenjinkai Convention

Global Stage



Opening for the Documentation Exhibition of Fukuoka Prefecture Oversea Immigration

Our roots are in Fukuoka, our dreams are worldwide
~ Fukuoka immigrants who are playing active roles in the world.

Overseas immigration history from Fukuoka prefecture began with Hawaii in 1885. While immigrants experienced dreadful hardship, their diligent and honesty have earned a high level of trust from each and every country. The immigration history of Fukuoka Prefecture and Kenjinkai activities will be introduced in this documentary exhibition.

Date: Saturday 7th January 2017 ~ Friday 27th January 2017

Location: Com City 3F Mermaid Hiroba

(Kitakyushu-shi Yahatanishi-ku Kurosaki 3-15-3)

Opening hours: 7:00 ~ 22:30 (The last day finishes at 16:00)

Sponsorship: Fukuoka International Exchange Foundation (FIEF)

Co-host: Kitakyushu International Association

Contact

Fukuoka International Exchange Foundation.
Planning Exchange Division (TEL:092-725-9204)

Fukuoka International Exchange Foundation (FIEF)

Inside ACROS Fukuoka, 1-1-1 Tenjin, Chuo-ku, Fukuoka 810-0001

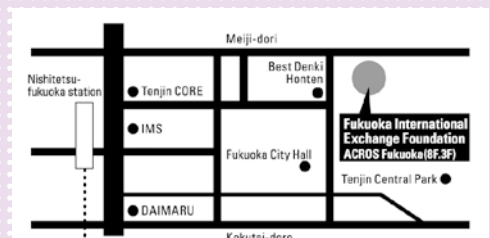
URL : www.kokusaihiroba.or.jp E-mail : info@kokusaihiroba.or.jp

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





Kokusai Hiroba Event Information

December, January,
February, March

Smartphone
Accessible



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

Event

Habitat Hiroba UN HABITAT

- ①35th: Progress of Asia Urban landscape award
- ②36th: Re-use of coal ash in Mongolia
~ Clinker road that allows ground to breath through pavement technology

▼Date=①Thursday 1st December 18:30 ~ 19:30
②Wednesday 1st February 18:30 ~ 19:30
▼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/

Joint lecture series by UN Habitat Fukuoka Regional Office and Fukuoka International Exchange Foundation. Staff members of UN Habitat will introduce activities around the world. It is a precious opportunity to be able to directly communicate with them.

Around the World with Kokusai Hiroba Cafe

- ①vol.37 South America
- ②vol.38 Republic of Guinea-Bissau & Romania

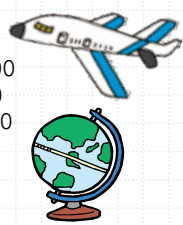
①Sunday 29th January 14:00 ~ 16:00
②Sunday 26th March 14:00 ~ 16:00
▼Number of Participants=50
▼Cost=Supporting Members: Free General: ¥300
▼Registration=Req'd (Phone, FAX, email)
▼Contact=Fukuoka International Exchange Foundation

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.

Study-abroad Experience Hiroba

- ①vol.3 Korea
- ②vol.4 Australia
- ③vol.5 Taiwan
- ④vol.6 China

▼Date=①Saturday 3rd December 14:00 ~ 16:00
②Saturday 21st January 14:00 ~ 16:00
③Saturday 11th February 14:00 ~ 16:00
④Saturday 4th March 14:00 ~ 16:00
▼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. We also provide the latest information from related foreign government organisations. This event is intended to motivate those who are interested in studying abroad.

2016 International Understanding Education Promotion Program skill up lecture

▼Date=Sunday 22nd January 14:00 ~ 16:00
▼Participants=International Understanding Education Guest Teacher Registration/request etc
▼Number of Participants=40 ▼Cost=Free
▼Registration=Req'd (Phone, FAX, email)
▼Contact=Fukuoka International Exchange Foundation

This is a skills based seminar for the guest teachers or for those who wish to become guest teachers of the International Understanding Education Promotion Program. The lecturer will share his/her own experiences and things that he/she has learned while presenting a simulated lecture.

Fukuoka Prefecture Japanese Language Class Volunteer Skills Seminar

▼Date=①Saturday 10th December 10:30 ~ 16:00
②Sunday 11th December 10:30 ~ 13:00
▼Participants=Those currently active as Japanese language class volunteers, or those interested in volunteering
▼Number of Participants=60 ▼Cost=Free
▼Registration=Req'd (Phone, FAX, email)
▼Contact=Fukuoka International Exchange Foundation

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

① is an explanation for the use of the features for the textbook 'Marugoto beginner level 1/2', which was edited by the Japan Foundation. ② is to learn how to use the features for the 'Marugoto beginner-middle level' (Lecturer: Ms. Yumiko Uehara/The Japan Foundation).

Christmas for EU

▼Date=Sunday 18th December 14:00 ~ 15:30
▼Number of Participants=60 ▼Cost=Free
▼Registration=Req'd (Phone, FAX, email)
▼Contact=Fukuoka International Exchange Foundation
▼FAX=092-725-9206
▼URL=<http://fukuoka-eu.com/>

This event is organised by Fukuoka EU Association, Kyushu University EU Center and Fukuoka International Exchange Foundation. International students from countries which are members of the European Union will introduce Christmas culture in Germany and Belgium.



Event Registration

Fukuoka International Exchange Foundation

Tel: 092-725-9200 FAX:092-725-9206
E-mail:info@kokusaihiroba.or.jp

Overseas Mission Program for Youths!

Every year our foundation hosts 'Kenjinkai Future Leaders Youth Mission Program', in which youth from Fukuoka Prefecture such as University students are sent to overseas to visit Oversea Fukuoka Kenjinkai and local enterprises. As well as the 'International Cooperation Leader Training Program', which allows participants to visit overseas NGO, NPO and join international cooperation activities.

This year we have planned for March 2017 programs to Brazil (①) and Myanmar (②). Please reach to us by the following contact details for more specific information regarding to the programs. We are looking forward to see a lot of applications!!

Contact Fukuoka International Exchange Foundation, Planning & Exchange Division
TEL 092-725-9204 FAX 092-725-9205
Email exchange@kokusaihiroba.or.jp



Global Stage (2015・Bolivia/School visit)

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

December							January							February							March						
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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	Number of Acceptance	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	A①: 30 A②: 15	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	B①: 10 B②: 30	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)	30	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	20	080-3946-8859 (Shiba) torianon-2@com.home.ne.jp * English, Chinese okay	Everyday conversation, grammar, JLPT preparation [Level: Beginner, Intermediate, Advanced]
Sat	E Nihongo Hiroba	10:30-12:30	Free	5 ~ 6	chikushijfl@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	20	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	30	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	20	090-4754-6321 (Fukagawa) nichiyoy2525@yahoo.co.jp	Everyday conversation, free discussion [Level: Intermediate, Advanced]
	I Nihongo Hiroba Ichi · Ni · San	13:30-15:00	200 yen/class (Maximum 600 yen/month) *extra material fees may apply	20	nihongohiroba123@yahoo. co.jp	Everyday conversation, grammar * using textbookR11:U33s [Level: Beginner, Intermediate, Advanced]

※Please visit our home page for volunteer-run Japanese classes around Fukuoka Prefecture (92 locations).

Do you know about 'the Fukuoka Satooya Scholarship for International Students From Asian Nations'?

Would you like to support International Student?

'Fukuoka Satooya Scholarship for International Students from Asian Nations' is operated based on the compassion of all of Satooya (Enterprises, Groups, Individuals etc). This service allows Satooya to directly and deeply communicate with the international students in order to ensure the stability of the standard living requirements for Asian international students. There are currently 39 international students from 12 countries who are receiving support from 32 enterprises, groups and individuals.



Contact
 Fukuoka International Exchange Foundation
 (Fukuoka International Student Support Centre, Scholarship coordinator)
 ACROS Fukuoka 3F, 1-1-1 Tenjin, Chuo-Ku, Fukuoka, 810-0001, Japan
 Inside Kokusai Hiroba
 TEL : (092)725-9201 / FAX : (092)725-9206
 E-mail: fssc@kokusaihiroba.or.jp

Thank you very much for your cooperation for actively participating in the Satooya scholarship service.

Please have a look at the link below if you are interested

<http://www.kokusaihiroba.or.jp/satooya/>

Fukuoka

Human Rights counseling for non-Japanese

- Date / 2nd Saturday each month (12/10, 1/14, 2/11, 3/11) 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 (12/5, 2/6, 3/6) 16:30~18:30 *last entry 18:00
- 4th Saturday each month (12/24, 1/28, 2/25, 3/25) 13:00~16:00 *last entry 15:30
- Content / Citizenship, immigration, residency, etc.
- Languages / Japanese, English, Chinese, Korean *Korean is only available on 1st Monday
- 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 (12/11, 1/8, 2/12, 3/12) 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 (12/3-17, 1/7-21, 2/4-18, 3/4-18) (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 : Fukuoka City Internatioanl Center Meeting Room (Fukuoka City Internatioanl Center 1F, 4-1, Tenyamachi, Hakata-ku, Fukuoka City)

Contact : Fukuoka City International Foundation Rainbow Plaza 092-262-1700
 W e b : www.rainbowfia.or.jp/foreigner/

Work Consultation for Foreigners

- Date / Every Tuesday, 2nd and 4th Thursdays each month (12/8-22, 1/12-26, 2/9-23, 3/9-23) 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 Hakataekingashi, 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 (12/9, 1/13-27, 2/10-24, 3/10-24) 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. English Coordinator Yucheng Su, Korean Coordinator Jyun Sekyun and Chinese Coordinator Che Shu Yuan are waiting to help you there.

Kitakyushu

Legal Consultation

- Date / 4th Saturday each month (12/24, 1/28, 2/25, 3/25) 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 (12/18, 1/15, 2/19, 3/19) 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 (12/24, 1/28, 2/25, 3/25) 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

Kurume

Free consultation for foreigners

- Date / 3rd Saturday each month (12/17, 1/21, 2/18, 3/18) 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



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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.

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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Annual Membership (valid for 1 year from date of payment) Students:¥1,000/person General:¥2,000/person Corporate:¥10,000/organization