



Kokusai Hiroba

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

'Kokusai Hiroba' (3F ACROS Fukuoka) operated by Fukuoka International Exchange Foundation was designed to provide a venue for local and foreign residents to exchange information. It is also designed to promote international exchange within the prefecture, as well as to support prefecture international students and other different kinds of programs.

1 Exchange room



Exchange room is often used for foreigner consultations, as well as seminars or lectures relating to international exchange.

2 Fukuoka International Student Support Centre (FISSC)



Providing lifestyle consultation, carrier support and part time work introduction to international students in Fukuoka Prefecture.

3 Consultation Counter



We provide information regarding to foreign residents support, international exchange, study abroad, and other issues.

4 Volunteer Japanese Classes



Volunteer Japanese Classes are provided for foreigners in Fukuoka Prefecture, please check page 3 for details of the Japanese classes.

1 Exchange room

2 Fukuoka International Student Support Centre (FISSC)

3 Consultation Counter

4 Exchange Space

5 Display Space

6 Volunteer Japanese Classes

Passport Center

Passport Photo Corner

Information Corner

Foreign Magazine/ Newspaper Corner

Consulation Room

Entrance

Kokusai Hiroba

5 Display Space



A display space for introduction of daily activities hosted by NPOs and international exchange organizations within the prefecture.

6 Exchange Space

An exchange space open for everyone regardless of nationalities. It is a place where you can feel the world as well as participating in different kinds of international exchange events.



Kokusai Hiroba Cafe



アフリカンデー at ことさいひろば
African Day at Kokusai Hiroba



Study Abroad Experience Hiroba
~ Let's go to Canada!



Fukuoka International Exchange Foundation (FIEF)

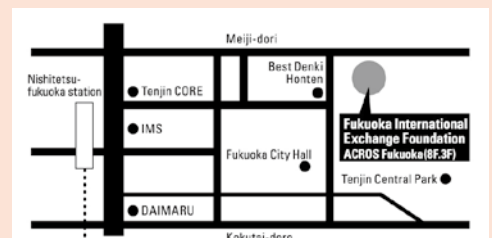
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8F Planning & Exchange Section.

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/

Event

2017 International Understanding Education

Promotion Program 'Model Class Presentation'

- ▶Date / Friday 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
- ▶FAX / 092-724-7124 ▶URL / www.fukuoka.unhabitat.org/

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.

Habitat Hiroba UN HABITAT

①39th: What is the 'International Contribution' that can be completed by senior high school students?

~ Taking actions in Japan by using knowledges learned from Nepal

②40th: World Habitat Day 2017: Walk and Talk Tenjin with LOVE ~ Considering Tenjin development with UN Habitat's perspectives.

- ▶Date / ①Friday 11th August (Public Holiday) 14:00 ~ 15:00
- ②Sunday 1st October 14:00 ~ 15:30

- ▶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.

※Content and lecturer may change, visit our website for details.

Aim to work in the United Nations!

~ Working in an international organization ~

- ▶Date / Sunday 20th August 14:00 ~ 16:45
- ▶Number of Participants / 90 ▶Cost / Free
- ▶Registration / Req'd (Kokucheese website, email)
- ▶Contact / Citizens Net for UN Habitat Fukuoka
- ▶E-mail / muta@ktarn.or.jp

The symposium allows audience to have a deep understanding of what is it like to work in an international organization through keynote lecture and panel discussion by guest speakers from UN and other active internationalists.

Bangkok Youths Mission Program Experience report meeting from high school program participants

- ▶Date / Sunday 27th August 14:00 ~ 15:30
- ▶Number of Participants / 50 ▶Cost / Free
- ▶Registration / Req'd (Phone, FAX, email)
- ▶Fukuoka International Exchange Foundation Planning and Exchange Session 092-725-9204 ▶FAX / 092-725-9205

A report meeting by high school students who will visit Bangkok Thailand in August through Bangkok Youths Mission Program. They will share their various local experiences. Please join us and listen to what they have to say.



Around the World with Kokusai Hiroba Cafe



①vol.41 Rwanda & Ghana

②vol.42 India & Thailand

- ▶Date / ①Sunday 24th September 14:00 ~ 16:00
- ②Sunday 26th 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.

Fukuoka Prefecture Japanese Language Class Volunteer Skills Enhancement Seminar (2nd)

- ▶Date / Sunday 15th October 14:00 ~ 16:45
- ▶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.

Hisashi Noda, a professor for JSL Research Division, National Institute for Japanese Language and Linguistics, will give us a lecture about 'Reviewing grammars for more effective communication'.

Study-abroad Experience Hiroba

Australia

- ▶Date / Saturday 21th October 14:00 ~ 16:00
- ▶Number of Participants / 50 ▶Cost / Free
- ▶Registration / Req'd (Phone, FAX, email)
- ▶Contact / Fukuoka International Exchange Foundation

Students with studying abroad experience will provide first-hand advice on everything from preparation to student life, and what to expect upon returning home. Newest information will be provided by related foreign government organizations.



Study-abroad Experience Hiroba & American University Fair

- ▶Date / Monday 18th September (Holiday) 14:00 ~ 17:00
- ▶Venue / Main Conference Room, 7F ACROS Fukuoka
- ▶Hosted by Fukuoka American Centre
- ▶Cost / Free ▶Registration / Req'd (Website)
- ▶Contact / Fukuoka American Centre 092-761-6661

Fukuoka International Exchange Foundation
▶URL / <http://americancenterjapan.com/event/201709185181/>
The 'Study-abroad Experience Hiroba' booth will be presented in American University Fair which is hosted by Fukuoka American Centre. You will more one step closer to your dreams of studying in America after listening to experiences shared by return students.

Event Registration Fukuoka International Exchange Foundation

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

Would you like to make use of our volunteer program?

Fukuoka International Exchange Foundation has constructed International Exchange Volunteer Program to promote international exchange, and to develop the friendly relationship between local citizens and foreigners.

Application forms are required to be completed and submitted to FIEF Kokusai Hiroba at least 3 weeks in advance in order to use the service.

- ※You can download the application forms from 'Application' section on our website.
- ※Please note that in some cases we may not be able to provide the volunteer that has been requested.

Enquiry・Apply

Fukuoka International Exchange Foundation 'Kokusai Hiroba'
1-1-1 Tenjin, Chuo-ku, Fukuoka, 810-0001, Japan
TEL: 092-725-9200 FAX: 092-725-9206
Email: info@kokusaihiroba.or.jp
URL: www.kokusaihiroba.or.jp

Language Volunteer (Interpreter, translator)

- Target: Public organization, International exchange organization (Non-profit activities related to international exchange)
- Fee: The actual travel expenses are paid by the operating organization
- Language availability: Please enquire before the event.



Homestay, home visit volunteer

- Target: Foreigners who have a domestic organization guarantor and are interested in Japanese lifestyle and culture.
 - International students who are able to provide a studying certificate from their education institution.
- Available period: Homestay are generally within 1 week.
 - Home visit are 2 to 3 hours excluding mealtimes.



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							September							October							November						
Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	Sun
	1 A①,②	2 B	3 C	4	5 F,G	6 H,I					1 D	2 F,G	3 H,I							1 H,I			1 B	2 C	3	4 F,G	5 H,I
7	8 A①,②	9 B	10 C	11★	12 E,F	13	4	5 A①,②	6 B	7 C	8 D	9 E,F,G	10 H,I	2	3 A①,②	4 B	5 C	6 D	7 H,I	6	7 A①,②	8 B	9 C	10 D	11 E,F,G	12 H,I	
14	15	16	17 C	18 D	19 F,G	20 H,I	11	12 A①,②	13 B	14 C	15 D	16 F,G	17 H,I	9	10 A①,②	11 B	12 C	13 D	14 E,F,G	15 H,I	13	14 A①,②	15 B	16 C	17 D	18 F,G	19 H,I
21	22 A①,②	23 B	24 C	25 D	26 E,F,G	27 H,I	18	19 A①,②	20 B	21 C	22 D	23 E,F	24★ H,I	16	17 A①,②	18 B	19 C	20 D	21 F,G	22 H,I	20	21 A①,②	22 B	23 C	24 D	25 E,F,G	26★ H,I
28	29 B	30					25	26 A①,②	27 B	28 C	29	30 E,F,G		23	24 A①,②	25 B	26 C	27 D	28 F,G	29 H,I	27	28 A①,②	29 B	30 C			
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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 : 15 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)	Everyday conversation, grammar, JLPT preparation (N1-N4) 【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 (N1-N4) 【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) nichiy2525@yahoo.co.jp	Everyday conversation, free discussion 【Level : Intermediate, Advanced】
	I Nihongo Hiroba Ichi · Ni · San	13:30-15:30	200 yen/class (500 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 (94 locations).

FiSSC

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Tidbits

Greetings from the Fukuoka International Student Support Centre (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 3rd interesting FiSSC-related news.

We are starting to accept internships!!



Approximately more than 15,000 international students are currently living in Fukuoka Prefecture. FiSSC is accepting international students from universities within the prefecture as interns twice a year (summer, spring) for approximately two weeks when we get a request for acceptance from organizations such as Kyushu Internship Promotion Consortium. 5 interns were accepted during the last fiscal year, they have contributed their assistance relating to international students daily life consultation, career development and other related issues. We believe that this is a precious opportunity for international students to familiarize with the Japanese society culture.



Fukuoka International Student Support Centre
URL: <http://www.fissc.net>

Fukuoka

Immigration and Residency Process Consultations

- Date / 1st Monday each month (8/7, 9/4, 10/2, 11/6) 16:30 ~ 18:30 *last entry 18:00
4th Saturday each month (8/26, 9/23, 10/28, 11/25) 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

Human Rights counseling for non-Japanese

- Date / 2nd Saturday each month (8/12, 9/9, 10/14, 11/11) 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 092-739-4151

Venue : Kokusai Hiroba Exchange Room (3F ACROS Fukuoka 1-1-1 Tenjin, Chuo-ku, Fukuoka)
W e b : www.kokusaihiroba.or.jp/project/infomation/consultation.html

Free legal consultation for Non-Japanese Residents

- Date / 1st Saturdays each month (8/5, 9/2, 10/7, 11/4) 10:30 ~ 13:30
3rd Wednesday each month (8/16, 9/20, 10/18, 11/15) 13:00 ~ 16:00
- Content / Legal counselling (45min per person)
- Languages / Japanese, English, Chinese *For other languages, please advise in advance
- Consultant / Lawyer ●Registration / Required

Free consultation on Immigration, Residence and Nationality for foreign nationals

- Date / 2nd Sunday each month (8/13, 9/10, 10/8, 11/12) 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 Personal Counselling for foreign nationals

- Date / Monday 8:45 ~ 17:45, Tuesday 8:45 ~ 11:45, Thursday 8:45 ~ 12:45
- Content / Interpersonal troubles, stress and other psychological problems, etc. (60min per person)
- Languages / Japanese, English ●Consultant / Clinical Psychologist
- Registration / Required

Venue : Fukuoka City International Center Meeting Room (Fukuoka City International Center 1F, 4-1, Tenyamachi, Hakata-ku, Fukuoka City)
Contact : Fukuoka City International Foundation 092-262-1700
W e b : www.rainbowfia.or.jp/foreigner/

Work Consultation for Foreigners

- Date / Every Tuesday, 2nd and 4th Thursdays each month (8/10-24, 9/14-28, 10/12-26, 11/9) 9:00 ~ 16:00 *Excluding public holidays
- 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 (8/25, 9/8-22, 10/13-27, 11/10-24) 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

Kurume

Free consultation for foreigners

- Date / 3rd Saturday each month (8/19, 9/16, 10/21, 11/18) 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 kokusaikoryu@ktie.or.jp

Kitakyushu

Immigration, Residency, Nationality Procedures Consultation

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

Legal Consultation

- Date / 4th Saturday each month (8/26, 9/23, 10/28, 11/25) 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

Psychological Counseling

- Date / 4th Saturday each month (8/26, 9/23, 10/28, 11/25) 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

Registration & Use is Free **Disaster Information Service**
Disaster Prevention Mail 'Mamoru-kun'

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

Japanese English

Disaster Prevention Handbook For Foreigners ~ Prepare yourself for disaster ~

Fukuoka Prefecture Government has created the 'Disaster Prevention Handbook For Foreigners ~ Prepare yourself for disaster ~' to allow foreign residents to understand how to respond to disasters that might occur in Japan. (Japanese, English, Chinese, Korean, Tagalog, Nepali, Vietnamese)
The PDF version of the handbook produced in different languages can be downloaded from the homepage of FIEF.

'Fukuoka Asian Medical Support Centre' is now more convenient!

Medical service related call centres that has foreign language support available

Support when you need help at hospitals in Fukuoka.

- 24 hours, 365 days
- Phone interpretation service, Medical information
- Language: English, Chinese, Korean, Thai, Vietnamese, Indonesian, Tagalog, Nepali, Spanish, Portuguese, German, French, Italian, Russian TEL: 092-286-9595

Sending a Medical Interpreter Volunteer

Upon request from medical institutions, medical interpreters can be deployed to help foreigners during consultations.

- Available time: Weekdays 9:00 ~ 18:00 (Close on weekend, public holidays, bon festival and end of the year holiday)
- Language: English, Chinese, Korean TEL: 092-734-3035 FAX: 092-288-2668

Fukuoka Asian Medical Support Centre Executive Office TEL/092-734-3035
*Fukuoka Asian Medical Support Centre is a joint project by Fukuoka Prefecture and Fukuoka City.

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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]



Application documents are available by post. Please contact Kokusai Hiroba.
*Members also receive various other benefits. Please check our website for details.

Find the latest on our Facebook!

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