



Kokusai Hiroba

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

Fukuoka prefecture has the third largest population of international students after Tokyo and Osaka.

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

Pre-enrolment

PR & Recruitment

FiSSC supports those interested in study abroad by providing information about living conditions in Fukuoka and the universities within the prefecture, during consultation seminars on university admissions in Japan and study-abroad information session overseas.



During Study

Life consultation, part-time job introduction, cultural exchange, employment support



The consultation desk is open seven days a week (10:00-19:00) except year-end and New Year holidays. Please visit us any time if you have any trouble. We also offer part-time job introduction.



The Cultural Exchange Club is cooperating with 'Fukuoka Overseas Students Association (FOSA)' as well as student volunteering group 'Omusubigumi' to plan and conduct various events such as Japanese tea ceremony, flower arrangement to promote Japanese traditional culture.

We provide comprehensive supports for international students seeking employment in Japan by conducting enterprise introductions, employment support seminars, as well as by providing opportunities for exchange with former students who have already found employment in Japanese enterprises.



Advanced business Japanese language seminar



Career Support Club

We run the job matching website 'Work in Kyushu (<http://blog.kghrpc.org/>)' for the purpose of matching enterprises and international students in Kyushu directly, and to support international students' job hunting and enterprises' recruitment activities.



Post-graduation

Creating networks with former international students

We support former international students to create alumni networks so as to continue their connections after graduation.



Contact



Fukuoka international Student Support Center (FiSSC)

URL www.fissc.net/ja/ TEL 092-725-9201

Facebook www.facebook.com/fukuoka.fissc



Fukuoka International Exchange Foundation (FIEF)

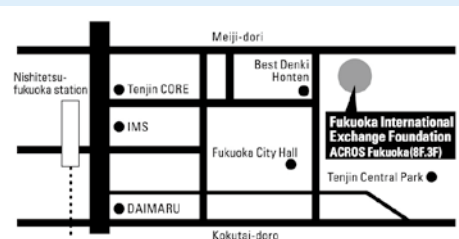
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8F Planning & Exchange Section.

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





Kokusai Hiroba Event Information

December · January ·
February · March

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



Smartphone Accessible



Event

Habitat Hiroba UN HABITAT

①41th: The end of now and the future of tomorrow at the Asia Pacific Urban Summit - Towards cooperation between urban cities for a solution for Asia urban problems.

②42th: Facilities for women communities in Laos

▶Date / ①Friday 1st December 18:30 ~ 19:30
②Thursday 1st February 18:30 ~ 19:30

▶Number of Participants / 50 ▶Cost / Free
▶Registration / Req'd (Phone, FAX, email)
▶Contact / UN Habitat Fukuoka Regional 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.

Fukuoka Prefecture Japanese Language Class Volunteer Skills Enhancement Seminar (3rd)

▶Date / Saturday 2th December 10:30 ~ 16:00

▶Number of Participants / 70 ▶Cost / Free

▶Registration / Req'd (Phone, FAX, email)

▶Contact / Fukuoka International Exchange Foundation

A skills seminar for volunteer teachers active in Japanese language classes for foreigners.

For the 3rd session, Susumu OYA, a professor for the Japan Foundation Japanese-Language Institute, will give us a lecture about 'Master the textbooks that are used around the world'. (Lunch break included)

Study-abroad Experience Hiroba

①Taiwan ②South Korea ③Canada ④China

▶Date / ①Saturday 16th December 14:00 ~ 16:00

②Saturday 13th January 14:00 ~ 16:00

③Saturday 3rd February 14:00 ~ 16:00

④Saturday 3rd March 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.



Around the World with Kokusai Hiroba Cafe



①vol.43 North America/Central & South America/Hawaii

②vol.44 America & New Zealand

▶Date / ①Sunday 28th January 14:00 ~ 16:00

②Sunday 25th 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 are here at 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.

Event Registration

Fukuoka International Exchange Foundation

Tel: 092-725-9200 FAX: 092-725-9206

E-mail: info@kokusaihiroba.or.jp

Looking for users who would like to use our 'Display Space' in Kokusai Hiroba!

Please utilise our Display Space if you want people in Fukuoka to get to know your activities!

We are looking for organizations who wish to use our 'Display Space' in Kokusai Hiroba at all time. The space is for NPOs and international exchange groups to introduce their everyday activities to promote international exchange.

Please check our website or contact us by phone for more details about conditions of use and the application procedure.

Contact

Fukuoka International Exchange Foundation
'Kokusai Hiroba'
TEL: 092-725-9200 FAX: 092-725-9206
Email: info@kokusaihiroba.or.jp



Kaigai Fukuoka Kenjinkai

We held 'Ceremony for the 110th establishment anniversary of Seattle-Tacoma Fukuoka Kenjinkai' & 'Ceremony for the 35th establishment anniversary of Vancouver Kenjinkai' !!

The Kaigai Fukuoka Kenjinkai was established by emigrates who moved overseas from Fukuoka Prefecture, and is currently existing in 20 locations from 9 countries including North America, Central South America and Hawaii. These Kenjinkai branches are carrying great responsibilities for international exchange, and are valuable assets as a bridge connecting Fukuoka Prefecture with various countries and regions.

This year, we held 'Ceremony for the 110th establishment anniversary of Seattle-Tacoma Fukuoka Kenjinkai' and 'Ceremony for the 35th establishment anniversary of Vancouver Fukuoka Kenjinkai'. The exchange between Fukuoka Prefecture Mission led by Vice Governor Omagari and members of the two Kenjinkai branches further deepened their connections, both ceremonies assembled approximately 70 guests and was successfully carried out in a friendly and trust worthy atmosphere. We will continue to support Fukuoka Kenjinkai branches in the future, thus allows Fukuoka Prefecture to closely connect with international society.



Seattle-Tacoma
Fukuoka Kenjinkai

held on Saturday,
August 19th



Vancouver
Fukuoka Kenjinkai

held on Sunday,
August 20th

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

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

January

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

February

Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	Sun
			1★	2	3	4
			C	D	F,G	H,I
5	6	7	8	9	10	11
A①,②	B	C	D	E,F,G	H,I	
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
	A①	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				
A①,②	B					

March

Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	Sun
			1	2	3	4
			C	D	F,G	H,I
5	6	7	8	9	10	11
A①,②	B	C	D	E,F,G	H,I	
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
A①,②	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	31	
A①,②	B			E,F,G		

★When events are held at Kokusai Hiroba, classes will be relocated to the Exchange Room.

★As the schedule for Japanese classes is subject to change, please visit our home page for the latest information.

	Name of Class	Time	Participation Fee	Number of Acceptance	Contact (TEL/E-mail)	Details
Tue	A Chisana 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: 15 A②: 15	092-662-7690 (Noguchi) chisanainfo@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	100 yen/class or 400 yen/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. *textbook will be used 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@jcom.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	chikushiji@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) nichio2525@yahoo.co.jp	Everyday conversation, free discussion [Level: Intermediate, Advanced]
	I Nihongo Hirobalchi · 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).

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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 life consultation, employment support, part-time job introduction and promotion of cultural exchange with local residents. Here we bring you interesting FiSSC-related news for the 4th time.

We organized two company visits!

FiSSC organizes company visit for international students as a part of our effort to support international students seeking employment in Japan.

For two days in September this year, we have visited companies where former international students are playing an active part (4 companies total).

All the participants expressed sincere appreciation for the precious opportunities to be able to obtain valuable advice from the former international students, as well as to directly communicate with the coordinators of the companies who seek global human resources.

Thank you very much for the companies who accepted the visit.



Fukuoka

Immigration and Residency Process Consultations Not Req'd

Date / 1st Monday each month (12/4, 2/5, 3/5)
16:30 ~ 18:30 *last entry 18:00
4th Saturday each month (12/23, 1/27, 2/24, 3/24)
13:00 ~ 16:00 *last entry 15:30
Content / Citizenship, immigration, residency, etc.
Consultant / Administrative scrivener
Languages / Japanese, English, Chinese, Korean
*Korean is only available on 1st Monday
Contact / Fukuoka Gyoseishoshi Lawyers Association 092-641-2501

Human Rights counselling for non-Japanese Not Req'd

Date / 2nd Saturday each month (12/9, 1/13, 2/10, 3/10) 13:00 ~ 16:00
Content / Human rights issues relating to foreigners, including employment, housing, marriage, etc.
Consultant / Lawyer Languages / Japanese, English
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)

Free legal consultation for Non-Japanese Residents

Required (via phone)

Date / 2nd and 4th Fridays each month (12/8-22, 1/12-26, 2/9-23, 3/9-23)
13:00 ~ 16:00 *Excluding public holidays
Content / General civil affairs, labour or household problems, immigration, criminal cases, etc.
Consultant / Lawyer
Languages / Japanese, Chinese, English *English only on 4th Fridays

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

Free legal consultation for Non-Japanese Residents

Required (via phone or at the Information Desk)

Date / 1st Saturday each month (12/2, 1/6, 2/3, 3/3) 10:30 ~ 13:30
3rd Wednesday each month (12/20, 1/17, 2/21, 3/21) 13:00 ~ 16:00
Content / Legal counselling Consultant / Lawyer
Languages / Japanese, English, Chinese *For other languages, please advise in advance

Free consultation on Immigration, Residence and Nationality for foreign nationals Not Req'd

Date / 2nd Sunday each month (12/10, 1/14, 2/11, 3/11)
13:00 ~ 16:00 *last entry 15:30
Content / Residency status and period, bringing family into Japan, naturalisation & permanent residency, international marriage process, etc.
Consultant / Administrative scrivener
Languages / Japanese, English, Chinese *For other languages, please advise in advance

Free Personal Counselling for foreign nationals

Required (via phone or at the Information Desk)

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.
Consultant / Clinical Psychologist Languages / Japanese, English

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

Work Consultation for Foreigners

Not Req'd

Date / Every Tuesday, 2nd and 4th Thursdays each month (12/14-28, 1/11-25, 2/8-22, 3/8-22) 9:00 ~ 16:00
*Excluding public holidays
Content / Issues related to working conditions (available by phone)
Consultant / Inspector, Advisor Languages / Japanese, English

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

Kitakyushu

Immigration, Residency, Nationality Procedures Consultation

Not Req'd * must book ahead if interpreter is needed (via phone)

Date / 3rd Sunday each month (12/17, 1/21, 2/18, 3/18) 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.
Consultant / Administrative scrivener Languages / Japanese, English, Chinese, Korean

Legal Consultation

Required (via phone) *First 3 reservations

Date / 4th Saturday each month (12/23, 1/27, 2/24, 3/24) 13:30 ~ 16:30
Content / Trouble at work, traffic incidents, housing, marriage, divorce, etc.
Consultant / Lawyer Languages / Japanese, English, Chinese, Korean

Psychological Counseling

Required (via phone)

Date / Whenever upon reservation
Content / Interpersonal troubles, stress and other psychological problems, etc.
Consultant / Clinical Psychologist Languages / Japanese, English, Chinese, Korean

Venue : Kitakyushu International Association (3F COM City, 3-15-3 Kurosaki, Yahatanishi-ku, Kitakyushu)
Contact : Kitakyushu International Association Foreigners Information Center 093-643-6060

Kurume

Free consultation for foreigners

Not Req'd

Date / 3rd Saturday each month (12/16, 1/20, 2/17, 3/17) 13:00 ~ 16:00
Content / International marriage, naturalisation, nationality problems, etc.
Consultant / Administrative scrivener
Languages / Japanese, English, Chinese, Korean

Venue : Kurume City Hall 3F Meeting Room (15-3 Jounamachi Kurume)
Contact : Kurume Convention 0942-31-1717

Registration & Use is Free

Disaster Information Service
Disaster Prevention Mail 'Mamoru-kun'

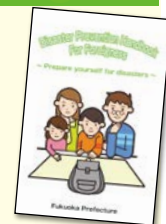
- Disaster-prevention weather bulletins by email
- Confirmation of well-being sent to family and friends in case of disaster



Disaster Prevention Handbook For Foreigners

~ Prepare yourself for disaster ~

In order to correctly react to sudden disasters, Fukuoka Prefecture Government has prepared the official 'Disaster Prevention Handbook For Foreigners' in 7 languages. (Easy Japanese, English, Chinese, Korean, Tagalog, Nepali, Vietnamese) *The PDF versions can be downloaded on FIEF website.



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

Medical service related call centers 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 Center Executive Office
TEL/092-734-3035 HP: <https://asian-msc.jp>
*Fukuoka Asian Medical Support Center is a joint project by Fukuoka Prefecture and Fukuoka City.

Become a Supporting Member

Fukuoka International Exchange Foundation are seeking supporting members at all time. Members can receive various benefits such as free entry to our 'Kokusai Hiroba Cafe' events! Please contact 'Kokusai Hiroba' for membership registration and other enquiries.
*See our website for more details of benefits.

Annual Membership Fee (valid for 1 year from date of payment)

Students: ¥1,000/person (Student ID is required.)
General: ¥2,000/person Corporate: ¥10,000/organization



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