



# Kokusai Hiroba

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

Fukuoka International Exchange Foundation conducts youth exchange program in order to deepen exchanges between Fukuoka prefecture and its friendship regions. Also, we promote programs such as dispatching and accepting youth missions, for the purpose of strengthening the Fukuoka Kenjinkai network overseas.

## ◆Friendship regions with Fukuoka Prefecture◆

Hawaii State (America), Jiangsu Province (China), Bangkok (Thailand), Territory of Delhi (India), Hanoi City (Vietnam)

## Exchange with Friendship Regions

### Exchange with Jiangsu Province, China

Last year, we celebrated 25th year anniversary of the friendship agreement which was signed with Jiangsu Province China in 1992. To commemorate this, Japan-China Friendship Painting Exhibition (painted by elementary school students from both regions) was held in July last year at Kokusai Hiroba.



Japan-China Children Friendship Painting Exhibition

### Exchange with Bangkok, Kingdom of Thailand

We signed the friendship agreement with Bangkok, Kingdom of Thailand in 2006. Mutual high school student exchanges have been held with Bangkok since 2010.

High school students from Bangkok visit Fukuoka Prefecture in May every year, and high school students within the prefecture are sent to Bangkok in August every year. Exchange with local high schools, homestays, cultural experiences and other activities are conducted in both regions.



Exchange with Bangkok



## Exchange with Kaigai Fukuoka Kenjinkai

Kaigai Fukuoka Kenjinkai organized by emigrants whose hometowns are within Fukuoka Prefecture currently exist in 23 countries and 38 regions. They are valuable assets as they act as a bridge to connect the prefecture with each country and region, and play an important role for exchange with abroad. FIEF carries out various projects, such as sending a mission to attend each Kenjinkai's anniversary event, hosting youths from immigrant families, dispatching youths within Fukuoka abroad, holding seminars with invited guest speakers who are from Fukuoka Prefecture and are active overseas, and others to train successors for each Kenjinkai and to strengthen the Kenjinkai networks.



'Descendants of Immigrants' Exchange Students



Short-term visit program for Kenjinkai youth (Elementary school students)



Seminar by the chairperson of Taiwan Kenjinkai



Youth Mission Program to Kenjinkai in Hawaii State



## Fukuoka International Exchange Foundation (FIEF)

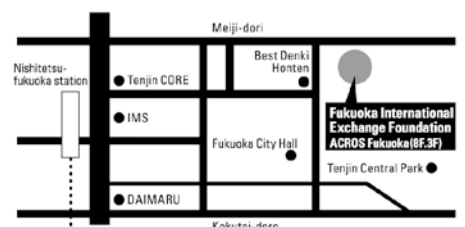
Inside ACROS Fukuoka, 1-1-1 Tenjin, Chuo-ku, Fukuoka 810-0001  
URL : www.kokusaihiroba.or.jp E-mail : info@kokusaihiroba.or.jp

8F Planning & Exchange 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/](http://www.kokusaihiroba.or.jp/)

Event

## Habitat Hiroba UN HABITAT

- ①43th: 'International cooperation seen by university students in Myanmar.'
- ②44th: 'Reconstruction project after the conflict in northeast Sri Lanka'

▶Date / ①Sunday 1st April 14:00 ~ 15:00  
 ②Friday 1st June 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/](http://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.

## Around the world with Kokusai Hiroba Café

- ①vol.45 New Zealand (Will be conducting in English)
- ②vol.46 Malaysia & Mongolia

▶Date / ①Sunday 27th May 14:00 ~ 16:00  
 ②Sunday 29th 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  
 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.



## Become an 'International Understanding Education' Guest Teacher!

Through the Project for the Promotion of International Understanding Education, FIEF creates an opportunity to consider and learn about the world by sending foreign and Japanese guest teachers to schools and community centers around the prefecture. Interested in sharing your activities in abroad with children and local residents? To get started, please feel free to contact us.

### Guest Teacher Eligibility

#### [Foreign Guest Teachers]

- Reside in Fukuoka prefecture
- Be able to communicate in Japanese
- Hold a working visa or permission to work

#### [Japanese Guest Teachers]

- Reside in Fukuoka prefecture
- Have experience working/living abroad long-term

### Also seeing class/ workshop organizers!

If you would like to be introduced to a teacher or learn about examples of past classes and workshops, we are available for consultation via phone, email or in person.



## 2018-19 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 Organization (must satisfy all of the following)

- ① Activities are based in Fukuoka Prefecture
- ② Not receiving regular assistance from national or local Public Organizations
- ③ Non-Profit Organization
- ④ Not related to political or religious activities
- ⑤ Not a member of or closely to criminal organizations

### Eligible Project

- 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
- ⑤ Projects conducted from the 1st April current year to 20th March the following year

### Details of Support

- ① Provision of venue: the 'Kokusai Hiroba' open space or conference room
- ② Grants of up to half of the expenses for a project, to a maximum of 200,000 yen per project  
 [Relevant expenses] staff, transportation, accommodation, venue, PR and printing costs
- ③ PR assistance

### Application

Ongoing. However, as a general rule, applications should be made at least 4 months prior to the commencement of the project. (3 months prior to its commencement day for projects on and before 31st August 2018) Please contact us prior to applying. Please bring the application form when meeting with our staff.  
 ※ Applications will be closed if the total amount granted reaches the budget limit for the financial year.

Applications and Inquiries regarding events and programs

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



# 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

April							May							June							July										
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★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	<b>A</b> 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>B</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) ft2941mateno@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 200 yen) *extra material fees may apply	30	090-7539-3739 (Aoki)	Everyday conversation, grammar. *textbook will be used JLPT preparation (N1-N4) 【Level: Beginner, Intermediate, Advanced】
Fri	<b>D</b> 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	<b>E</b> Nihongo Hiroba	10:30-12:30	Free	5 ~ 6	chikushijff@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	20	090-4779-6816 (Hamachi) nihongowomanabukai@hotmail.co.jp	Everyday conversation, grammar, JLPT preparation. 【Level: Beginner (be able to read and write Hiragana and Katakana), Intermediate, Advanced】
	<b>G</b> 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	<b>H</b> Sunday Conversation Salon	10:30-12:20	100 yen/class	20	090-4754-6321 (Fukagawa) nichiyo2525@yahoo.co.jp	Everyday conversation, free discussion 【Level: Intermediate, Advanced】
	<b>I</b> 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 textbook 【Level: Beginner, Intermediate】

※Please visit our home page for volunteer-run Japanese classes around Fukuoka Prefecture (98 locations).



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 5th time.

## Exchange Event for FiSSC 10th Year Anniversary Fukuoka Overseas Students Association Cultural Show

FiSSC has supported a number of international students since its establishment in April 2008. It is the first time such an organization was set up in Japan to support international students.

The number of international students, which was 5,500 in 10 years ago, has now increased three times to about 16,000. We held Exchange Event for FiSSC 10th Year Anniversary with the aim to connect former and current international students and to act as a platform for our future events. This opportunity allowed the former international students invited from overseas, current international students, and university associates to gather together and deepen their mutual ties, thus further broaden their networks.

In addition, Fukuoka Overseas Students Association (FOSA) which is a student group that all international students within the prefecture are free to join has successfully held the 'Fukuoka Overseas Students Association Cultural Show 2017' in November. This event showcased the traditional costumes, dances and songs performed and presented by international students all over the world.



▲Exchange Event for FiSSC 10th Year Anniversary



◀Fukuoka Overseas Students Association Cultural Show 2017

## Fukuoka

### Immigration and Residency Process Consultations Not Req'd

Date / 1st Monday each month (4/2, 5/7, 6/4, 7/2)  
16:30 ~ 18:30 \*last entry 18:00  
4th Saturday each month (4/28, 5/26, 6/23, 7/28)  
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 (4/14, 5/12, 6/9, 7/14) 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 (4/13·27, 5/11·25, 6/8·22, 7/13·27)  
13:00 ~ 16:00 \*Excluding public holidays

Content / General civil affairs, labour or household problems, immigration, criminal cases, etc.

Consultant / Lawyer

Languages / Japanese, English, Chinese \*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 (4/7, 5/5, 6/2, 7/7) 10:30 ~ 13:30  
3rd Wednesday each month (4/18, 5/16, 6/20, 7/18) 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 (4/8, 5/13, 6/10, 7/8)  
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 092-262-1799

### Work Consultation for Foreigners Not Req'd

Date / Every Tuesday, 2nd and 4th Thursdays each month  
(4/12·26, 5/10·24, 6/14·28, 7/12·26) 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 (4/15, 5/20, 6/17, 7/15) 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 (4/28, 5/26, 6/23, 7/28) 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 (4/21, 5/19, 6/16, 7/21) 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

## 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 inquiries.

\*Please see our website for more details and benefits.

- **Students** : ¥1,000/person (Student ID is required.)
  - **General** : ¥2,000/person
  - **Corporate** : ¥10,000/organization
- \* valid for 1 year from date of payment

### Disaster Prevention Info-mail

## MAMORU-kun

Registration & Use is free

There are also other useful information!

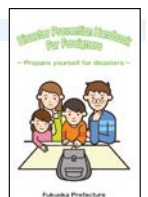
A free email service that updates you with news and information during disasters through your mobile phone.

- ★ Disaster prevention weather information and evacuation advisories for earthquakes, tsunamis, typhoons and heavy rains
  - ★ Safety confirmation emails during disasters
  - ★ Evacuation support map of Fukuoka prefecture
  - ★ Local regional safety information (related to suspicious person, missing person, air pollution, etc.)
- \* Please register from <http://www.bousaimobile.pref.fukuoka.lg.jp>

## Disaster Prevention Handbook For Foreigners

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

We will support you when you need help at hospitals in Fukuoka.

Medical Interpreter Temp Service (For medical institutions) TEL 092-734-3035

We provide volunteer medical interpreters via a temp service when requested by medical institutions in Fukuoka.

(By appointment only, Free of charge) \* Pre-registration required

- Time : Mon.-Fri. 9:00 ~ 18:00 (Close on weekend, public holidays, bon festival and end of the year holiday)
- Languages: English, Chinese, Korean

Multilingual Medical Information Service Call Center TEL 092-286-9595

Telephone interpretation service (for foreigners and medical institutions), Assistance on medical information (for foreigners)

(Free of charge, The caller is responsible for call charges.)

\* No pre-registration required

- Time: 24 hours, 365 days
- Languages: English, Chinese, Korean, Thai, Vietnamese, Indonesian, Tagalog, Nepali, Spanish, Portuguese, German, French, Italian, Russian

Contact us Fukuoka Asian Medical Support Center

TEL: 092-734-3035 Website: <http://asian-msc.jp>

\* Fukuoka Asian Medical Support Center is run by Fukuoka prefecture and Fukuoka city.



Fukuoka International Exchange Foundation  
FACEBOOK PAGE

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