



Kokusai Hiroba

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

The Fukuoka Prefectural International Exchange Foundation (Public Interest Incorporated Foundation) promotes various projects with Overseas Fukuoka Kenjinkai and regions that have friendship agreement with Fukuoka Prefecture.

Exchanges with Overseas Fukuoka Kenjinkai

Overseas Fukuoka Kenjinkai is the overarching name for associations organized by emigrants from Fukuoka Prefecture, and they exist in 23 countries and 36 regions. These associations are valuable assets as they act as bridges connecting Fukuoka Prefecture with different countries and regions, playing a central role in our oversea exchanges.

FIEF carries out various projects to strengthen the kenjinkai network and to train successors for each kenjinkai, such as sending delegations to attend kenjinkai anniversary events, receiving the descendants of kenjinkai members, dispatching Fukuoka youths to different overseas kenjinkai, holding seminars with guest speakers who are both active overseas and are native to Fukuoka.

Commemoration Ceremony for the 110th Anniversary of Japanese Emigrants to Brazil

This year marks the 110th anniversary of the start of state-sponsored immigration from Japan to Brazil. Various places in Brazil held commemorative events to celebrate this anniversary.

Approximately 56,000 people have immigrated out of Fukuoka Prefecture, the fourth largest group in Japan. Among them, many had immigrated to Brazil. There are four Fukuoka Kenjinkai in Brazil with more than 1,000 members, accounting for a quarter of all kenjinkai members in the world.

On Saturday, July 21st, the commemoration ceremony for the 110th anniversary of Japanese emigrants to Brazil was held in Sao Paulo, Brazil. Her Imperial Highnesses Princess Mako of Akishino attended the ceremony along with a visiting delegation from Fukuoka Prefecture. The delegation visited with the local kenjinkai, the bridge which joins Fukuoka and Brazil, strengthening the bond between the two regions.

For three days from July 20 to July 22, the Japan Festival, which is the world's largest nikkei festival promoting Japanese food and culture, was held concurrently with the commemoration ceremony. The delegation also set up its own booth, offering Yame tea tasting and local specialties from different regions of the prefecture. Furthermore, the booth carried out tourism promotion of Dazaifu and offered "Plum wine" and "Umegae mochi" (red bean paste mochi) to visitors.



Greetings by her Imperial Highnesses Princess Mako of Akishino at the 110th Anniversary Commemoration Ceremony



Fukuoka Prefecture booth at the "Japan Festival"



Exhibition of special products offered from cities, towns, and villages in Fukuoka Prefecture



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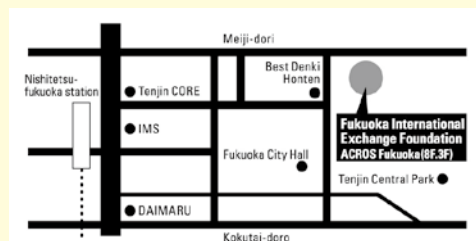
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See our homepage for the latest event information www.kokusaihiroba.or.jp

Skill Development Seminar for Fukuoka Prefecture Japanese Language Class Volunteers

A skill development seminar for those who are interested in becoming a Japanese language volunteer to support local foreign residents who are learning Japanese.

- ▶Date December 1, Sat 13:00~17:00
- ▶Target Audience Current Japanese language class volunteers and anyone interested who is interested in becoming a Japanese language volunteer
- ▶Number of Participants 70 ▶Cost Free
- ▶Registration Req'd (Phone, FAX, email)
- ▶Contents
Principals and Practice of Marugoto Japanese language and culture, Intermediate 1/2, Intermediate Level Teaching Material for Practical Japanese
Instructor Kazuhiro Isomura, Full-time Lecturer, The Japan Foundation Japanese-Language Institute, Urawa
- ▶Contact Fukuoka International Exchange Foundation

Study Abroad Experience Hiroba

①Taiwan ②South Korea ③China

Students who have studied abroad will share their study abroad experience from preparations to life aboard, all the way to their lives after returning home. Also, the latest study abroad information will be provided by Taiwanese and South Korean government-affiliated institutions.

- ▶Date ①December 2, Sun14:00~ ②January 20, Sun14:00~
③February 17, Sun14:00~
- ▶Number of Participants 50 ▶Cost Free
- ▶Registration Req'd (Phone, FAX, email)
- ▶Contact Fukuoka International Exchange Foundation

Habitat Hiroba UN HABITAT

①47th: UN Habitat's Activities Toward Solving Problems in Urban Cities Around the World (Subject to change)

②48th: The Fukuoka Method in Africa Part 3 - Ethiopia

Joint lecture series by UN Habitat Fukuoka Regional Office and Fukuoka International Exchange Foundation. Staff members of UN Habitat will introduce their activities around the world.

This is a valuable opportunity to speak directly with UN staffs.
※Content and lecturer may change, visit our website for details.

- ▶Date ①December 10, Mon 18:30~19:30
②February 1, Fri 18:30~19:30
- ▶Number of Participants 50 ▶Cost Free
- ▶Registration Req'd(Phone, FAX, email)
- ▶Contact UN Habitat Fukuoka Regional Office
TEL 092-724-7121 FAX 092-724-7124
www.fukuoka.unhabitat.org

Christmas in the EU

International students of EU backgrounds who are enrolled in Kyushu University will introduce various Christmas cultures from their respective countries. This is an opportunity to experience an authentic Christmas vibe.

- ▶Date December 15, Sat 13:30~15:00
- ▶Number of Participants 60 ▶Cost Free
- ▶Registration Req'd (Phone, FAX, email)
- ▶Contact
Fukuoka International Exchange Foundation Planning and Exchange Section
TEL 092-725-9204 FAX 092-725-9205



Around the World with Kokusai Hiroba Cafe



①vol.49 Mexico & South American Countries

②vol.50 Philippines & Italy

Japanese and non-Japanese instructors who actively involved in international education at schools are coming to Kokusai Hiroba! They will introduce their overseas activities. Come and talk to people from around the world while enjoying tea and sweets!

- ▶Date ①January 27, Sun 14:00~16:00
②March 24, Sun 14:00~16:00
- ▶Number of Participants 50
- ▶Cost Supporting Members Free Non-members ¥300
- ▶Registration Req'd (Phone, FAX, email)
- ▶Contact Fukuoka International Exchange Foundation

Cambodia Day

An event that showcases dance, games, and videos from Cambodian. Also, you can try on traditional Cambodian clothing.

- ▶Date February 11, Mon (Public Holiday) 14:00~16:00
- ▶Number of Participants 50 ▶Cost Free
- ▶Registration Req'd (Phone, FAX, email)
- ▶Contact Fukuoka International Exchange Foundation

Natural Disaster Specific Skill Development Seminar for Volunteer Interpreters & Translators

Develop the skill necessary to assist foreign residents in times of large-scale natural disasters by learning proper and practical procedures from experienced volunteers.

- ▶Date March 16, Sat 16:00~18:30
- ▶Number of Participants 50 ▶Cost Free
- ▶Registration Req'd (Phone, FAX, email)
- ▶Lecturer Akiyoshi Kikuchi, Multicultural Society Coordinator (Certified by the Institute for Multicultural Society Professionals), Sendai Tourism, Convention and International Association (Public Interest Incorporated Foundation)
- ▶Contact Fukuoka International Exchange Foundation

Event Registration

Fukuoka International Exchange Foundation

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High School Students Experience Cross-Cultural Exchange in Bangkok!

2018 Youth Overseas Dispatch Program (Bangkok)

In 2006, Fukuoka Prefecture and Bangkok Municipality signed a friendship agreement, and starting from 2010, exchanges between high school students of the two regions began. This May, 20 high school students from Bangkok visited Fukuoka Prefecture while 10 high school students from Fukuoka Prefecture visited Thailand in August.



Reporting session

At the reporting session, program participants shared their experiences interacting with their host families and local high school students to their peers and the general public.

Laughter could be heard throughout the reporting session as students shared interesting episodes they had encountered in Thailand such as being inspired by the local students after learning that they spoke fluent English and being bewildered by traffic conditions in Thailand.



Attending a class at Naknawaupthump high school

UNESCO World Heritage “Kunqu Opera”

First in Kyushu, Performed!

To celebrate the 40th anniversary of the Treaty of Peace and Friendship between Japan and China and the 30th anniversary of the establishment of the Fukuoka International Exchange Foundation (FIEF), FIEF, a public interest incorporated foundation, has collaborated with the Okagaki International Association and invited the Suzhou Kunqu Opera Troupe for two public performances from their home base in Jiangsu Province, which has friendship ties with Fukuoka Prefecture. This was the first Kunqu opera performance in Kyushu, and they were held on Friday, Oct 5, AMIKAS Hall, Gender Equality Promotion Center, Fukuoka City, and on Saturday, Oct 6, Humming Hall, Okagaki Sanriai, Onga District.

The Kunqu opera originated from Kunshan city of Jiangsu Province, and it is the foremost classical Chinese performing art with over 600 years of history that dates back to the Ming Dynasty. Kunqu opera was recognized as a UNESCO World Intangible Cultural Heritage along with Japan's Noh Play in 2001. The unique art form of Kunqu Opera singing, dancing, speech and acting has had a substantial influence on the formation and development of all performing arts in China including the Peking Opera.

On Friday, October 5th, after greetings by the chair of FIEF, Kenichi Fujinaga, the Consul-General of China in Fukuoka, He Zhenliang, and the vice-president of the Fukuoka Prefecture Japan-China Friendship Parliamentarians' Union, Koichi Kawabata, three acts within *the Peony Pavilion*, *The Garden Visit*, *A Surprising Dream*, and *Retracing the Dream* were performed. About 300 audience members gathered at the venue, and they were impressed by the elegance and sophistication of the costumes and stage performance. As many became captivated by the melodies original to Kunqu opera instruments, the world is once again charmed by the founding performing art of China, the Kunqu opera.



The first act - "The Garden Visit"



Consul-General He (left), Chair Fukunaga (center), President Inoue (right) presenting flower bouquets to the performers



Greetings, this is the Fukuoka International Student Support Center. FiSSC works with universities and local governments in the prefecture to support international students by providing daily life consultation, job hunting support, part-time job introductions, and exchange opportunities with local residents. Here is the 2nd issue of the FiSSC Report, bringing you the latest information about FiSSC.

Open Campus Event Held for International Students with Sight on Entering Universities in Fukuoka Prefecture

FiSSC holds annual open campus tours and briefing sessions for international students who are attending Japanese language schools and have the desire to advance their post-secondary education in Fukuoka Prefecture. The event is free, and FiSSC staffs accompany the students throughout the tour. This year, the open campus tour was held in seven universities, Fukuoka Women's University, Seinan Gakuin University, Fukuoka University, Kyushu Sangyo University, Nakamura Gakuen University, Kurume University, Kindai University Faculty of Humanity-Oriented Science and Engineering. The students deepened their understanding of their respective school of choice by speaking directly to senior international students, learning about entrance exams and scholarships, as well as enjoying meals offered by the university cafeteria.

For those who wish to enter university in Fukuoka Prefecture, please feel free to consult with FiSSC at any time!

Fukuoka International Student Support Centre www.fissc.net



For information on Japanese language classes held at Kokusai Hiroba, please see PDF published on our homepage under "Information for Foreigners" ▶ "Japanese Language Class for Foreigners".

[Kokusai Hiroba]
www.kokusaihiroba.or.jp/english/project/information/pdf/kokusai_en.pdf



[Within Fukuoka Prefecture]
www.kokusaihiroba.or.jp/english/project/information/pdf/classroom_en.pdf



Fukuoka

Immigration and Residency Process Consultations Appt Not Req'd

Date 1st Monday each month (12/3, 1/7, 2/4, 3/4)
16:30~18:30 *last entry 18:00
4th Saturday each month (12/22, 1/26, 2/23, 3/23)
13:00~16:00 *last entry 15:30

Content Citizenship, immigration, residency, etc.

Consultant Administrative scrivener

Languages Japanese

※Guidance in English or Chinese is available only on the 4th Saturday.

Contact Fukuoka Gyoseishoshi Lawyers Association 092-641-2501

Human Rights counselling for non-Japanese Appt Not Req'd

Date 2nd Saturday each month (12/8, 1/12, 2/9, 3/9) 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)

Legal Consultation for Non-Japanese Nationals

Appt Req'd (Phone) Weekdays 10:00~16:00

Date 2nd and 4th Fridays each month (12/14, 28, 1/11, 25, 2/8, 22, 3/8, 22)
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 consultation on Immigration, Residence and Nationality for foreign nationals Appt Not Req'd

Date 2nd Sunday each month (12/9, 1/13, 2/10, 3/10)
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

Legal Consultation for Non-Japanese Nationals Appt Req'd

Date 1st Saturday each month (12/1, 2/2, 3/2) 10:30~13:30

3rd Wednesday each month (12/19, 1/16, 2/20, 3/20) 13:00~16:00

Content Legal counselling (45min per person)

Consultant Lawyer

Languages Japanese, English, Chinese *For other languages, please advise in advance

Mental Counseling for Non-Japanese Nationals Appt Req'd

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)

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 Condition Consultation for Non-Japanese Nationals Appt Not Req'd

Date Every Tuesday, 2nd and 4th Thursdays each month 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

Appt Req'd Only When Interpreter is Needed(Phone)

Date 3rd Sunday each month (12/16, 1/20, 2/17, 3/17) 13:00~16:00

Content Processes for change of residency status and period, bringing family into Japan, re-entry procedures, naturalisation & permanent residency, international marriage, nationality and more.

Consultant Administrative scrivener **Languages** Japanese, English, Chinese, Korean

Legal Consultation Appt Req'd (Phone) Limited to first 3

Date 4th Saturday each month (12/22, 1/26, 2/23, 3/23) 13:30~16:30

Content Trouble at work, traffic incidents, housing, marriage, divorce, etc.

Consultant Lawyer **Languages** Japanese, English, Chinese, Korean

Psychological Counseling Appt Req'd (Phone)

Date As needed. Please contact us to arrange a date and time.

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

Consultation for Non-Japanese Nationals Appt Not Req'd

Date 3rd Saturday each month (12/15, 1/19, 2/16, 3/16) 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 Jounanmachi 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

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

Upon request from a medical institution, a volunteer medical interpreter will be dispatched. (Free, with advance reservation)

* 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, Thai, Vietnamese

Multilingual call center on medical treatment TEL 092-286-9595

Telephone interpretation (For non-Japanese persons, medical institutions), medical services information provided (For non-Japanese persons)

(Free, medical institutions and individual users are responsible for call charges.) * No pre-registration required

- **Time** 24 hours, 365 days
- **Languages** English, Chinese, Korean, Thai, Vietnamese, Indonesian, Tagalog, Nepali, Malay, 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.

Disaster Prevention Info-mail

Registration & Use is free

MAMORU-kun

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.)



English Ver.



Japanese Ver.

www.bousaimobile.pref.fukuoka.lg.jp (Japanese) Register Here!

www.bousaimobile.pref.fukuoka.lg.jp/en/ (English)

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.



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