



Kokusai Hiroba

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

About 19,000 international students are studying in Fukuoka Prefecture. After Tokyo and Osaka, Fukuoka Prefecture has the third largest population of international students in the country. Along with Fukuoka's universities, local governments, businesses groups and other organizations, the Fukuoka International Student Support Center (FiSSC) engages in various projects that provide support for international students within the prefecture, from pre-enrolment to post-graduation.



Pre-enrolment PR & Recruitment

FiSSC provides information on universities and living environment in the prefecture and introduces the voices of past international students to those who wish to study abroad at study-abroad information sessions.

During study

Living consultation/part-time job introduction/cultural exchange/job hunting 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 questions or troubles about studying abroad.



Consultation Desk Staffs



Omusubigumi

In addition to introducing traditional Japanese culture such as tea and flower arrangement, the Cultural Exchange Club cooperates with the Fukuoka International Student Association (FOSA) and the student volunteer group, "Omusubisumi", to organize various exchange programs.



Job-hunting Support Club

FiSSC provides comprehensive support for international students seeking employment in Japan. Support includes company introductions, interview practice, job application editing, employment support seminars, and opportunities to speak with past international students who have already found employment in Japanese companies.

Post-graduation



Creating networks with past international students

We support the networking of former international students who are active in Fukuoka and their home countries so that they can maintain the relationships that they have built when they had studied in Fukuoka.



We operate a matching site called "Work in Kyushu" that connects companies in the Kyushu region directly with international students who want to get employment in the same region. We support the employment of international students and the recruitment activities of companies.

URL <http://blog.kghrpc.org/>

Contact Information



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(FiSSC Fukuoka international Student Support Center)



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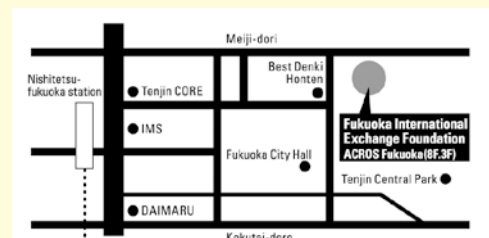
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8F Planning & Exchange Section.

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 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

Habitat Hiroba UN HABITAT

- ①49th: 49th Thinking about the future of cities in Sri Lanka
- ②50th: UN Habitat activities in Africa

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 April 8, Mon 18:30~19:30
June 10, Mon 18:00~19:30
- ▶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

Around the World with Kokusai Hiroba Cafe

- ①vol.51 Thailand & Vietnam
- ②vol.52 Nicaragua · Honduras & Russia

Japanese and non-Japanese instructors who are actively involved in international understanding 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 ①May 26, Sun 14:00~16:00 ②July 28, 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
TEL 092-725-9200 FAX 092-725-9206
Email info@kokusaihiroba.or.jp

Overseas Youth Dispatch Program

In 2018, 10 youth were dispatched to Mexico and Myanmar

Kenjinkai Future Leaders Youth Mission Program

Program participants visited Overseas Fukuoka Kenjinkai which are associations established by people who are active in various countries but share a common ancestry from Fukuoka. This is a program for young people who want to go global in the future. Participants will learn about the frontier spirit of their ancestors who took on the world and deepen their understanding of things such as the local industry and the state local affairs.

Period: February 23 (Sat) to March 5 (Tue) 2019

Region: Guanajuato, Mexico City, Mexico

Content: Homestay, school visit, migration history lesson, touring of Japanese companies, visit government agencies etc.

《Voice of past participants》

- By actively communicating with the local people, I was able to acquire diverse values.
- I experienced foreign cultures and customs in ways that couldn't be done through the internet.

International Cooperation Leaders Training Program

Through cooperation with the United Nations Habitat Fukuoka Headquarters, participants will visit local United Nations Habitat offices and project sites to learn about what encompasses international cooperation.

This program is aimed at students with a strong interest in international cooperation and awareness of world issues, and wish to be involved in such fields in the future.

Period: February 24 (Sunday) to March 3 (Sunday) 2019

Region: Yangon City, Myanmar

Content: Visit the United Nations Habitat local office (lecture, exchange of opinions), participate in ongoing support activities, company visits, student exchange

《Voice of past participants》

- There are many things that you can not see without being there in person, and I was able to set goals for my future.
- I was able to make use of the preparations from the pre-departure training on the ground sites.

Myanmar Training Debriefing Session Sun, March 31, 2019, 14:00 ~ 15:00 at Kokusai Hiroba (ACROS Fukuoka, 3F)



Mexico (Tour of AKANE Museum of Japanese Immigrants to Mexico)



Myanmar (Cleaning up the region with children from Myanmar)

G-20 and Finance Ministers and Central Bank Governors Meeting in Fukuoka

On Saturday, June 8th and Sunday, June 9th, the G-20 Finance Ministers and Central Bank Governors Meeting will be held in the Fukuoka City. Due to large-scale traffic restrictions during the conference period, the city and its surrounding areas are expected to become extremely crowded.

The Fukuoka Prefecture and the Fukuoka Prefectural Police ask everyone for their cooperation and understanding to alleviate traffic jams by using public transportation and restrain entering the Fukuoka city and its surrounding using automobiles as the success of the meeting is tied to the cooperation of each individual.

What is G20?

The official name of the G20 is the "Summit on the Finance and the World Economy". G20, the Premier Forum for International Economic Cooperation that accounts for more than 80% of the world's GDP, has set its goal on invigorating the world economy. This is the first time that Japan will be chairing the G20. The Finance Ministers and Central Bank Governors' Meetings, which is one of the related ministerial meetings, will also be held here in Fukuoka.

Recruitment Announcement

International Understanding Education Promotion Project

Want to share your home country and overseas activities?

Interested in sharing your overseas activities or your home country with children and local residents? We introduce and dispatch Japanese and foreign guest teachers to various schools and community centers in the prefecture.

Qualifications

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 one or more years of experience in international cooperation or related activities overseas.



Send us a guest teacher!

We are also accepting requests for dispatches and introductions. Please feel free to contact us and ask about how to use the system or obtain information on past seminars and lessons.

Volunteer System

International Goodwill • Cooperation • Exchange / Support Activities Assisting Foreigners!

We introduce volunteers to promote international goodwill, international cooperation and exchange with foreigners.

Language Volunteer (Interpreter, translator)

Target: Non-profit activities related to international goodwill, cooperation, and exchange run by international exchange organizations or public organization. In addition, activities that support foreigners during disasters run by local governments in the prefecture.

Fees: Travel expenses related to the volunteer activity are paid by the operating organization

Language Supported Language: Please inquire in advance



Homestay/Home Visit Volunteer

Target: • Foreigners who has a referral from a public organization or school from Japan and are interested in Japanese lifestyle and culture.

- International students who are able to provide a certificate of student status from their school.
- Available Period:** • Homestay are generally within one week.
- Home visit are two to three hours excluding mealtimes



Application forms must be completed and submitted at least 3 weeks in advance in order to use the service.

※Application forms can be downloaded from the "Application" section of our website.

※Please understand there are cases where it may not be possible to introduce volunteers.

Supporting Projects for Activities Promoting Regional Internationalization

Support grassroots international exchange activities!

We support grassroots international exchange activities such as exchange with foreign residents living in Fukuoka prefecture and international understanding of youth.

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) Must be a Non-Profit Organization
- (4) Not related to political or religious activities
- (5) Not a member of or closely to criminal organizations

Supporting Content

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

For details, please visit our website.

FiSSC

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Report

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 3rd issue of the FiSSC Report, bringing you the latest information about FiSSC.

Company briefing session & interview session held for international students aiming for employment in Fukuoka

FiSSC offers various support such as interview practice, job application correction, job-hunting consultation and more for international students who want to find employment in Fukuoka or in Japan at large. International students and companies from Fukuoka that are considering recruiting international students participated in company briefing session & interview session. This was a great opportunity for students to find out about different companies, talk to human resource staffs, and partake in interviews. FiSSC is available for job-hunting consultation all year round except year-end and new year holidays. An employment specialist is also available for consultation every Sunday. Everyone who is starting their job hunting, come and talk with FiSSC!

Fukuoka International Student Support Centre www.fissc.net



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

[Kokusai Hiroba]

https://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 (4/1, 5/6, 6/3, 7/1)
16:30~18:30 *last entry 18:00
4th Saturday each month (4/27, 5/25, 6/22, 7/27)
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 (4/13, 5/11, 6/8, 7/13) 13:00~16:00

Content Human rights issues relating to foreigners, including employment, housing, marriage, etc.

Consultant Commissioner for the Protection of Fundamental Human Rights with lawyer qualification

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

Date 2nd and 4th Fridays each month (4/12, 26, 5/10, 24, 6/14, 28, 7/12, 26)

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

Appt Req'd (phone)

Weekdays
10:00~16:00
Only in Japanese

2nd Friday each month
10:00~13:00
(Chinese, Japanese)

4th Friday each month
10:00~13:00
(Chinese, English, Japanese)

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

Date 2nd Sunday each month (4/14, 5/12, 6/9, 7/14)
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 (4/6, 5/4, 6/1, 7/6) 10:30~13:30

3rd Wednesday each month (4/17, 5/15, 6/19, 7/17) 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

Not Req'd Only When Interpreter is Needed(Phone)

Date 3rd Sunday each month (4/21, 5/19, 6/16, 7/21) 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 (4/27, 5/25, 6/22, 7/27) 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 (4/20, 5/18, 6/15, 7/20) 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

Supporting Members Wanted!

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. For details of benefits, please visit our website.

Annual fee

- **General** 2,000 yen
- **Student** 1,000 yen (Please show your student ID card)
- **Hiroba Cafe** 500 yen <Newly Established since February 2019>
- **Organization** 10,000 yen

※Effective for 1 year from admission

Disaster prevention mail Mamoru-kun

Registration & Use is free

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.)

Register
www.bousaimobile.pref.fukuoka.lg.jp/en/

For the multilingual version (English, simple Japanese, Chinese, Korean), please visit the Fukuoka Prefecture website.
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Other useful information is also available!

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 International Exchange Foundation
FACEBOOK PAGE

Find out the latest information on events and announcements on our Facebook page (Japanese, English, Mandarin, Korean)