



# Kokusai Hiroba

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

The  
10<sup>th</sup>

## Worldwide Fukuoka Kenjinkai Convention

"Roots in Fukuoka, Dreams Beyond Worlds" - Bonding and Boundless -  
November 6th (Wed) - November 9th (Sat) 2019 in Fukuoka Prefecture



During the pre-war and post-war years, approximately 55,000 residents from Fukuoka Prefecture immigrated to places such as Hawaii and Brazil. Twenty Fukuoka Prefecture citizens association (Kenjinkai) have been established in 9 countries, and its members are playing active roles in various fields such as politics, business, and education in their respective countries. Also, with the increase in overseas expansion by companies, 19 Fukuoka kenjinkai have formed in 15 countries/regions overseas for expatriates from Fukuoka Prefecture to deepen their relationships and exchange locally.

The worldwide convention has been held once every three years since 1992, to unite all Fukuoka Kenjinkai in one place. This year's worldwide convention will be held in the Fukuoka Prefecture for the first time in six years, and Fukuoka people from all over the world will travel back to their hometowns.

### Commemorative Ceremony



A ceremony to commemorate the opening of the 10th convention.

■ Wed, November 6th  
■ Venue: Hotel New Otani Hakata

### Representative Meeting



Representatives of different kenjinkai gather and discuss future exchange activities with Fukuoka Prefecture.

■ Thurs, November 7th  
■ Venue: Hotel New Otani Hakata

### Hometown Visit



Kenjinkai members who have been away from Fukuoka for a long time visit their hometown.

■ Fri, November 8th  
■ Venue: Four regions of the prefecture

### Overseas Fukuoka Kenjinkai Fair

(held concurrently with Fukuoka Town and Village Fair)



Enjoy music and dance featured on a special stage and food from North and South America.

■ Sat, November 9th to Sun, November 10th  
■ Venue: Tenjin Central Park

\*Please check the website for details of events. [URL] <https://www.kokusaihiroba.or.jp/pages/project/overseas/world/>



## Fukuoka International Exchange Foundation (FIEF)

Inside ACROS Fukuoka, 1-1 Tenjin, Chuo-ku, Fukuoka 810-0001  
URL [www.kokusaihiroba.or.jp](http://www.kokusaihiroba.or.jp) E-mail [info@kokusaihiroba.or.jp](mailto: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





## The 120th Anniversary Ceremony of Japanese Immigrants to Peru and the 60th Anniversary of Peru Fukuoka Kenjinkai A Delegation from Fukuoka joins Commemorative Ceremony



On April 27th of this year, the Peru Fukuoka Kenjinkai celebrated its 60th birthday with the "60th Anniversary Commemorative Ceremony of the Peru Fukuoka Kenjinkai" in Lima.

Further, the "120th Anniversary Ceremony of Japanese Immigrants to Peru" was held on April 29th as this year also marks the 120th anniversary since Japanese immigrants embarked Peru. Approximately 300 guests attended the celebration.

A delegation representing Fukuoka Prefecture including Deputy Governor Eguchi, acting Chair of Fukuoka Prefectural Assembly Kurauchi, Deputy Chair of Fukuoka Prefectural Assembly Hatanaka, and other members attended the ceremonies. They were able to deepen their relationships with kenjinkai members and locals of Japanese ancestry who are playing an active role in their regions.



### Come and join Kokusai Hiroba Café?

On May 26th, 51 participants attended the 52nd Kokusai Hiroba Cafe Around the World event, which featured Thailand and Vietnam. Kae, coordinator of international relations from Thailand and Ngan, registered International Understanding Education teacher from Vietnam, introduced us to the distinct cultures and ways of life in their homeland.

When introducing food culture, tourist destinations, and national characteristics, participants were surprised with interesting facts such as "Thai people never put coriander in Thai food" and "there is a proper way to wrap Vietnamese spring rolls," and other useful trivia about their countries.

You can experience the diverse cultures of the world here in Kokusai Hiroba. Join the next Kokusai Hiroba Cafe to learn more about the world around you!

## FiSSC Report vol.4

Greetings from the Fukuoka International Student Support Center (FiSSC)! FiSSC, along with universities and local governments in the prefecture, supports international students by providing living consultations, employment support, part-time job referrals, and promoting exchange with locals. Here is the 4th FiSSC Report.

## The 2nd International Student Association Networking Event - Yokamon, Concluded!

- International Student Association Networking Event -

FiSSC supports various country / regional and university-specific international student association, such as the Fukuoka Overseas Student Association (FOSA), to help international students better can get in touch with their community more quickly.

Responding to the need to create a place where different international student association can gather, FiSSC held the networking event for student representatives exchange information on each other's activities. Fifty-three representatives from 20 international student associations gathered.

Lots of great ideas came out of the event, such as holding a sports tournament where students regardless of their associations, can compete. We look forward to seeing these ideas being realized.

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



# Kokusai Hiroba Event Information

August • September  
October • November

See our homepage for the latest event information

[www.kokusaihiroba.or.jp](http://www.kokusaihiroba.or.jp)

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## Habitat Hiroba UN HABITAT

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.

- ▶ Date (1) August 1 (Thu) 14:00-15:30 (2) October 7 (Mon) 18:00-19:30
- ▶ Place Kokusai Hiroba
- ▶ Capacity around 50 people
- ▶ Cost Free but registration required (phone, email, fax)

## Skill Development Seminar for Japanese Classroom Volunteers

**Absolute beginner - How to teach complete beginners and beyond -**  
Lecturer: Haruko Yonese (Tōkai Nihongo Network vice-representative)

A seminar for those involved in supporting foreigners learning Japanese and anyone who is interested.

- ▶ Date and venue
 

August 3 (Sat)	10:00 - 12:30	Kokusai Hiroba
	15:30 - 18:00	Yahata Nishi General Lifelong Learning Center
August 4 (Sun)	10:30 - 13:00	Eru Peer Kurume Room 209
- ▶ Capacity around 70 people
- ▶ Cost Free but registration required (phone, email, fax)

## International Understanding Education - Model Presentation

An event that introduces the International Understanding Education Promotion Project and experiences mock classes led by experienced instructors.

- ▶ Date and venue
 

August 5 (Mon)	15:00 - 17:00	Kokusai Hiroba
August 19 (Mon)	15:00 - 17:00	Kitakyushu Com City Room 204
- ▶ Capacity
 

August 5	About 50 people
August 19	About 30 people
- ▶ Cost Free but registration required (telephone, email, fax)

## "Roots in Fukuoka, Dream beyond Worlds" "Oversea Immigration Panel Exhibition" - Fukuoka immigrants active in the world -

Introducing the history of emigration from Fukuoka Prefecture and current activities of those immigrants from around the world.

- ▶ Date and venue
 

August 21 (Wed) - 30 (Fri)	Iizuka City Hall
September 17 (Tues) - 25 (Wed)	Kitakyushu Com City
September 27 (Fri) - October 4 (Fri)	Kurume City Hall
- ▶ Cost Free, registration not necessary

## Study Abroad Hiroba "Let's go to the U.S.A!"

Joint-hosting the 2019 USA Study Abroad Fair, this event disseminates information on life before, during and after studying abroad.

- ▶ Date September 1 (Sun) 14:00 - 14:40
- ▶ Place Seminar Room No. 701, 7F Across Fukuoka
- ▶ Capacity around 50 people
- ▶ Cost Free but registration required (phone, email, fax)

## 2019 Youth Exchange Program (Bangkok) "Reporting session by high school participants"

A Report session by high school students who visited Bangkok from the end of July to the beginning of August. Come and learn about their first-hand experience in Thailand.

- ▶ Date September 1 (Sun) 13:00 - 14:30
- ▶ Venue Kokusai Hiroba
- ▶ Capacity around 50 people
- ▶ Cost Free but registration required (telephone, email, fax)

## Kokusai Hiroba Cafe



Japanese and non-Japanese instructors introduce life in other countries. An event where you can meet people from other countries and enjoy drinks and sweets.

- ▶ Date
 

September 22 (Sun)	14:00 - 16:00
November 24 (Sun)	14:00 - 16:00
- ▶ Place Kokusai Hiroba
- ▶ Capacity 50 people
- ▶ Cost Supporting Member & Cafe Member Free, Non-member 300 yen
- ▶ Registration Re'd (telephone, email, fax)

## Fukuoka Kenjinkai Fair (held concurrently with Fukuoka Town and Village Fair)

An event accompanying the 10th Worldwide Fukuoka Kenjinkai Convention that features dance and music on a special stage and cuisine from North and South America for two days.

- ▶ Date November 9 (Sat) - 10 (Sun)
- ▶ Venue Tenjin Central Park
- ▶ Cost Free, registration not necessary.

## Event Registration

Fukuoka International Exchange Foundation

TEL 092-725-9200

FAX 092-725-9206

Email [info@kokusaihiroba.or.jp](mailto:info@kokusaihiroba.or.jp)

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

[Kokusai Hiroba]

[https://www.kokusaihiroba.or.jp/english/project/infomation/pdf/kokusai\\_en.pdf](https://www.kokusaihiroba.or.jp/english/project/infomation/pdf/kokusai_en.pdf)



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## 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  
(Closed on weekend, public holidays, Obon festival, Year-end New Year holiday)
- Languages: English, Chinese, Korean, Thai, Vietnamese

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, caller is 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, Khmer, Burmese

### Contact us

Fukuoka Asian Medical Support Center

TEL : 092-734-3035 URL <https://asian-msc.jp/>

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

## Disaster Prevention Info-email



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.)

Please register from

[www.bousaimobile.pref.fukuoka.lg.jp/en/](http://www.bousaimobile.pref.fukuoka.lg.jp/en/)



For multilingual versions (English, simple Japanese, Chinese, Korean) please visit the Fukuoka Prefecture website.

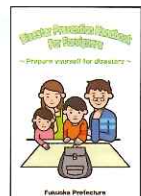


There are also other useful information!

## 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 seven languages. (Simple Japanese, English, Chinese, Korean, Tagalog, Nepali, Vietnamese)

\*The PDF versions can be downloaded on our homepage.



# Free Consultation for Non-Japanese Nationals (Fukuoka, Kitakyushu, Kurume, Iizuka)

## Fukuoka

### Immigration and Residency Process Consultations

Not Req'd

**Date** 1st Monday each month 16:30 - 18:30 \* last entry 18:00  
4th Saturday each month 13:00 - 16:00 \* last entry 15:30  
**Content** Citizenship, immigration, residency, inviting family to Japan, etc.  
**Consultant** Administrative scrivener  
**Languages** Japanese, English, Chinese  
\* guidance in English or Chinese available only 4th Saturday of each month  
**Contact** Fukuoka Gyoseishoshi Lawyers Association 092-641-2501

### Human Rights Consultation for Non-Japanese Nationals

Not Req'd

**Date** 2nd Saturday each month 13:00 - 16:00  
**Content** Human rights issues related to work, housing, marriage, troubles with neighbors, 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 1-11 Tenjin, Chuo-ku, Fukuoka)

### Free legal consultation for Non-Japanese Nationals

**Date** 2nd and 4th Fridays each month 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, Korean  
\* Korean and English only available on 2nd and 4th Friday each month respectively  
**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

Req'd (phone)

\* Excluding public holidays  
Weekdays  
10:00~16:00  
(only in Japanese)  
2nd Friday each month  
10:00~13:00  
(Chinese, Japanese, Korean)  
4th Friday each month  
10:00~13:00  
(Chinese, English, Japanese)

### Free consultation on Immigration, Residence and Nationality for Non-Japanese

Not Req'd

**Date** 2nd Sunday of each month 13:00 - 16:00 last entry at 15:30  
**Content** Residence status and length, inviting family to Japan, permanent residence, naturalization, procedures of international marriage, etc.  
**Consultant** Administrative scrivener  
**Languages** Japanese, English, Chinese \* Prior contact required for consultation in other languages

### Free Legal Consultation for Non-Japanese Nationals

Req'd (phone or counter)

**Date** 1st Saturdays each month 10:30 - 13:30  
3rd Wednesday each month 13:00 - 16:00  
**Content** Legal consultation (45min per person)  
**Consultant** Lawyer  
**Languages** if interpreter is needed, please request for it when making a reservation

\* only available to the first four who reserves

### Free Personal Counselling for non-Japanese Nationals

Req'd (phone or counter)

**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

Not Req'd

**Date** Every Tuesday, 2nd and 4th Thursdays of each month 9:00 - 16:00  
\* Excluding public holidays  
**Content** Issues related to working conditions (available by phone)  
**Consultant** Labor Standard 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

### Work Condition Consultation for Non-Japanese Nationals

Not Req'd

**Date** Monday and Thursday of each week 9:00 - 16:00  
\* Excluding public holidays  
**Content** Issues related to working conditions (available by phone)  
**Consultant** Labor Standard Inspector, Advisor  
**Languages** Japanese, English  
**Venue** Fukuoka Chuo Labor Standard Monitoring Station 3F (2-1-1 Nagahama, Chuo-ku, Fukuoka)  
**Contact** Fukuoka Chuo Labor Standard Monitoring Station 092-761-5607

## Kitakyushu

### Immigration, Residency, Nationality Procedures Consultation

Not Req'd

**Date** 2nd Saturday each month 13:00 - 16:00  
**Content** Processes for change of residency status and length, bringing family into Japan, re-entry procedures, naturalisation & permanent residency, international marriage, nationality and more.  
**Consultant** Administrative scrivener  
**Languages** Contact in advance if an interpreter is required

### Legal Consultation

Req'd (phone)

**Date** 4th Saturday each month 13:30 - 16:30  
**Content** Trouble at work, traffic incidents, housing, marriage, divorce, etc.  
**Consultant** Lawyer  
**Languages** Contact in advance if an interpreter is required

\* only available to the first three who reserves

### Psychological Counseling

Req'd (phone)

**Date** As needed. Please contact us to arrange a suitable date and time.  
**Content** Interpersonal troubles, stress and other psychological problems, etc.  
**Consultant** Clinical Psychologist  
**Languages** Japanese, English

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

### Work Condition Consultation for Non-Japanese Nationals

Not Req'd

**Date** Tuesday and Thursday of each week 9:00 - 16:00  
\* Excluding public holidays  
**Content** Issues related to working condition (available by phone)  
**Consultant** Labor Standards Inspector Advisor  
**Languages** Japanese, Vietnamese  
**Venue** Kitakyushu Nishi Labor Standards Inspection Office (1-5-10 Kishinoura, Yahatanishi-ku, Kitakyushu-shi)  
**Contact** Kitakyushu Nishi Labor Standards Inspection Office 093-622-6550

## Kurume

### Free Consultation for Non-Japanese Nationals

Not Req'd

**Date** 3rd Saturday each month 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 Kurume Bureau of Tourism and International Exchange 0942-31-1717 kokusaikoryu@ktie.or.jp

## Iizuka

### Administrative Consultation for Non-Japanese Foreigners

Not Req'd

**Date** 3rd Wednesday of each month 13:00 - 16:00  
**Content** Residence status and length, inviting family to Japan, citizenship permanent residence, naturalization, international marriage, etc.  
**Consultant** Administrative scrivener  
**Languages** Contact in advance if an interpreter is required  
**Venue** Iizuka City Hall 3F Kita Meeting Room (5-5 Shintateiwa, Iizuka-shi)  
**Contact** Iizuka City Planning and Coordination Department Regional Collaboration City Policy Room 0948-22-5521

## Become a Supporting Member

Fukuoka International Exchange Foundation is seeking supporting members. 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.

### Annual Membership Fee \* valid for 1 year from date of payment

- General : ¥2,000/person
- Organization: ¥10,000/organization
- Students: ¥1,000/person (Student ID is required.)
- Hiroba Cafe: ¥500/person

