



Kokusai Hiroba

Japanese, English, Chinese, Korean, Vietnamese version are available



2023 Japanese Language Volunteer Skill-Up Course

Looking for participants!

Anyone interested in teaching Japanese is welcome! Advance Reservation Required | No Fee

① In-person Class (Location: Kokusai Hiroba) "Using ICT in the Post-Corona Environment"



- Location** Kokusai Hiroba
- Date** 9th, 10th September (Sat, Sun) 14:00-16:30
- Lecturer** Mr Tomohisa Yamada / Seinan Gakuin University / Dean, Professor
- Capacity** 20 people (per session)
- Apply** <https://forms.gle/CU4wqqZE6KB8Jxw97>



② Online Class "The Foundation of Childhood Japanese Education"



- Date** September 23rd (Sat) 14:00-15:30 "Young Foreign Students and Cultural Adaptation"
September 30th (Sat) 14:00-15:30 "Young Foreign Students and Language"
- Lecturer** Ms Chiharu Izumimoto / Nara University of Education / Education Coordination Course, Professor
- Capacity** 100 people (per session)
- Apply** <https://forms.gle/FYqiBFTY3SgodbQZA>



Kokusai Hiroba Café - Around the World (Online)

Looking for participants!

Foreign and Japanese instructors with a variety of experiences will introduce the daily life and culture of countries around the world

[Vol.77 Turkey & Australia]

- Date** September 3, 2023 (Sun) 14:00-15:30
- Language** English
- Capacity** 100 people (first-come-first-served basis)
- Participation Fee** Free (Application Needed)
- Apply** <https://forms.gle/7hooBbPzYQzVZUJg6>



Fukuoka International Exchange Foundation

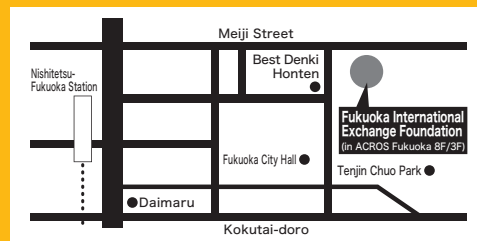
ACROS Fukuoka, 1-1-1 Tenjin, Chuo-ku, Fukuoka 810-0001
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8F Planning & Exchange department

TEL 092-725-9204 FAX 092-725-9205
Opening Hours 8:30-17:45 / Closed Weekends, National Holidays, December 29th - January 3rd

3F Kokusai Hiroba

TEL 092-725-9200 FAX 092-725-9206
Opening Hours 10:00-19:00 / Closed December 29th - January 3rd



The 2023 Fukuoka International Exchange Foundation Scholarship Ceremony was held, and 20 international students received a scholarship!



This scholarship is given to international students to support their study in Fukuoka Prefecture, with an overall goal of increasing internationalization in the region. The program started in 1990, and in the 33 years since then, the scholarship has been awarded to 765 students!

As he awarded the scholarships, Director of the Foundation Mr. Takenami expressed his regards to the students who are chasing their dreams by coming from their home country to Fukuoka to study.

The scholarship recipients expressed their gratefulness for the scholarship, which will allow them to reduce time spent working and instead focus on their studies and volunteer activities, enriching their student life.



Hey! We are the Fukuoka International Student Support Center! Located within the Fukuoka International Exchange Foundation. While cooperating with Fukuoka universities and local governments to provide various support to international students, living consultations, job hunting, introducing part time jobs, and exchanges with Fukuoka residents. Here is FISSC Report no.10!

The Fukuoka Overseas Student Association (FOSA) Took Part in the Hakata Dontaku Parade!



FISSC works to support international student associations, promoting relations between international students and different regions of Fukuoka.

On May 4th 2023, FOSA took part in the Hakata Dontaku Parade. 60 students from over 20 countries took part, wearing their cultural clothing and spreading the word about FOSA's activities and international culture. It was a great chance for people from Fukuoka and beyond to learn about FOSA.

FOSA holds many activities for international students to mingle with each other and people in their region. Even if you are not a student there are events everyone can take part in, so please check out FOSA's Facebook page!



Check it out!

Inquires

Fukuoka International Student Support Center

☎ 092-725-9201 (10:00-19:00) ✉ fissc@kokusaihiroba.or.jp

For more information, please refer to the Fukuoka International Student Support Center website. <https://www.fissc.net/>

Japanese Classes held at the Kokusai Hiroba

"Japanese Lessons for Foreigners" are held all over the prefecture.

Some are held inside the Kokusai Hiroba itself, too. As well as learning Japanese, you also have a chance to interact with other residents. Please enjoy learning in a relaxed environment!



See here for details

The Hawaii-Fukuoka Kenjinkai Opinion Exchange Meeting was held!



On the 22nd April, 2023, an opinion exchange meeting was held in Honolulu, Hawaii, with the Hawaii-Fukuoka Kenjinkai.

The attendees included a visiting group from Fukuoka Prefecture including Governor Hattori and Deputy Chairman Kabashima from the Prefectural Assembly, members of the Hawaii-Fukuoka Kenjinkai including Miles Nomura, and associates from Fukuoka Yukari. Governor Hattori thanked the Kenjinkai members for their activities which continued the connections which had been started by their predecessors. At the meeting, the attendees discussed how to take back the time taken away by the COVID-19 pandemic, and had a friendly back and forth for as long as time allowed.

The Short Term Visit Program was held!

The Short Term Visit Program for Descendants of Immigrants from Fukuoka Prefecture is held every year, inviting children and adult leaders who have roots in Fukuoka Prefecture, from the Kenjinkais of 20 countries. This year, the Short Term Visit Program was held between the 7th to the 18th July, with 10 children and 6 adult leaders coming to visit Fukuoka Prefecture. The goal of the program is for the participants to understand their ancestral home of Fukuoka Prefecture, with the hope that they too will grow into leadership roles in their own Kenjinkais, continuing the mutual relationship between their country and Fukuoka as well as wider Japan.

This time, the participants visited an elementary school, and the children could mingle with children their own age. They not only experienced the prefecture's nature and history, but also had a chance to study programming. Studying and experiencing Fukuoka Prefecture first-hand, the participants deepened their understanding of their ancestral home.



Become a supporting member (We are always looking for new members!)

At the Foundation, we are always working on new projects with the support and understanding of as many people as possible. We are always looking for new members who support our goal.

Our Aims

Utilising the regional and historical characteristics of Fukuoka Prefecture, we work together with exchange organisations and strive for a type of multicultural exchange which is Fukuoka Prefecture's very own. Making use of Fukuoka Prefecture's geographical location, we seek to deepen connections with countries all over the world, with a wider goal of contributing to mutual prosperity and world peace.

For information on how to become a member and perks of membership, please scan the QR code



Fukuoka International Medical Support center

We will support you when you need help at hospitals.

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

We provide volunteer medical interpreters via temp service when requested by medical institutions. Reservation required, free of charge, advance registration required
 ● Time: Mon-Fri 9:00-18:00 (closed on weekends, national holidays, Obon holidays, and year-end and New Year holidays) ● Supported languages: English, Chinese, Korean, Thai and 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, callers are responsible for call charges, no prior registration needed)

- Time 24 hours a day, 365 days a year
- 21 Languages (English, Chinese, Korean, Thai, Vietnamese, Indonesian, Tagalog, Nepali, Malay, Spanish, Portuguese, German, French, Italian, Russian, Khmer, Myanmar, Sinhalese, Mongolian, Hindi and Bengali)

One-stop consultation service for medical institutions (for medical institutions) TEL 0570-000-630

We provide information and advice for problem solving to consultations from medical institutions that are struggling with various obstacles associated with treating international patients. (Free)
 ● Hours: Weekdays 9:00 - 17:00 (Closed on weekends, national holidays, new years holiday)

*For inquires outside of the operating hours, please call the national "night / holiday one-stop window". (TEL 03-6371-0057)

Contact us

Fukuoka International Medical support center
 TEL 092-734-3035 URL <https://imsc.pref.fukuoka.lg.jp>
 *Fukuoka International Medical Support center is organized by the Fukuoka Prefectural Government

Free!

Disaster Prevention App

Easy to use!

'Fukuoka Disaster Prevention Navi Mamoru-kun'

This is an app for your smartphone where you can check weather alerts and evacuation information.

- ★ Check for weather alerts and evacuation information for your current location or registered locations
- ★ Use the map to check if evacuation centers near you are open, and how busy they are
- ★ Register your family and check on their status in a disaster
- ★ Easy to understand illustrations of what to do in times of disaster



Google Play

Download the app today!



App Store

Compatible OS
 Android Version 8.0 and above
 iOS Version 11.0 and above

※ An internet connection is required for use

Disaster Prevention Handbook For Foreigners

The Fukuoka Prefectural Government has made a "Disaster Prevention Handbook For Foreigners" in 9 languages to help prepare and react when a disaster happens.

- Easy Japanese ● English ● Chinese
- Korean ● Tagalog ● Nepali ● Vietnamese
- Indonesian ● Burmese



*You can download each language version as a PDF from our homepage.



Free Consultation for Non-Japanese National

General Consultation

Fukuoka Multilingual Assistance and Information Center (Fukuoka MAIC)

The Fukuoka Multilingual Assistance and Information Center (Fukuoka MAIC), provides consultations on marriage, children's education, employment, labor and other problems in daily life, residence status, legal advice, etc. in 22 languages, including Japanese, at the counter, by phone or by e-mail.



- [Location]** Kokusai Hiroba
[Hours] 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. (except Dec. 29 to Jan. 3)
[Work duties] (1) Direct consultation at the Center's office, by phone or email
 ○ Toll free number: 0120-279-906
 ○ E-mail: fukuoka-maic@kokusaihiroba.or.jp
 (2) Support for multilingual consultation services for foreign residents of municipalities, etc. by utilizing a four-way call and interpretation service
 (3) Guidance to specialized organization based on the content of the consultation, and interpretation support via telephone at the destination

Kurume City Kurumeria Mutsumon 6F Minkuru No Reservations Required

Issues such as status of residence, period of stay, bringing in family members, nationality, permanent residence, naturalization, and international marriage

- [Location]** Kurumeria Mutsumon 6F Minkuru (3-11 Mutsumonmachi, Kurume City)
[Date] 3rd Saturday of each month from 13:00 to 16:00
[Consultant] Administrative scrivener, lawyer, labor and social security attorney
[Languages] Other than Japanese, video interpretation is available for 16 other languages
[Contact] Kurume City Office public hearing, consultation section foreigner consultation counter 0942-30-9096
 sodan@city.kurume.lg.jp

Iizuka City Iizuka City Hall No Reservations Required

- [Location]** Iizuka City Hall 5F Kita Meeting Room (5-5 Shintateiwa, Iizuka-shi)
[Date] Every 3rd Tuesday of the month, 13:00 - 16:00
[Consultant] Administrative scrivener, lawyer, labor and social security attorney
[Languages] 22 languages including Japanese (if interpretation is required, a telephone interpretation service is available)
[Contact] Iizuka City Economics Department International Policy Division 0948-22-5500 (ext: 1647)
 kokusai@city.iizuka.lg.jp

Consultation on immigration and residency procedures with Lawyers

Residence status and period of stay, inviting family members, permanent residence, naturalization, international marriage procedures, etc.

Fukuoka City Kokusai Hiroba No Reservations Required

- [Location]** Kokusai Hiroba
[Date] 1st Monday of each month 16:30-18:30 *Last entry 18:00
 4th Saturday of the month 13:00-16:00 *Last entry 15:30
[Languages] 22 languages including Japanese (if interpretation is required, a telephone interpretation service is available)
 *English and Chinese only on the 4th Saturday of the month
[Contact] Fukuoka Gyoseishoshi Lawyers Association 092-641-4151

Fukuoka City Fukuoka City International Center No Reservations Required

- [Location]** Fukuoka City International Center Meeting Room (Fukuoka City International Center 1F, 4-1, Tenyamachi, Hakata-ku Fukuoka City)
[Date] 2nd Sunday of every month from 13:00 to 16:00 *Last entry 15:30
[Languages] Japanese, English, Chinese *For other languages, please contact us in advance.
[Contact] Fukuoka City International Foundation 092-262-1799
 (toll free) 0120-66-1799

Kitakyushu City Kitakyushu International Association No Reservations Required

- [Location]** Kitakyushu International Association (Kurosaki 3-15-3, Yahatanishi, Kitakyushu-shi ComCity 3F)
[Date] 2nd Saturday of each month from 13:00 to 16:00
[Languages] If you need an interpreter, reservation is required.
[Contact] Kitakyushu International Association Information Center for Foreigners 093-643-5931

Counseling with Clinical Psychologists

Interpersonal problems, stress and other psychological issues (60 minutes per person)

Fukuoka City Fukuoka City International Center Reservations are required (by phone)

- [Location]** Fukuoka City International Center Meeting Room (Fukuoka City International Center 1F, 4-1, Tenyamachi, Hakata-ku Fukuoka City)
[Date] Mondays 9:00 a.m. to 5:45 p.m., Tuesdays 9:00 a.m. to 11:45 a.m.,
 Thursdays 9:00 a.m. to 12:45 p.m.
[Languages] Japanese and English
[Contact] Fukuoka City International Foundation 092-262-1799
 (toll free) 0120-66-1799

Kitakyushu City Kitakyushu International Association Reservations are required

- [Location]** Kitakyushu International Association (Kurosaki 3-15-3, Yahatanishi, Kitakyushu-shi ComCity 3F)
[Date] As needed. *Please contact us for dates and times.
[Languages] Japanese, English, Chinese (Please consult for other languages)
[Contact] Kitakyushu International Association Information Center for Foreigners 093-643-5931

Legal consultation for with lawyers

Legal matters such as workplace problems, car accidents, housing, marriage, divorce, etc.

Fukuoka City Kokusai Hiroba Reservations required *First 4 applicants only

- [Location]** Kokusai Hiroba
[Date] Third Sunday of every month 13:00-17:00 Reservations: 0120-279-906
[Languages] 22 languages including Japanese (if interpretation is required, a telephone interpretation service is available)
[Contact] Fukuoka Multilingual Assistance and Information Center (Fukuoka MAIC) 0120-279-906

Fukuoka City Fukuoka Bar Association Tenjin Attorney's Center Reservations are required

- [Location]** Fukuoka Bar Association Tenjin Attorney's Center Reservations are required (phone hours)
 (2F Minami Tenjin Bldg., 5-14-12 Watanabe-dori, Chuo-ku, Fukuoka)
[Date] The 2nd and 4th Fridays of each month from 13:00 to 16:00 *except for holidays.
[Languages] (2nd Friday of each month) Japanese, Korean and Chinese
 (4th Friday of each month) Japanese, English, Chinese
[Contact] Fukuoka Bar Association 092-737-7555
- Closed on holidays**
[Weekdays] 10:00~16:00 (Japanese Only)
 [2nd Friday of every month] 10:00~13:00 (Japanese, Korean and Chinese)
 [Every 4th Friday of each month] 10:00~13:00 (Japanese, Korean and Chinese)

Fukuoka City Fukuoka City International Center Reservations required *First 4 applicants only

- [Location]** Fukuoka City International Center Meeting Room (Fukuoka City International Center 1F, 4-1, Tenyamachi, Hakata-ku Fukuoka City)
[Date] The 1st Saturday of each month 10:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. and the 3rd Wednesday of each month 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.
[Content] Legal consultation (45 minutes per person)
[Languages] Ask for a translator if you need one when you make an appointment.
[Contact] Fukuoka City International Foundation 092-262-1799
 (toll free) 0120-66-1799

Kitakyushu City Kitakyushu International Association Reservations are required (by phone or at the office) *Only available to the first 3 who reserve

- [Location]** Kitakyushu International Association (Kurosaki 3-15-3, Yahatanishi, Kitakyushu-shi ComCity 3F)
[Date] 4th Saturday of each month from 13:30 to 16:30
[Content] Trouble at work, car accidents, housing, marriage, divorce, etc.
[Languages] Ask for a translator if you need one when you make an appointment.
[Contact] Kitakyushu International Association Information Center for Foreigners
 093-643-5931

Work Conditions Consultation with Labor Standards Inspectors

Issues related to working conditions (phone call is acceptable)

Fukuoka City Inspection Division, Fukuoka Labour Union No Reservations Required

- [Location]** Inspection Division, Fukuoka Labour Union
 Fukuoka National Government Building ANNEX 4F(2-11-1 Hakataekihigashi Hakata-ku, Fukuoka)
[Date] Every Tuesday and the 2nd and 4th Thursday of the month from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. *Except for holidays.
[Languages] Japanese and English
[Contact] Fukuoka Labor Bureau Labor Standards Department, Inspection Division 092-411-4862

Fukuoka City Fukuoka Chuo Labor Standard Inspection Office No Reservations Required

- [Location]** Fukuoka Chuo Labor Standard Inspection Office 4F (2-11-1 Nagahama, Chuo-ku, Fukuoka)
[Date] Every Monday and Thursday 9:00-16:00 *except for holidays
[Languages] Japanese and Chinese
[Contact] Fukuoka Chuo Labor Standard Inspection Office 092-761-5607

Kitakyushu City Kitakyushu Nishi Labor Standard Inspection Office No Reservations Required

- [Location]** Kitakyushu Nishi Labor Standard Inspection Office (3F 1-5-10 Kishinoura, Yahatanishi-ku, Kitakyushu-shi)
[Date] Tuesdays and Thursdays from 9:00 to 16:00 *except for holidays
[Languages] Japanese and Vietnamese
[Contact] Kitakyushu Nishi Labor Standard Inspection Office 093-622-6550

Human Rights Consultation

Human rights issues related to work, housing, marriage, troubles with neighbors, etc.

Fukuoka City Kokusai Hiroba No Reservations Required

- [Location]** Kokusai Hiroba
[Date] 2nd Saturday of each month from 13:00 to 16:00
[Consultant] Commissioner for the protection of Fundamental Human Rights with lawyer qualifications
[Languages] Japanese and English
[Contact] Fukuoka Legal Affairs Bureau Human Rights Protection Division 092-739-4151

Check out our Facebook Page
<https://www.facebook.com/fief.kokusaihiroba>



Fukuoka International Exchange Foundation

Get the latest information on events
 (Japanese, English, Korean, Chinese, Vietnamese)