



Kokusai Hiroba

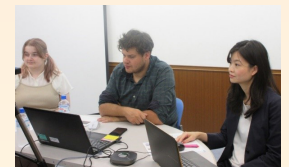
Japanese, English, Chinese, Korean, Vietnamese versions available



Kokusai Hiroba Café - 'Around the World' Special Report!

Kokusai Hiroba Café - 'Around the World' is an online event where lecturers with experience from countries around the world introduce viewers to different lifestyles, cultures, foods and more. In the space of about an hour, you can get first-hand information that you won't find in a guidebook. You can relax and enjoy watching from home, whilst feeling the café vibe! Until now, the event has been held in Japanese, but now we are also holding events in other languages, as befitting the multicultural society of Fukuoka!

In September, we had our first English-language event, introducing Turkey and Australia. The lecturers had a great back and forth with each other and the audience, who sent in lots of questions! In November, we held our first Korean event, with the theme 'Fukuoka & Korea!' The next event will be held in Japanese. As it is an online event, we welcome viewers from all over the world!



Looking for participants! **Next time on Kokusai Hiroba Café - Around the World (Online)**
 **[Vol.79 Mexico & Paraguay]** 

- Date & Time** September 3, 2023 (Sun) 2:00-3:30PM
- Lecturers** International Students with Roots in Fukuoka Prefecture
 ●Aiko Tanaka(Mexico) ●Ken Fuchiwaki(Paraguay) ●Haruka Kumagai(Paraguay)
- Language** Japanese
- Participation Fee** Free (Application required)
- How to apply** <https://00m.in/UOedA>
- Application Deadline** 11th January, 2024 (Thu)



Streaming in a new language each time!



Japanese Teaching Skill-Up Lecture!

"Fundamentals of Teaching Japanese to Children with Roots Abroad" Lecture Held in September

This year, lectures were held on "Use of ICT in the Post-Corona World" by Professor Tomohisa YAMADA, the Dean of Seinan Gakuin University's foreign language department, and "Foundations of Teaching Japanese to Children" by Professor Chiharu IZUMIMOTO, from Nara University of Education's Educational Cooperation department. Over 100 people attended the lectures, which were highly received!



Fukuoka International Exchange Foundation

ACROS Fukuoka, 1-1-1 Tenjin, Chuo-ku, Fukuoka 810-0001

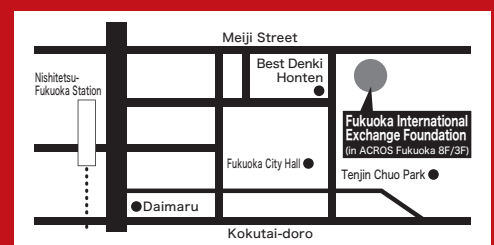
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8F Planning & Exchange department

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3F Kokusai Hiroba

TEL 092-725-9200 FAX 092-725-9206
 Opening Hours 10:00AM-6:00PM / Closed December 29th - January 3rd



Kokusai Hiroba Event Info

December, January, February, March (2023 - 2024)

① Information Session for Companies Hiring International Students Work in Kyushu

- ▶ Date and Time : 22nd December, 2023 (Fri) 12:00 to 4:00PM
- ▶ For : International students looking for employment in April 2024 ▶ No Entry Fee (Application required)
- ▶ Location : ACROS Bldg. B2F Event Hall



A glimpse of last year's Information Session

Students can get useful information directly from the staff of various companies. International students looking for employment in Kyushu shouldn't miss it!

② (For Intl. Students!!) How to Tackle SPI Evaluations - Online Seminar

- ▶ Date and Time : February 2024 ▶ Capacity : 100 people
- ▶ For: International Students in Fukuoka Prefecture ▶ No Entry Fee (Application required)

Many companies hold aptitude tests such as 'SPI' as part of their hiring process. But how do you tackle these? If you are an international student in Fukuoka who is interested in working in Japan after graduation, this seminar is for you. All years are welcome!

Event Application, Contact

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Fukuoka International Student Support Center (FISSC)

☎ 092-725-9201

✉ fissc@kokusaihiroba.or.jp

🌐 <https://www.fissc.net/>



③ ⇒

International Exchange Foundation (FIEF)

☎ 092-725-9200

✉ info@kokusaihiroba.or.jp

🌐 <https://kokusaihiroba.or.jp>

③ Habitat Hiroba Vol. 74 (Online)

- ▶ Date and Time : 1st February 2024 (Mon) 6:00 to 7:00PM
- ▶ Capacity : 100 people ▶ No Entry Fee (Application required)
- ▶ Contact : Fukuoka UN-Habitat <https://fukuoka.unhabitat.org/>



A collaborative lecture by Fukuoka UN-Habitat and the Fukuoka International Exchange Foundation. Staff from UN-Habitat introduce their worldwide activities. This a valuable opportunity to ask UN staff your questions! We hope to see you there!

④ The 13th [Enjoy the EU in Fukuoka] Event

- ▶ Date and Time : 8th February, 2024 (Thursday)
- ▶ Capacity : 200 people (first come first served)
- ▶ Entry Fee : 5,500 for general admission | 3,500 for Fukuoka EU Association members and collaborating association members
- ▶ Location : Nishitetsu Grand Hotel, 2nd Floor (PLAISIR)
- ▶ How to Apply : Please see the Fukuoka EU Association Homepage (<https://fukuoka-eu.com/>)
- ▶ Contact : Fukuoka EU Association 092-725-9204



A glimpse of year's event

In collaboration with the (EU-Fukuoka Friendship Association). Enjoy the speciality dishes and wines of various EU countries whilst listening to music. The participating organizations will also give updates on their latest activities, so you can get that EU feeling.



Looking for Vietnamese & Nepalese Translation Volunteers

What?

Vietnamese ⇄ Japanese Translation/Interpretation
Nepalese ⇄ Japanese Translation/Interpretation

When?

• International exchange events, etc.
• Support in times of disaster

Apply via

• Front Desk
• Mail
• Email



In Fukuoka Prefecture there are around 19,700 Vietnamese residents and 11,600 Nepalese residents; 22% and 13% of international residents respectively. This number is continuously increasing, as is the demand for Vietnamese and Nepalese translators and interpreters.

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For more information,
please scan

LOVE FM Airing every second Tuesday at 2pm with the latest info!
Switch On! Listen to the daytime corner and
get information on the latest events!

Greetings from the Foundation Staff



Chairwoman Akie Omagari

As of the 1st September 2023, I have become the Chairwoman of the Fukuoka International Exchange Foundation.

As domestic and international trends are constantly changing, Fukuoka Prefecture strives to keep pace with them. As Chairwoman, I will support the International Foundation's aims of inviting international talent and encouraging a globalized young workforce, with a wider goal of fostering an environment in which people from all over the world can co-exist in harmony. Furthermore, we will continue to nurture our international networks, such as the Overseas-Fukuoka Kenjinkais and friendly exchange regions, by continuing to support effective projects to the mutual benefit of all. Please continue to support the Fukuoka International Exchange Foundation.



Coordinator for International Relations, Song

My name is Song and I come from Korea. I have lived in Japan for 7 years; Okinawa for 1 year, and Fukuoka for 6 years. I work at the International Foundation. I have lots of hobbies, and I've tried a lot of things since coming to Japan! I love delicious food, so I often visit delicious restaurants and cafes in Fukuoka and write reviews for them on Google Maps. Thank you for reading.

My name is Win. I'm from Bangkok, Thailand. I came to Japan in August this year, and I started working at the International Foundation in September. I have various responsibilities, such as translating, interpreting, and advising between Thai and Japanese. I love Japanese subculture, so I like anime and manga, and recently I'm also into card games. Thank you for reading.



Coordinator for International Relations, Win

In January, I'll appear on LOVE FM!! Everyone, please tune in!!

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 050-3171-7806

We provide volunteer medical interpreters via temp service when requested by medical institutions. Free of charge, advance registration required
 ● Time: Mon-Fri 9:00AM-6:00PM (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 092-236-9595

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 to medical institutions facing obstacles associated with treating international patients. (Free)
 ● Hours: Weekdays 9:00AM - 5:00PM (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 050-3171-7806 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



Download the app today!



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 Nationals

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] 10:00AM to 6:00PM (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 & Time] 3rd Saturday of each month from 1:00 to 4:00PM
[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 & Time] Every 3rd Tuesday of the month, 1:00 to 4:00PM
[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 & Time] 1st Monday of each month 4:30 to 6:30PM *Last entry 6:00PM
 4th Saturday of the month 1:00 to 4:00PM *Last entry 3:30PM
[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 & Time] 2nd Sunday of every month from 1:00 to 4:00PM *Last entry 3:30PM
[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 & Time] 2nd Saturday of each month from 1:00 to 4:00PM
[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 required (by phone)

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

Kitakyushu City Kitakyushu International Association Reservations required

- [Location]** Kitakyushu International Association (Kurosaki 3-15-3, Yahatanishi, Kitakyushu-shi ComCity 3F)
[Date & Time] 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 & Time] Third Sunday of every month 1:00 to 5:00PM 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 Reservations required

- [Location]** Fukuoka Bar Association
 (Ropponmatsu 4-2-5, Chuo-ku, Fukuoka)
[Date & Time] The 2nd and 4th Thursday of each month, 1:00 to 4:00PM *except for holidays.
[Languages] (2nd Thursday of each month) Japanese, Korean, Chinese, Vietnamese
 (4th Thursday of each month) Japanese, English, Chinese
[Contact] Fukuoka Bar Association 092-737-7555

Reservations required (phone hours)
Closed on holidays
[Weekdays] 10:00AM~12:00PM, 1:00~4:00PM (Japanese Only)
[2nd Thursday of every month] 10:00AM to 1:00PM (Japanese, Korean, Chinese, Vietnamese)
[4th Thursday of every month] 10:00AM to 1:00PM (Japanese, English, 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 & Time] The 1st Saturday of each month 10:30AM to 1:30PM and the 3rd Wednesday of each month 1:00 to 4:00PM
[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 required (by phone or in person) *First 3 applicants only

- [Location]** Kitakyushu International Association (Kurosaki 3-15-3, Yahatanishi, Kitakyushu-shi ComCity 3F)
[Date & Time] 4th Saturday of each month from 1:30 to 4:30PM
[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 & Time] Every Tuesday and the 2nd and 4th Thursday of the month from 9:00AM to 4:00PM *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 & Time] Every Monday and Thursday 9:00AM to 4:00PM *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 & Time] Tuesdays and Thursdays from 9:00AM to 4:00PM *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 & Time] 2nd Saturday of each month from 1:00 to 4:00PM
[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

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<https://www.facebook.com/fief.kokusaihiroba>



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 (Japanese, English, Korean, Chinese, Vietnamese)