



Kokusai Hiroba

Japanese, English, Chinese, Korean, Vietnamese versions available



Mutual Exchange between High School Students of Fukuoka Prefecture and Bangkok, Thailand!

Fukuoka Prefecture and Bangkok formed a friendly relationship in 2006, and a project for the mutual exchange of high school students of both regions began in 2010. In December 2023, 10 high school students from Fukuoka Prefecture visited Bangkok, engaging in discussions in English on the topic of SDGs (Sustainable Development Goals) with 10 high school students from Bangkok. They also had the chance to visit famous locations in Bangkok, try on traditional Thai clothing, and experience the culture of Thailand first-hand. In late March 2024, the 10 students from Bangkok visited Fukuoka Prefecture, and the students of both regions presented the results of their research together!



Exchange Students with Roots in Fukuoka Prefecture Arrive in Fukuoka!

Each year, as part of the Exchange Student Program for Descendants of Immigrants from Fukuoka Prefecture, descendants of members of the Worldwide Fukuoka Kenjinkais have a chance to spend a year studying abroad in Fukuoka. This year, from April 2024, there are 7 participants from 7 Kenjinkais, from a total of 6 countries around the world: Brazil, Paraguay, Bolivia, Mexico, Peru, and America! As well as being able to study specialist subjects and technology at universities in Fukuoka Prefecture, they also get the chance to deepen their understanding of Fukuoka Prefecture's traditions, culture, industry, and business!



Kimono, Tea Ceremony, and more Experiencing Japanese culture first hand



Short Term Visit Program Conveying the charms of Fukuoka to the next generation of Fukuoka descendants

Kokusai Hiroba Event Info April, May, June, July (2024)

Habitat Hiroba Vol.75 / Vol.76 (Online)

- Date and Time: [Vol.75] 1st April 2024 (Mon) / [Vol.76] 3rd June 2024 (Mon) 6:00-7:00PM
- 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!



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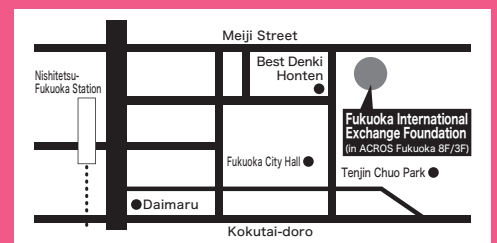
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8F Planning & Exchange department

TEL 092-725-9204 FAX 092-725-9205
 Opening Hours 8:30AM-5:45PM / Closed Weekends, National Holidays, December 29th - January 3rd

3F Kokusai Hiroba

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



Looking for Lecturers to Promote International Understanding!

At the Foundation, we send lecturers to schools and public offices all over the prefecture to hold lectures about their life experience in other countries, as a way to teach children and adults about the world.



A glimpse of a past lecture

Why don't you try becoming a lecturer, and share your home country and/or activities abroad with children and residents of the prefecture?

Please reach out to the Foundation for more details.

We are waiting for your application!



Apply here

Introducing Fukuoka Multilingual Assistance and Information Center (MAIC)'s Nepalese Consultant!



Every Tuesday, 10:00 ~ 12:00 You can consult in Nepalese!

I am Keshab. I came to Fukuoka from Nepal in April 2017 for my study abroad. I like to visit all sorts of places, enjoying beautiful surroundings and delicious cuisine whilst communicating with new people.

My hobby is reading. Currently, I am a Coordinator at the Resident Nepal Association, Kyushu Subdivision. If you have any questions, or matters you would like to consult about, please get in contact. I look forward to being able to help you.

★ 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



For more information, please scan

In Fukuoka Prefecture there are around 20,000 Vietnamese residents and 13,000 Nepalese residents; 22% and 14% of international residents respectively. This number is continuously increasing, as is the demand for Vietnamese and Nepalese translators and interpreters.

FiSSC News!

Hello! We are 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.

Have you checked out the FiSSC website?

FiSSC brings you the latest information on cultural exchange events via our homepage and Facebook! Not only international students, but anyone with an interest in cultural exchange is welcome to take a look!



↓ <https://www.fissc.net/>

<https://www.facebook.com/fukuoka.fissc>

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 092-286-9595

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 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



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.



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



Notice: End of Publication

This volume of 'Kokusai Hiroba', vol. 128, will be our final issue. The Fukuoka International Exchange Foundation will continue to bring you news via our homepage and social media channels, so make sure to follow us for the latest info!

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(ACROS Fukuoka 3F, Chuo ward Tenjin 1-1-1, Fukuoka city)

[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

[Languages] 22 languages including English (Japanese, English, Chinese, Korean, Vietnamese, Nepalese, Indonesian, Tagalog, Portuguese, Thai, Spanish, French, German, Italian, Russian, Malay, Burmese, Khmer, Mongolian, Sinhala, Hindi, Bengali)

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 6F 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] Japanese *For 21 other languages by phone interpretation

[Contact] Iizuka City Economics Department International Policy Division 0948-22-5500 (ext: 1647) kokusai@city.iizuka.lg.jp

Consultation on immigration and residency procedures

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(ACROS Fukuoka 3F, Chuo ward Tenjin 1-1-1, Fukuoka city)

[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

Free counseling for Non-Japanese Nationals

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(1 hour per person)

[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

Free legal consultation for foreigners

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(ACROS Fukuoka 3F, Chuo ward Tenjin 1-1-1, Fukuoka city)

[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.

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)

[Every 4th Thursday of each month] 10:00AM to 1:00PM(Japanese, English, Chinese)

[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

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 for Non-Japanese Nationals

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

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

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



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