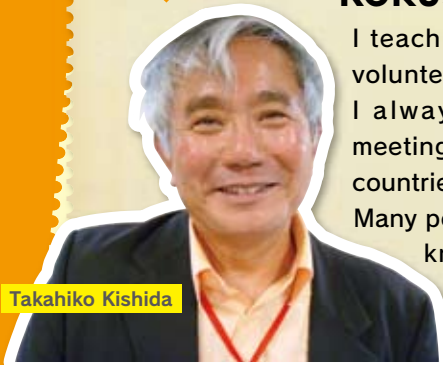




# Kokusai Hiroba



## Q How do YOU use Kokusai Hiroba?



Takahiko Kishida

I teach Japanese here as a volunteer every Wednesday. I always look forward to meeting people from various countries at these classes. Many people start off with no knowledge of the language at all. Why not take a peak at our class?



Some of the visitors to Kokusai Hiroba



➤ Study abroad in America/individual consultation  
English proficiency test (TOEFL iBT/IELTS/Eiken)  
information seminar

- Interactive International Understanding ~ brings international exchange right to your door ~
- Study together! Japanese Language Classes ● Kokusai Hiroba Calendar

High-light

Summer is just around the corner! Many of you must be busy planning your summer vacation! As always there are a number of events going on at Kokusai Hiroba, and here is our attention catcher!

plus Study abroad in America/Individual consultation English proficiency tests (TOEFL iBT·IELTS·Eiken) seminar

Host: Fukuoka International Exchange Foundation

Co-host: Council on International Educational Exchange (CIEE), The Society for Teaching English Proficiency

Date: 21st Aug (Sun) from 13:00

Fukuoka International Exchange Foundation, along with diplomatic missions and public agencies, provides a wide range of information on study abroad regularly. In August, we bring to you 'study abroad in America/individual consultation/English proficiency tests' seminar. For those interested in studying in America but have your concerns, this event is a must!

- Study abroad session : 13:00 ~ 13:50
● English proficiency test (TOEFL iBT/IELTS/Eiken) seminar : 14:00 ~ 16:50
● Individual consultation : 17:00 ~ (max 15 mins/person)

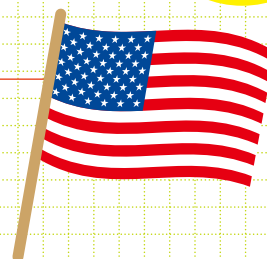
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Booking required



Consultant's profile

Ms. Keiko Ichiki, resident in Fukuoka City. Former professor at Shimonoseki Junior College. With work experience at a Japanese-owned airline, 6 years of study abroad (junior colleague, university, post-graduate) in America, and having taught at a number of universities, Ms. Ichiki's seminars and consultations at Fukuoka International Exchange Foundation have received positive feedback since 1999.



Q. What kind of questions are asked at consultation sessions?

From basic questions such as choice of institution and its tuition, to questions on specified universities, scholarships and pros and cons of studying abroad for those already in the workforce. Whatever the situation may be, I strive to give practical advice relevant to each case.

Q. Advantages of studying in America?

Firstly, to acquire proficiency in the English language and to be able to communicate with people in other parts of the world. In this melting pot known as America, you shall broaden your horizons through mixing with people of various ethnicities and cultural backgrounds. Moreover, a degree from America will no doubt work to your advantage when seeking employment upon returning to Japan. More than just studying in a foreign country, I believe that this experience will allow you to discover your identity, and bring you the ability to think about your future.

Q. Message to those considering studying abroad.

I'd like to see many people study abroad in America and return as bearers of the future of Japan. See you at Kokusai Hiroba in August!



For further information on seminars and schedule, please refer to flyers in Kokusai Hiroba or our website. http://www.kokusaihiroba.or.jp

◆ Yame Nihongo Class

Time/Every Thursday 10:00 ~ 11:30

Venue/Orinasu Yame Kenshūtō (previously Chūo Kōminkan)

Cost/100 yen per lesson — Contact/080-2736-3060 (Kubota)

Volunteer staff: 20 people (company employees and retirees, aged 20-60)

Learners: 30 people (housewives, part-time workers, English teachers, aged 10-40, from the Philippines, China, Vietnam, Thailand, Guatemala, England, New Zealand)

Study Together! Japanese

Introducing Japanese Language International Exchange Foundation local volunteers. Why not join us



# Interactive International Understanding

~ bringing international exchange right to your door ~



Fukuoka has evolved into a city of coexistence of different cultures and ethnic groups. There are places in the world struggling with poverty, conflicts and environmental problems, and it is needless to say that such global issues now have a direct influence on our society and lifestyle.

In response to these changes, Fukuoka International Exchange Foundation aims to foster cross-cultural understanding and international awareness in youth by organising a variety of events and projects in promotion of internationalism in education.



Dispatching Fukuoka residents of foreign descent and Japanese who have had overseas experience to primary, secondary and special needs schools in Fukuoka Prefecture.



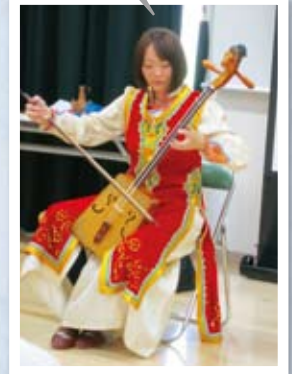
Frederick introduces Kenya through photos, instruments and traditional items.



Janita demonstrating Bali dance in ethnic costume.



Mariko Hatta, who taught environmental education as a JICA volunteer in Indonesia, speaks about her experience overseas and what it is that we should do in this era of globalisation.



Doran introducing Mongolian culture through 'Suho's White Horse'.



Seminar and demonstration lesson for schools, individuals and organisations interested in international understanding in education.

Introduction of an actual class that took place in Fukuoka City – from the planning stage to preliminary discussion, content of lesson, to students' reaction.



Demonstration lesson targeted at junior/senior high school students. Dressed in Columbian costume and speaking in fluent Spanish, this creative entrance certainly took everyone by surprise.



Seminars on international understanding and international cooperation are held in conjunction with other international exchange associations and non-profit organisations in Fukuoka Prefecture.

'Peeling the Earth's Layers'. Brainstorming about how to make our society a more friendly place for foreign residents in the 'from exchange to coexistence' workshop.



'Around the World' series for children. With the theme of 'from what we eat to where we live', we learnt about the food self-sufficiency of Japan. What a surprise to find that a lot of what we eat everyday come from other countries!

Keep an eye out for more information and events on Interactive International Education in issues to come!

## Language Classes

### ◆Nihongo Class Asakura

Time/Every Wednesday(5th week no class)10:00 ~ 11:30

Venue/Pi-Po-To Amagi Asakura-shi Sōgō Shimin Centre (198-1 Amagi, Asakura)

Cost/500 yen per month Contact/0946-21-0635(Kusano)

Volunteer staff:7 people(housewives, home helpers, self-employed, aged 30-60)

Learners:10 people (housewives, students, aged 20-40,

from the Philippines, Vietnam, Korea)

Classes established by Fukuoka on, non-profit organisations and if you live close by?

# Kokusai Hiroba Calendar

Volunteer-run Japanese language classes & professional consultation for foreign residents at Kokusai Hiroba

**7月 July**

Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	Sun
				1	2 A,B,C	3 D,E
4	5	6	7	8	9 A,B,C	10 D,E
11	12	13	14	15	16 A,B,C	17
18	19	20	21	22	23	24 D,E
25	26	27	28	29	30 B,C	31 E

**8月 August**

Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	Sun
1	2	3	4	5	6 A,B,C	7 D,E
8	9	10	11	12	13	14
15	16	17	18	19	20 A,B,C	21 D,E
22	23	24	25	26	27	28 D,E
29	30	31				

1 class on    
  2 or more classes on. Please refer to the chart below  
 Human rights counselling for non-Japanese  
 Naturalisation, immigration and residency consultation

	Name of Class	Time	Fee	Contact (TEL/E-mail)	Details
Tue	Chiisana Kokusai Koryu no Kai	10:00 -12:00	5000 yen/6 months (one-time trial is free) * Discounts for returning students * May attend all classes	(Phone&FAX) 092-662-7690 nihongonoguchi@u01.gate01.com	Everyday conversation (focus on speech, following the year-long conversation curriculum. We may add sentence structure if needed.) Pronunciation practice (correction of pronunciation) Level : Beginner, Intermediate
Wed	Cosmos Japanese Class	13:30 -15:00	100 yen/class or 300 yen/month	(Phone&FAX) 092-807-7053 berisario_sarinas@yahoo.co.jp	Everyday conversation, grammar, Japanese Language Level : Beginner, Intermediate, Advanced
Thu	F H Japanese Class	13:30 -15:30	500 yen/month	(Phone) 090-7539-3739 (FAX) 0940-36-9359 fumika@forest.ocn.ne.jp	Everyday conversation, grammar Individual tutoring for people aiming for JLPT Level : Beginner, Intermediate, Advanced
Fri	Japanese Class Friday Club	14:00 -16:00	500 yen/month	(Phone) 080-3946-8859 *English, Chinese okay (FAX) 092-923-3040	Everyday conversation, grammar Level : Beginner, Intermediate, Advanced
Sat	A Nihongo Hiroba	10:30 -12:00	Free	chikushijfl@yahoo.co.jp	This class by Chikushi Jogakuen University students focuses on conversation as a means of communication for all levels. Come and join us! Level : Intermediate, Advanced
	B Meeting for Learning Japanese	13:30 -15:30	500 yen/month	(Phone&FAX) 092-806-3704 nihongowomanabukai@hotmail.co.jp	We will help you with daily conversation, grammar, and Japanese Language Proficiency Test preparation. Level : Beginner, Intermediate, Advanced
	C Kansen Japanese Class	16:30 -18:20	500 yen/month	(Phone&FAX) 092-801-2974 nihongo822@hotmail.com	Everyday conversation, grammar Japanese Language Proficiency Test classes: Levels 1, 2 Level : Beginner, Intermediate, Advanced
Sun	D Sunday Conversation Salon	10:30 -12:20	400 yen/class or 1000 yen/month	nichiyo2525@yahoo.co.jp	Enjoy speaking Japanese on a theme of your choice in this relaxed environment. We are not picky on grammar, but will work to improve your level of expression and listening. Level : Intermediate
	E Nihongo Hiroba Ichi · Ni · San	13:30 -15:00	200 yen/class or 500 yen/month *extra material fees may apply	nihongohiroba123@yahoo.co.jp	Beginner : learn basic grammar using a textbook, and improve conversation skills. Intermediate and above: improve on expression. Level : Beginner, Intermediate

	Human Rights	Naturalisation, Immigration, Residency
Day	9 Jul, 13 Aug (2 <sup>nd</sup> Saturday)	23 Jul, 27 Aug (4 <sup>th</sup> Saturday)
Time	13 : 00 ~ 16 : 00	13 : 00 ~ 16 : 00 (last entry at 15 : 30)
Fee	Free	Free
Appointment	Unnecessary	Unnecessary
Language	Japanese, English	Japanese, English, Chinese *Others please advise in advance
Contact	Fukuoka Legal Affairs, Bureau Civil Liberties Commissioner First Division	Fukuoka Gyoseishoshi Lawyers Association
Content	Employment, housing, marriage, human rights issues, etc.	Citizenship, immigration, residency, etc.

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