



Kokusai Hiroba



Members of the Meiji Gakuen High School Choral group

Some of the visitors to Kokusai Hiroba

Q How do YOU use Kokusai Hiroba?



Yoshie Aramaki

I like to attend the Kokusai Hiroba Café whenever it is on. Every time I come, I learn a lot about other countries and their cultures. It's a lot of fun!

I've become friends with the overseas staff members at the Kokusai Hiroba, which makes the events even more enjoyable. I'm really looking forward to the next Café!



Fukuoka International Student Support Center

- Interactive International Understanding ~ bringing international exchange right to your door ~
- Let's study together! Japanese Language Classes ● Kokusai Hiroba Calendar

High-light

Run by the Fukuoka International Exchange Foundation, the Kokusai Hiroba is engaged in many activities. It offers a place for people to meet, support for students and foreign residents living in Fukuoka, as well as promoting Asian youth culture. In this issue, we'd like to introduce a vital part of the Kokusai Hiroba, the Fukuoka International Student Support Center!

What's FiSSC?

The Fukuoka International Student Support Center (FiSSC) offers comprehensive support for exchange students* studying at universities and schools in the prefecture. Additionally, we consult with businesses interested in employing international students. These services are all offered free of charge, so why not pay us a visit!

*Aimed at students enrolled at graduate schools, universities, junior colleges, specialised schools, as well as graduate exchange students seeking employment within the prefecture.

Main support tasks

● **Consultation in 4 languages (Japanese, Chinese, Korean and English)**

● **Information for part-time work**

Many international students are involved in language tutoring, translation and interpretation, or are employed by local businesses and restaurants.



● **Support for full-time employment**

Individual tutoring on skills such as resume writing and interviews is also provided. From September to November, FiSSC holds support seminars and meet-and-greet events for students and businesses.

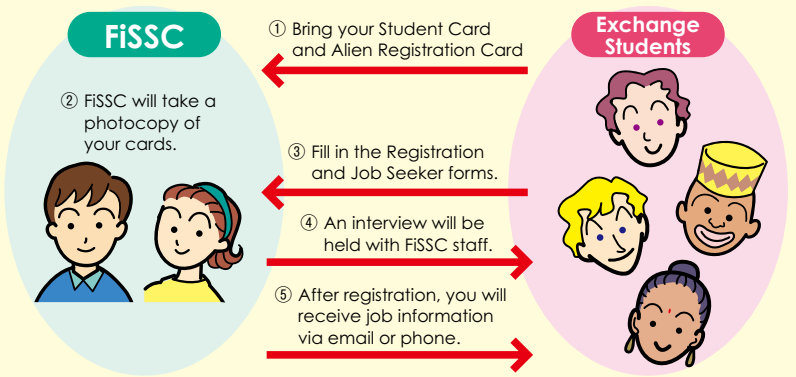
● **Consultation/registration of job-offers for businesses interested in employing international students**

FiSSC accepts offers of full or part-time positions and provides consultation for businesses interested in employing international students.

● **Home stay/home visit support**

「Yutatto♪Family F U K U O K A」 is a home stay/home visit programme. Visit the home of your Fukuoka "mother" and "father"!

Job-seeker registration Process



Come on in! Nihon Bunka Juku

Held on the fourth Saturday of every month, the Nihon Bunka Juku provides a platform for international students and local residents alike to discuss a broad range of topics relating to Japanese culture. Participants who are active in the frontline of fields related to traditional, local, business or youth culture will provide a basis for the discussion and, of course, international students are also welcome to participate!



The next Nihon Bunka Juku

[32nd] 24th September 2011 (Saturday)
 Lecturer: Special Researcher, Research Institute of Business Administration, Waseda University/
 Head of Waseda Chugoku Juku
 Nihon Bunka Juku Honorary Principal
Toshihiko Kinoshita

Fukuoka International Student Support Center

Opening Hours : 10:00-19:00 Closed : New Year (12/29~1/3)
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 E-mail : fissc@kokusaihiroba.or.jp HP : http://www.fissc.net

◆ Nihongo Class Nakama

Time/Every Wednesday 10:15~11:45
 Location/Nakama Chuuou Kouminkan Audiovisual room (Nakamashi Rengeji 3-1-1)
 Fee/100 yen per class
 Contact/093-618-0938・090-6298-0938 (Nomaguchi)
 Volunteer Staff: 7 members (housewives, retirees etc.)
 Students: 5 members (housewives from America, Korea, Australia and Italy)

Let's Study Together! Japanese

Introducing Japanese Language through the cooperation of the Foundation, non-profit organisation

Interactive International Understanding

~ bringing international exchange right to your door ~

With the rapid progress of multiculturalism in Fukuoka, the Fukuoka International Exchange Foundation offers the necessary information and resources for promoting internationalisation through education. As part of this effort to cultivate a community which strives to increase multicultural exchange, many initiatives are aimed at deepening youth understanding of foreign cultures.

In this issue, we report on the current state of international exchange classes at elementary and special education schools within Fukuoka Prefecture.

Fukutsu City Kamisaigou Elementary School

Date 30th June (Thursday)
Participants Elementary 6th Year (20 Students)
Lecturers **Nigemoto** (China, Inner Mongolia)
 Came to Japan in 2008 with a strong desire to spread Mongolian culture throughout the world, which he continues to do through various events centred in Fukuoka.

Tsuyoshi Sakamoto (Japan)
 After gaining experience as a JICA Japanese teacher in Inner Mongolia, Sakamoto was posted to China as a JICA volunteer coordinator. Since returning home, he has worked towards the forestation of desert areas in Ordos.

<Topic>

Learning, through experience, the virtues of Inner Mongolian culture and the lifestyle in which it is deeply rooted. Also, by listening to the stories of teachers who are engaged in international cooperation activities, students gain a sense of the importance of taking action and finding out how they can play a part.



Working together to build a yurt.

"When I saw the yurt the children had built, I was really pleased!" - Nigemoto



Learning about forestation of desert areas, beside the finished yurt.

"It was clear that the students prepared before attending, and I could see that they were really interested." - Sakamoto

Teacher in charge of class: Aoki

"It wasn't just through studying it beforehand, but by building a real yurt and hearing the lecturers' actual stories, that the students deepened their understanding of multicultural exchange and international cooperation."

Fukuoka Yanagawa Special Education School

Date 11th July (Monday)
Participants Elementary 1st Year - High School 2nd Year (30 Students)
Lecturer **Bae Young Jin** (Korea)
 Obtained qualifications to teach and practice music at Keimyung University and Daegu University. Currently engaged in Japanese and Korean traditional music research at the Graduate School of Kyushu University.

<Topic>

Creating an opportunity for firsthand contact with a foreign resident, and developing multicultural understanding through folk music.

At the same time, aiming to deepen recognition of the students' own country through hearing outside impressions of Japan.



Firstly, a self-introduction in Korean.

"What Japanese food do you like?"

The students had a keen interest, and the questions were flying.



Everyone practicing the rhythm of the Janggu (Korean traditional instrument).

"When using music as a means for international exchange, the students can respond right away and everyone can enjoy themselves." - Bae.

Teacher in charge of class: Furukawa

"The students know a lot about Korean celebrities like KARA, and they have a great interest in Korea. At first the Janggu rhythm was difficult, but everyone was positive and enjoyed themselves."

Upcoming Events

「Disaster Assistance and International Cooperation」

Every autumn here at Kokusai Hiroba, we hold lectures aimed at progressing international understanding.

Following the March earthquake in eastern Japan, people from around the world raised their hands to provide assistance. Amongst this, the abundant support gathered from countries to which Japan provides assistance (through the work of NGOs, etc) was of particular importance. The lectures will focus on international cooperation through disaster relief, and consider the things that we can do to help each other as global citizens.

Sponsored by Fukuoka International Exchange Foundation, Fukuoka NPO/NGO Network

Date/Location Lecture① 29th October (Saturday) 14:00~17:00
 Fukuoka International Exchange Foundation
 Lecture② 30th October (Sunday) 14:00~17:00
 Kitakyushu International Village Centre - 2F Meeting Room

Contents Lecture① Speakers include representative of NGO which provided assistance to typhoon-affected areas in the Philippines
 Lecture② Speakers include representative of NGO involved with disaster relief in areas affected by the East-Japan earthquake.

Enquiries Kokusai Hiroba

Language Classes

Classes currently being offered by Fukuoka International Exchange Foundation and local volunteers.

◆Munakata Nihongo Class

Time/every Friday (excluding 5th Friday of the month and public holidays) 10:00~11:30

Location/Munakata Shimin Katsudou Kouryuukan (Meitom)

Meeting Room 202 (Munakatschi Kubara 180)

Fee/300 yen per month Contact/090-8378-1145 (Sugimoto)

Volunteer Staff: 7 members (housewives)

Students: 16 members (housewives, students etc, from Philippines, China, Thailand and Taiwan)

Kokusai Hiroba Calendar

Volunteer-run Japanese language classes & specialised consultation for foreign residents, currently being held at Kokusai Hiroba.

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

October						
Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	Sun
					1 A,B,C	2 D,E
3	4	5	6	7	8 B,C	9
10	11	12	13	14	15 A,B,C	16 D,E
17	18	19	20	21	22	23 E
24	25	26	27	28	29 B,C	30 E
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1 Class offered Multiple Classes offered. Please refer to table below.

	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_sarinhas@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 counselling for non-Japanese	Immigration and Residency Process Consultations
Day	10 th Sep, 8 th October (2 nd Saturday each month)	24 th Sep, 22 nd October (4 th Saturday each month)
Time	13:00 ~ 16:00 (appointment not required)	13:00 ~ 16:00 (last entry 15:30, appointment not req.)
Language	Japanese, English	Japanese, English, Chinese * For other languages, please advise in advance
Corresponding Organisation	Fukuoka Legal Affairs, Bureau Civil Liberties Commissioner First Division	Fukuoka Gyoseishoshi Lawyers Association
Content	Human rights issues relating to foreigners, including employment, housing, marriage, etc.	Citizenship, immigration, residency, etc.

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