



# Kokusai Hiroba



## Q How do YOU use Kokusai Hiroba?

I come to Kokusai Hiroba to study Japanese. Here, I've been able to make friends with people from Japan, Korea and America. Because students from various countries gather here, it is inspiring to listen to others talk about their plans for the future.

Zheng Lian Yu

Some of the visitors to Kokusai Hiroba



## ▶ The Fukuoka/Bangkok Friendship Agreement 5-Year Anniversary Commemoration Event 「ThaiKan! Bangkok」

- Interactive International Understanding ~ bringing international exchange right to your door ~
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# High-light

This year brings the 5<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Friendship Agreement between Fukuoka Prefecture and the city of Bangkok. To commemorate this, we're holding an event to highlight Bangkok, Thai culture and the course of exchanges between the two regions.

## ThaiKan! Bangkok

~ The Fukuoka/Bangkok Friendship Agreement 5-Year Anniversary Commemoration Event ~

**Date&Time** 4<sup>th</sup> December 2011 10:00~17:00

**Location** Kokusai Hiroba (Fukuoka Chuo-Ku Tenjin 1-1-1 ACROS Fukuoka 3F)

Sponsor : Fukuoka International Exchange Foundation  
Fukuoka International Student Support Center  
Joint Sponsors:  
Fukuoka Prefecture  
Tourism Authority of Thailand - Fukuoka Office  
Thai Trade Center Fukuoka  
Supported by: Thai Airways

**FREE ENTRY**



### Presentations・Performances

(Registration not required, Participation Free)

#### Presentation by the Tourism Authority of Thailand, Fukuoka Office "Suthep's Thai Talk"

Full of his own living experiences, Mr Hironori Tomimatsu (Suthep) from the Fukuoka office of the Tourism Authority of Thailand, talks about the magic of Thailand! Also, special guest Chantima Harada introduces Thai cooking recipes!

\*Time: 13:15~14:00

#### Report from high school participants of the Bangkok International Youth Exchange Program

In August this year, high school students from within the Prefecture were for the first time sent to Bangkok as part of a program run by the Fukuoka International Exchange Foundation. What did the 6 students experience, think and feel during their stay? Come and hear the students' real impressions!



High school student exchange in Bangkok

\*Time: 14:00~15:00

#### Traditional Thai Dance

Originally from Bangkok but living in Fukuoka, Thai dancer Orapan Uchida performs 2 traditional dances. Come and be mesmerized by her beautiful, graceful dance.

\*Time: 15:00~15:30



#### Photography and Product Exhibition

An exhibit of Thai products and photographs introducing the course of exchange between Fukuoka Prefecture and Bangkok, as well as Thailand's sightseeing spots!

※The photography exhibition will be open from Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> until Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> of December.

#### Fun Lottery!

Win wonderful prizes in our fun lottery, including return flights from Fukuoka to Bangkok!

\*Time: 15:40~



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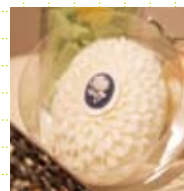
### Thai Cultural Experience

(prior registration required for ①+②)

registration required

#### ① "First-time soap carving" taught by Yukimi Nakamura

Carving is a traditional Thai pastime which involves using a knife to sculpt motifs such as flowers or birds onto fruits and vegetables, amongst others. Having learned the craft in Thailand and now active as a carving teacher, Yukimi Nakamura teaches carving using soap for beginners!



\*Time: A10:30~ B11:15~ C12:00~ (30mins each)

\*Participants: 5 people per class, junior-high students or older

\*Price: ¥1,000

\*Things to bring: Thin gloves

registration required

#### ② "Thai Dance Class" by Orapan

As well as performing traditional Thai dancing, Orapan Uchida teaches simple Thai dance that even beginners can take part in! After enjoying the practice, at 3pm you'll have a chance to join Orapan on stage to show what you've learnt!

\*Time: 11:00~12:00 \*Participants: 10

\*Participation Free

※On the day, please come in clothes that allow you to move freely



#### ③ Learn from Thai exchange students! "Thai Character Challenge!"

Want to try writing your name in Thailand's code-like, uniquely-shaped characters? Let's learn Thai characters while enjoying a chat with exchange students from Thailand!

\*Time: 11:00~12:30 (join any time) \*Participation Free

"Hello" in Thai Characters (Female)

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#### ④ Wear native Thai dress!

Get a taste of Thailand by dressing in beautiful native garments! (Ladies clothing only. We ask for your understanding)

\*Time: 11:00~12:30 (join any time) \*Participation Free

#### ⑤ Taste Thai sweets and drinks

#### Registering for Thai Cultural Experience ①+②

Please register via telephone, fax or email to Fukuoka International Exchange Foundation.

Required Information: 1. Activity of your choice (also specify time if ①) 2. Name 3. Address 4. Age 5. Gender 6. Phone number 7. FAX number

Registrations close: 18th November (Fri)

TEL: 092-725-9204 FAX: 092-725-9205 Email: exchange@kokusaihiroba.or.jp

Let's Study Together!

## Japanese Language Classes

Introducing Japanese Language Classes currently being offered through the cooperation of the Fukuoka International Exchange Foundation, Women's Empowerment Center Fukuoka (NPO) and local volunteers.

### ◆Nihongo Kyoushitsu Itoshima

Time: 2nd, 3rd and 4th Wednesday and Sunday

Location: Itoshima Jinken Center (Itoshima City)

Fee: 100 yen per class

Contact: Itoshima Kokusai Kouryuu Kyokai

Home Page: <http://itoshima.tv/nihongo>

Volunteer Staff: 19 members (housewives)

Students: 20 members (housewives from Itoshima City)

# 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 international exchange activities at community centres and junior high schools within Fukuoka Prefecture.



## Mizumaki-machi Chuo Kouminkan

### Part of the Mizumaki-machi International Exchange Event 「Ichou Festa」

Date	25 <sup>th</sup> September (Sun)
Participants	300 people of all ages
Run by	Mizumaki-machi International Exchange Association
Lecturers	<b>Hector Oman</b> (Ghana) Came to Japan in 1996. Currently active as an instructor of traditional drum instruments from his native tribe, as well as a performer at international events. <b>Rumiko Murai</b> (Japan) Spending about 3 months of every year in Guinea, Rumiko runs music workshops for Japanese as well as dance training. Also engaged in a wide range of activities as the head of the "Gekidan Africa" troupe in Japan. <b>Nakao Yoshio</b> (Japan) Stayed in Guinea to study music for many months. Currently engaged in various musical endeavours, including the "Gekidan Africa" troupe.

**< Objective >**  
To raise interest in international exchange by bringing foreign cultures closer to the Mizumaki townspeople, in the form of an authentic African drum performance.



★African drum gathering.  
Joining with the participants, the instructors performed a dance used at the conclusion of marriage arrangements in the Republic of Guinea.



★As the finale, everyone joined together for a Guinean rice-planting dance. "It's the same as the Japanese Obon Festival dance! It's even more fun than it looks!" With Rumiko's encouragement, everyone gradually gathered on stage.

#### From the participants

It was the first time I witnessed an African music performance up close. From children to the elderly, everyone got carried away in the cheerful rhythm and enjoyed the chance to dance together.



## Itoshima Shiritsu Shima Junior High School Himeshima Campus & Himeshima Elementary School

★Students stand to represent the percentage of immigrants in Australia. Those who actively participated were rewarded each time with notes depicting Australian paper currency.



★Learning about the life of children in France  
"Does everyone's family get together around the dinner table?"  
The students had a chance to speak about their own lives in response to Julia's questions.



Date	4 <sup>th</sup> October (Tue)
Participants	Elementary 1 ~ 6 Years(9)、 Junior High 1 ~ 3 Years(10 Students)
Lecturers	<b>Julia Fossier</b> (France) After majoring in Oriental languages and culture at university in France, came to Japan in 2008. <b>Kamil Spychalski</b> (Australia) Came to Japan in August this year, after studying Japanese at university in Australia. Currently working as a Coordinator of International Relations at the Fukuoka International Exchange Foundation.

**< Objective >**  
To nurture closer interest in the world's cultures and history through firsthand exchange with people from other countries.

★A commemorative snap with the day's teachers and all students from the elementary and junior high school. "With very few chances to meet foreigners on the island, the students were really excited!" (teacher in charge, Minako Matsuda)

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aturday, every month 10:15 ~ 11:45  
na-shi Maebaru Higashi 2-2-1)

kai 092-332-9166 (Wed-Sat 10:00~17:00) nihongo@itoshima.tv

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n Korea, China, Russia, Vietnam, Indonesia, Australia, Canada, England, Germany and Brazil)

~Before you know it, it's been 1 year!~  
With 7 members when it opened in November 2010, the Itoshima Japanese class has now grown to 20 students. Let's enjoy life in Itoshima together with the kind teachers, and students full of international character!

# Kokusai Hiroba Calendar

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

11月

November

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

12月

December

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

1 Class offered Multiple Classes offered. Please refer to table below.

- ★ When events are held at Kokusai Hiroba, classes will be held in the exchange room.
- ★ Changes to the schedule may occur, so please check our homepage.

	Name of Class	Time	Fee	Contact (TEL/E-mail)	Details
Tue	Chiisana Kokusai Koryu no Kai	10:00-12:00	1000 yen/month 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	chikushijfi@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	300 yen/class or 500 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	12 <sup>th</sup> Nov, 10 <sup>th</sup> Dec (2 <sup>nd</sup> Saturday each month)	26 <sup>th</sup> Nov, 24 <sup>th</sup> Dec (4 <sup>th</sup> 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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