



Kokusai Hiroba



Q How do YOU use Kokusai Hiroba?

I first came to Kokusai Hiroba for the "Study Abroad Experience Hiroba – Let's go to America!" event, where I learned that various international exchange events are held here, such as Kokusai Hiroba Café. I want to participate more and more.

Mizuki Nagao



Some of the visitors to Kokusai Hiroba



- 2012 Grant for Activities Promoting Internalization – Application Information
- 2nd Study Abroad Experience Hiroba – Let's go to Asia!
- 3rd "Enjoy EU in Fukuoka" event – The EU Muses

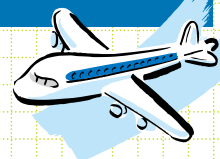
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High-light

As this issue's Highlight, we'd like to introduce the Fukuoka International Exchange Foundation's Grant Notice, the Study Abroad Experience Hiroba, and an event by the Fukuoka EU Association, which holds its office here at Kokusai Hiroba.

2012 Grant for Activities Promoting Internalization – Application Information

In order to support grass-roots international cooperation and multicultural exchange activities within Fukuoka Prefecture, the Fukuoka International Foundation assists with part of the costs required for those activities.



Application Period: First Round – 4th~31st January 2012

(For activities taking place between April 2012 – March 2013)

Application Requirements

Non-Profit Organisations based in Fukuoka Prefecture which are

- (1) not receiving regular assistance from national or local Public Organisations
- (2) not related to political or religious activities
- (3) not a member of or closely related to criminal organisations

Target Projects

International Exchange/International Cooperation Projects

- Projects with the goal of promoting international exchange or understanding
- Projects which aim to foster the bearers of future international exchange or cooperation
- Projects which aim to support foreigner residents
- Other projects contributing to the promotion of internationalization in Fukuoka Prefecture

※Limited to projects carried out directly by the applying organization, either within the prefecture or overseas.

Grant Amount

¥300,000 (not exceeding half of the total project cost, to a maximum of ¥300,000)



※For more information, please check the Fukuoka International Exchange Foundation home page, or enquire over the phone.

TEL: 092-725-9200 <http://www.kokusaihiroba.or.jp> (Issuing Guidelines, Application Form, etc. can be downloaded from the home page)

2nd Study-Abroad Experience Hiroba – Let's go to Asia!

Entrance Free

Registration Required

[Date/Time] 21st January 2012 (Saturday) 14:00~16:00

[Venue] ACROS Fukuoka 3F Kokusai Hiroba (Fukuoka-shi Chuo-ku Tenjin 1-1-1)

[Sponsor] Fukuoka International Exchange Foundation (TEL: 092-725-9200)

Bringing you the raw voice of those with real study abroad experience is the Study Abroad Experience Hiroba. For the second instalment, we have invited speakers who have studied abroad in Korea and China to talk about their personal experiences in everything from preparation to student life abroad, as well as what to expect upon returning home. Come and visit Kokusai Hiroba as your first step to studying abroad in Asia.

Youichi Nagashima
(China)



From 2008, studied language at the Renmin University of China (Beijing) and Dalian University of Foreign Languages (Dalian). From Feb-Aug 2011, researched at the Northeast Normal University (Changchun).



Shintaro Egami
(Korea)



Studied at the University of Ulsan (Ulsan) as part of student exchange for one year starting in 2009.



3rd "Enjoy EU in Fukuoka" event – The EU Muses

Registration Required

Popular each year, the collaboration event organised by the Fukuoka EU Association and the Friendship Associations of the member countries, "Enjoy EU in Fukuoka", is being held once again.

This year, we welcome one of the writers of our "EU Muses" corner, Kazuko Furuyama, who will speak about EU actresses as a way of introducing the culture and attitudes towards women in EU countries. Nicolas Sudre will also give his wine recommendations from various EU countries. With an introduction of Friendship Association activities, as well as a wonderful EU-related present raffle, the night will be full of EU glamour for you to enjoy!

[Date/Time] 21st February 2012 (Tuesday) 19:00~

[Venue] Nishitetsu Grand Hotel (Fukuoka-shi Chuo-ku Daimyo 2-6-60)

[Sponsor] Fukuoka EU Association (TEL: 092-725-9200)

[Cost] Members ¥2,000

General ¥4,000

[Closing Date] 7th February 2012 (Tuesday)



Last year's event

Let's Study Together!

Japanese Language Classes

In this corner, we introduce 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 Kyoshitsu in Yuku

Time: 10:00~11:30 2nd, 3rd and 4th Wedn

Venue: Yukuhashi Chuo Kouminkan (Addr

Fee: ¥100 per class

Contact: 090-9585-9736 (Tsudome) ~ to

Volunteer Staff: 17members (Housewife

Students: 6 members (Nationality: China,

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 teaching international understanding. In order to cultivate local communities that strive to increase multicultural understanding through exchange, many initiatives are under way within the prefecture.

In this issue, we take a look at international exchange at Ambitious Hiroba and junior high schools within Fukuoka Prefecture.



Sugukko Ambitious Hiroba JanKenPon

Date 19th November (Sat)
Venue Kasuga-shiritsu Sugu Elementary School – Home Economics Room
Participants Elementary 1-3 Year students, Volunteers (30)
Guest Teacher **Kaien Chin** (China)
 Came to Japan in 2001. When not busy as a teacher for Chinese language courses, Kaien participates in various activities related to international exchange.

< Objective >

Experience Chinese food culture and deepen understanding of neighboring China through interaction.



▲Let's make sui-gyoza, a new years favourite in China!

For most of the kids, making gyoza pastry was a first, but they eagerly learned Ms Chin's methods. "The pastry and seasoning were completely different to Japanese. It was an eye-opening experience," agreed the volunteers.



▲Arranging the gyoza into Xiaolongbao (a steamed bun from eastern China)

"I made a big nikuman!" the children were very imaginative, and learned different ways to wrap the gyoza.



What is Ambitious Hiroba?

A place for children of various ages to play, experience and learn together while being supervised by adults. Currently 267 places exist as part of the Ambitious Youth Project promoted by Fukuoka Prefecture.

Asking Ms Chin questions ▶

"What do you call miso soup in Chinese?" came a question from one boy expecting that Chinese eat miso too. Through making the gyoza, they felt the differences between Japanese and Chinese food culture.



Fukuoka Municipal Yusen Junior High School

Date 25th November (Fri)
Participants Junior High 3rd Year students (291)
Guest Teachers **Sang Thi Thu Bui** (Vietnam)
 Came to Japan in 2007 to study abroad. Engaged in international exchange activities at schools and homes for the elderly while studying at the Kyushu University Graduate Law School.

Kihon Kim (Korea)

After majoring in Japanese literature at university in Korea, came to Japan in 2000. Currently a researcher at the Kyushu University Graduate School of Design. Also works as a part-time instructor at Kyushu Sangyo University and Dong-A University in Busan.

< Objective >

To consider what is needed for a multicultural Fukuoka, and improve awareness as "Global Citizens".



▲Questions from class representatives "Did you have any trouble when you came to Fukuoka?"

"What are the differences between Fukuoka and your home country?" In order to explore issues in Fukuoka, the students prepared questions in advance.

As a foreigner, is Fukuoka an easy place to live?

Both instructors used their experience of living in other prefectures to highlight the good points of Fukuoka, such as the food, streets, transport and Yamakasa.

"Fukuoka has information in Chinese, Korean and English, so getting lost is rare" told Ms Bui.



▲A final message for the Junior High Students

"Fukuoka's exchanges with Asia are flourishing, and I feel Fukuoka is a city open to Asia. When you turn your eyes to Asia, you learn about other societies and cultures, and broaden your outlook. Please learn more about our interesting world," encouraged Mr. Kim.

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kochan2846@yahoo.co.jp)
 s and retirees)
 Philippines, Thailand, Sri Lanka, Nigeria)

~Opened November 30th!~

"Apart from Japanese study, we also hold events in which we try to deepen interaction with our students. All the volunteers are doing their best so that our students may think 'I'm glad I came to Yukuhashi!' " – School representative Tomiko Tsudome.

Kokusai Hiroba Calendar

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

1月 January

Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	Sun
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9	10	11	12	13	14	15
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					B,C	E
23	24	25	26	27	28	29
						D,E
30	31					

2月 February

Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	Sun
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					B,C	D,E
6	7	8	9	10	11	12
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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	(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 090-4779-6816 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
Date	14 th Jan, 11 th Feb (2 nd Saturday each month)	28 th Jan, 25 th Feb (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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