



Kokusai Hiroba



Some of the visitors to Kokusai Hiroba

Q How do YOU use Kokusai Hiroba?

We came to see the "asianbeat Fukuoka Illustration display". This is our first time at Kokusai Hiroba, but we've known about the displays from various countries that are held in this exhibition space. I'd like to come see more in the future!



Kotaro (Left) Joe (Right)



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High-light

In this issue's Highlight, we introduce "asianbeat", which promotes mutual understanding among Asian youth through youth culture, from their office at the entrance of Kokusai Hiroba.

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Anime, manga, games, pop music, fashion, food ... nowadays youth culture is quickly developing as a common Asian culture, breaking through the language barriers and raising youth with deep values and sensitivities.

In Fukuoka Prefecture, cultivating youth cultural exchange is seen as an important measure in considering next-generation exchanges with Asia. Since 2005, we have been operating the multilingual website "asianbeat", which shares information about youth culture with the world. Through information about exchanges and events, we are striving to promote mutual understanding amongst youth in Asia.

■ Vietnamese added to the language list !

Asianbeat sends out information about youth culture from Japan and Asia aimed at youth in Japanese, Korean, Chinese (simplified and traditional), English and Thai languages.

From March 2012, the list of languages will total 7 with the new addition of Vietnamese! A country overflowing with youthful energy, the addition of Vietnamese will further strengthen our ability to reach a worldwide audience.

■ From website to coordinating events !

One of the features of asianbeat is that visitors to the website can obtain not only information, but also find ways to join in for themselves. By providing information on our website and carrying out related events, we are able to put energy into virtual as well as real exchanges.



This year, another "asianbeat x FACo Kawaii Ambassador" comes from Asia !

Alongside the big "Fukuoka Asia Collection" fashion show which is held in Fukuoka in March each year, a contest will be held on stage to decide the Asian reader model from popular votes on the asianbeat website. This year again, 2 girls each from China, Taiwan and Thailand, as chosen by web votes, will walk their dream runway as part of "asianbeat x FACo Kawaii Ambassador".



Reader models from Thailand participating in FACo, March 2011



Thai reader models who participated in FACo are showcased in a Thai version of Japanese fashion magazine "S Cawaii!".



Photography event held prior to web-voting in Dalian, China, in September 2011.

Fukuoka Asia Collection (FACo)

Large-scale fashion show with splendid guests, artists and local brands, considered one of the 3 big "real clothes" fashion shows.

Date: 25th March 2012 (Sunday)

Venue: Fukuoka Kokusai Center

(2-2 Chikko-honmachi, Hakata-ku Fukuoka)

Homepage: <http://faco.jp>

Enquiries: Fukuoka Asia Collection office - 092-844-8837

"Jikagiki" is back with vol.11!

With the chance to talk directly to much sought-after guest speakers, tickets to the very popular conversation-style seminar "jikagiki" have sold out every time in the past. The 11th installment of "jikagiki" has been decided, so check guest speaker information and ticket registration, as well as the "matagiki" archive of previous lectures on the asianbeat website! <http://asianbeat.com/ja/gikamata/>

■ Time and Date:

19:00 Tuesday 13th March 2012

■ Guest speaker:

Ochimasato and Naoyuki Honda

■ Venue: ACROS Fukuoka 1F Circular Hall (1-1-1 Tenjin Chuo-ku Fukuoka)

■ Tickets: ¥1,500 (Tax incl.)

※ Limited to 120, ticket sales will finish once sold out

■ Enquiries: asianbeat / 092.400.6640

(10:00~18:00 except weekends and holidays)



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Let's Study Together!

Japanese Language Classes

In the Japanese issue of our "Kokusai Hiroba" we introduce the various features of Japanese Language Classes. You can download the English, C

Did you know that many foreigners gather to learn Japanese at Kokusai Hiroba?

There are 9 volunteer-run Japanese language classes held at Kokusai Hiroba, each with their own unique

Come down to Kokusai Hiroba to find a class that suits you, as well as some friends to study with!

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.

This time, we focus on the things experienced and gained by a foreign guest teacher through international exchange at a school in Fukuoka Prefecture.



Fukuoka Prefectural Kaho Special Needs School

Date 8th December 2011 (Thursday)
Participants Junior-high 1-3 Year Students (43)
Guest Teacher **Kim Minkyon** (Korea)
 Born in Daegu, came to Japan in 1995 to study abroad.
 Currently engaged in various areas of Kokusai Hiroba since beginning in 2010, including translation and as a speaker for our "Kokusai Hiroba Café" event.

<Objective>

To broaden students' interest in different cultures through interaction and presenting their research of Korean culture.

The students' research presentation...



From 1st to 3rd year students, each class presented the findings of their study. The three year groups tackled one theme each - tourist spots, traditional dress and sports, and food.

The presentation was full of variety, with a multiple-choice quiz about Korean table manners, the top 5 Korean foods chosen by Japanese travelers, as well as life-size cutouts of traditional dress - Baji-Jeogori (male) and Chima-Jeogori (female). Even guest teacher Kim looked on with great interest.

Ms Kim's presentation - Korean culture and lifestyle

Hearing about Korean dress, weddings and funerals, and New Year's foods directly from Ms Kim was very different from the research the students had done. Ms Kim introduced not only traditional culture but also about modern Korea. Everyone danced along to a video of a popular Korean dance, and made Korean towel sheep which are worn as hats in the sauna...

With many similarities between the two countries, Korea suddenly seemed much closer to home.



▲ A 3rd Year class enjoys exchange with Ms Kim over lunch



◀ Korean red peppers used in the students' research

When the students asked "How do you eat this?", "Let's make it and see!" was the response from the teacher in charge. At the lunch time exchange, everyone treated Ms Kim to the Kkakdugi they had pickled 3 days earlier.

As a foreigner, why not try teaching an international understanding class?

I made a lot of memories during my time at Kaho Special Needs School. The teachers were very enthusiastic about having an international understanding class, and the Japanese students' presentation of their research was very interesting.

I believe their own study and the time we spent together will be something that may draw them to think about Korea in the future.

For myself also, these classes are a precious chance to experience Japanese culture first-hand. For instance, in Korean tradition it is customary not to finish all the food in a given meal, so the sight of the students finishing off their food during our lunch time exchange is something that left a strong impression. Also, since my son is currently attending a Japanese elementary school, it was a very valuable opportunity for me as a parent to learn what it is like.

I would like to continue doing my part in introducing Korea, one step at a time, so that more kids may feel closer to the many countries in the world around them.



Kim Minkyon

Announcement: International Understanding Education – Case Presentation

[Date] 11th March (Sunday) 14:30-17:00

[Fee] Free

[Venue] Kokusai Hiroba, ACROS Fukuoka 3F

[Registration] Please view this centre's homepage.

[Number of Participants] 60 (Prior registration req'd)

A report on the classes carried out, as well as mock lessons, will be presented by guest teachers who participated in the last year. All those with an interest in international understanding classes, or those wishing to become guest teachers are encouraged to attend!

"Kokusai Hiroba" newsletter,

and information about these Japanese language classes. (Please see the back page for the schedule and names).

Chinese or Korean versions from our homepage!

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Fukuoka International Exchange Foundation <https://www.kokusaihiroba.or.jp/>
 Information for International Residents > Japanese Language and Culture Classes > Kokusai Hiroba

Kokusai Hiroba Calendar

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

3月 March

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

4月 April

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

■ 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 chiisanainfo@gmail.com 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	10 th Mar, 14 th Apr (2 nd Saturday each month)	24 th Mar, 28 th Apr (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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