



# Kokusai Hiroba



## Q How do YOU use Kokusai Hiroba?

I majored in Japanese Literature at university in Henan, China, and started my life in Fukuoka this April as an exchange student. Finally having the chance to be in Japan, I want to connect with the people around me, so I came to the Fukuoka International Student Support Center (inside Kokusai Hiroba) to register for part-time work positions. With flowers blooming in the streets and being able to see sakura, life in Japan is wonderful.



Guo Lifei

Some of the visitors to Kokusai Hiroba



## ➤ Fukuoka International Student Support Center (FiSSC)

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High-light

Did you know that Fukuoka Prefecture has the 3rd highest number of international exchange students nationwide, with over 9,000 students studying within our prefecture? In order to comprehensively support the growing number of exchange students coming from overseas each year, the "Fukuoka International Student Support Center (FiSSC)" was established in 2008 to bring together universities, businesses and government in Fukuoka Prefecture. In this issue we bring you information about FiSSC, a source of reassuring support for exchange students in Fukuoka!

## Fukuoka International Student Support Center (FiSSC)

### The renewed FiSSC website!

**NEW!** **11 languages supported**  
Arabic, Hindi, Indonesian, Khmer, Thai and Vietnamese were added to the Japanese, English, Korean and Chinese (simplified and traditional) languages previously available.

### Video service via YouTube

Users can view videos including former exchange students' messages of support for job hunting, as well as Fukuoka university and local area information.

★ Mobile phone browsing enabled



A must-see for all exchange students aiming to find employment in Japan! Videos and other materials useful for job hunting in Japan are uploaded regularly.

<http://www.fissc.net>

### Building networks amongst former and current exchange students.

In December 2011 we held the "Fukuoka Former and Current Exchange Student Forum 2011" and invited 6 students who had returned to their home countries after studying in Fukuoka Prefecture. They were part of the 220 participants, which also included former exchange students still living in Fukuoka as well as members of exchange student bodies and supporting organizations, and broadened their network through a panel discussion and networking event.



### Supporting the establishment of Exchange Student Alumni groups overseas.

The "Vietnamese former Fukuoka Exchange Students Association" and "Shanghai Fukuoka Exchange Students Association" were established in September 2011 and February 2012 respectively, and are engaged in exchange between Fukuoka and their home countries. FiSSC continues to support the establishment of exchange student associations in many countries!



## What is FiSSC ?

The Fukuoka International Student Support Center, with its office inside Kokusai Hiroba (ACROS Fukuoka 3F), provides comprehensive support for exchange students\* studying at universities and other institutions within Fukuoka Prefecture. Additionally, we offer consultation for businesses considering the employment of exchange students. All assistance is provided free of charge, so please feel free to pay us a visit.

\*Students enrolled at graduate schools, universities, junior colleges and technical high schools within the prefecture, or former exchange students seeking employment under a designated activity visa after graduation.

For part-time work and employment referrals, a job seeker registration is required in advance. First-time users should bring their student and foreigner registration/residency cards (for part-time work, a temporary working permit is also required) when coming to FiSSC.

### Main Support Activities

- Lifestyle Consultation  
※in 4 languages (Japanese, Chinese, English, Korean)
- Introduction to part-time work
- Employment referrals and support
- Consultation/registration of vacancies for businesses considering employment of exchange students
- Nihon Bunka Juku  
As a platform for exchange students and local residents alike to learn about Japanese culture, we invite speakers active on the frontline of fields related to traditional, local, business or youth culture to provide a lecture and lead the discussion.  
See P3 for the details on the next Nihon Bunka Juku



### Fukuoka International Student Support Center

(Free Employment Referral Permit Number:40-A-300012)

Opening Hours:10:00-19:00 Closed:New Years' Holidays(12/29~1/3)

TEL:092-725-9201 FAX:092-725-9225

E-mail:fissc@kokusaihiroba.or.jp HP: <http://www.fissc.net>

# Kokusai Hiroba Event Information

June·July·August

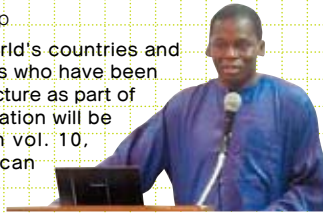
Operated by the Fukuoka International Exchange Foundation, Kokusai Hiroba carries out many functions as a place for citizens and foreign residents to exchange information, a point of contact for international exchange students, and as a base for spreading Asian youth culture. On this page, we provide information on various events, lectures, presentations and exhibitions held at Kokusai Hiroba. Please feel free to participate!

Event

## Around the world with Kokusai Hiroba Café Vol.10 -Africa

- ▶Date=Sunday 22nd July 14:00~16:00
- ▶Number of participants=approx. 50
- ▶Cost=Supporting Members: Free General: ¥300
- ▶Registration=Required (Phone or Email)
- \*if spaces are available, entry may be permitted without registration
- ▶Contact=Fukuoka International Exchange Foundation  
092-725-9200
- ▶E-mail=info@kokusaihiroba.or.jp

Kokusai Hiroba introduces the world's countries and cultures. This year, guest teachers who have been active in schools around the prefecture as part of International Understanding Education will be appearing at Kokusai Hiroba. In vol. 10, participants can hear about African lifestyle and education from both a native and Japanese perspective.



Lecture

## 41st Fukuoka International Student Support Center "Bunka Juku"

- ▶Date=Saturday 23rd June 15:00~17:00
- ▶Number of participants=100 ▶Cost=Free
- ▶Registration=Required (Phone, FAX or Email)
- \*if spaces are available, entry may be permitted without registration
- ▶Contact=Fukuoka International Student Support Center  
092-725-9201 ▶FAX=092-725-9225
- ▶URL=www.fissc.net
- ▶E-mail=bunkajuku.fissc@gmail.com

Speakers who are active on the frontline of various fields deliver a lecture at the Nihon Bunka Juku, held on the 4th Saturday each month. The theme this month will be "Japan's Experience - the reality of an aging population", with a presentation by Kazuhiro Kikuchi, head of Fukuoka Local Finance Branch Bureau.

## 9th Habitat Hiroba

"UN-Habitat Fukuoka Office 15-Year Anniversary Special Project"

- ▶Date=Wednesday 1st August 14:00~16:00
- ▶Number of participants=approx. 50 ▶Cost=Free
- ▶Registration=Required (Phone, FAX or Email)
- \*if spaces are available, entry may be permitted without registration
- ▶Contact=UN-Habitat Fukuoka Office 092-724-7121
- ▶FAX=092-724-7124
- ▶URL=www.fukuoka.unhabitat.org/
- ▶E-mail=habitat.fukuoka@unhabitat.org

A joint lecture series by UN Habitat Fukuoka Head Office and Fukuoka International Exchange Foundation. The 9th lecture commemorates the 15-year anniversary of the establishment of the UN-Habitat Fukuoka Head Office with a workshop themed "What I can contribute to town development".

Study-abroad Information

## Study-Abroad Experience Hiroba no.1 ~ Let's go to America!

- ▶Date=Saturday 30th June 13:00~
- ▶Number of participants=40
- ▶Cost=Free
- ▶Registration=Required (Phone or FAX)
- \*if spaces are available, entry may be permitted without registration
- ▶Contact=Fukuoka International Exchange Foundation  
092-725-9200
- ▶FAX=092-725-9206

"Study-Abroad Experience Hiroba" brings you the raw voice of those with experience studying overseas. This time we invite speakers who studied in America to tell their experiences, from preparation to life abroad, and what to expect when coming home. This year, representatives from foreign government organizations also provide information.

The "Study-abroad Experience Hiroba" was held for the first time last year and received a great response. This event is intended as a first step for those with a vague interest in studying abroad. The biggest draw card of this event is hearing the real stories of those who have experience studying abroad. Hearing about those things that can only be learned by "being there", such as connecting with the locals, everyday life, discoveries and experiences, will help your image of study abroad take shape and give your motivation a boost!

Event Highlights  
Staff Picks!



Coordinator: Ikeda

Display (entry gallery)

## Photo Exhibition "The light and shadow of Cambodia -progressive economic development and the damage of landmines"

- ▶Date=Monday 25th June~Monday 9th July
- ▶Cost=Free
- ▶Contact=Cambodia Mines-remove Campaign (CMC)  
092-833-7575
- ▶URL=cmc-net.jp

In addition to landmine removal activities and the rehabilitation of victims in Cambodia, photographs portraying the conditions of schoolchildren, factory workers, and cities revitalized by economic development are on display. A photography exhibition capturing various facets of present day Cambodia.

## Visit our homepage for the latest event information!

For the latest information on June, July and August events at Kokusai Hiroba, please visit our homepage!

<http://www.kokusaihiroba.or.jp/> ★Smartphone accessible

Fukuoka International Exchange Foundation Kokusai Hiroba (1-1-1 Tenjin, Chuo-ku, Fukuoka, 810-0001)



# International Exchange

## within the Prefecture

We bring you the latest information related to international exchange events, collaborations, lectures and presentations held within Fukuoka Prefecture. Why not try joining in an event or lecture of your interest, and make friends with people from various countries!



### Event

#### 10th EU Film Days 2012

- Date(s) / Wednesday 13th ~ Tuesday 19th June  
※Please visit the homepage for films and screening schedule.
- Venue / Fukuoka City Public Library Movie Hall Ciné-la (3-7-1 Momochihama, Sawara-ku Fukuoka)
- Cost / General: ¥600 SHS/University Students: ¥500 Elementary/JHS Students: ¥400
- Contact / Fukuoka City Public Library 092-852-0600
- URL / [www.eufilmdays.jp](http://www.eufilmdays.jp)

Organized by representative bodies for the European Union in Japan and the embassies of EU member nations, "EU Film Days" is a festival to showcase the variety and quality of European cinema. From films not previously shown in Japan to popular recent works and enduring masterpieces, the festival will screen 7 films from 7 countries.



Karo and God himself

#### Korean Film "the Tale of Hong Gildong" (Japanese dubbed version)

- Date(s) / Saturday 23rd June 13:00 ~, 16:00 ~
- Venue / l'Institut Franco-Japonais du Kyushu 5F Hall (2-12-6 Daimyo, Chuo-ku Fukuoka)
- Cost / ¥1,000 (advance) ¥1,300 (on the day)
- Ticketing / Ticket Pia, Seven11, Lawson, l'Institut Franco-Japonais, Canal City and others
- Contact / Fukuoka Asia Film Festival Executive Committee 092-733-0949
- URL / [www.2.gol.com/users/faff/](http://www.2.gol.com/users/faff/)

Korea's first full-length animation. Set in the time of Joseon tyranny, the story depicts Hong Gildong's growth as a Korea's traditional hero, and has been remade to film countless times.



#### French Film Festival 2012

- Date(s) / Wednesday 27th June ~ Sunday 1st July  
※Please visit the homepage for films and screening schedule.
- Venue / Fukuoka City Public Library(3-7-1 Momochihama, Sawara-ku Fukuoka), Nishitetsu Hall(Solaria Stage 6F 2-11-3 Tenjin, Chuo-ku Fukuoka)
- Cost / Advance: General ¥1,000 Students/over 65: ¥800 On the day: ¥1,200
- Ticketing / l'Institut Franco-Japonais, Ticket Pia
- Contact / l'Institut Franco-Japonais du Kyushu 092-712-0904
- URL / [www.ifj-kyushu.org/jp/](http://www.ifj-kyushu.org/jp/)

The must-see big event for film fans! Held every year in Tokyo, the French Film Festival comes to Fukuoka for the first time, showcasing the current trends in French cinema.

#### Create-festa - World Music Festival

- Date(s) / Saturday 30th June 14:00 ~ 16:30
- Venue / Mirikaroden Nakagawa (2-5-1 Nakagawa-machi, Chikushigun)
- Cost / Adult: ¥1,000 Elementary/JHS students: ¥500
- Contact / Create-festa Executive Committee 090-6770-2481 (Muta)
- E-mail / [muta@ktam.or.jp](mailto:muta@ktam.or.jp)

Native performances from all regions of the world including Uyghur, Australia (Aborigine), Kyrgyzstan, India and others. Come and view dances by various ethnic groups and further broaden your view of the world's cultures.

#### 10th Japan-China Friendship Children's Painting Exhibition - Normalization of Diplomatic Relations 40th Anniversary Commemoration Project

- Date(s) / Thursday 12th ~ Tuesday 17th July
- Venue / Fukuoka Asia Art Museum 8F Artists' Gallery (Riverain Building 3-1 Shimokawabata-machi, Hakata-ku Fukuoka)
- Cost / Free
- Contact / NPO Community Education Group Bellpo 090-7444-5869 (Tsuru)

To commemorate the 40th Anniversary of the Normalization of Sino-Japanese Diplomatic Relations, the project will display award-winning pictures by the children who will carry the next generation for China and Japan.

#### 8th Nishikawa Yoshio Harmonica Recital - Japan-China Friendship Musical Exchange Society

- Date(s) / Saturday 28th July 15:00 ~ 16:30
- Venue / Wako Music Hall (1-3-11 Muromi, Sawara-ku Fukuoka)
- Cost / Adult: ¥1,000 JHS or younger: ¥500
- Registration / Required (Phone, FAX, email)
- Contact / Fukuoka Harmonica Club 090-4580-2324 (Nishikawa)
- FAX / 092-515-4441
- E-mail / [fha.2011.1kouqin@harmonica-web.com](mailto:fha.2011.1kouqin@harmonica-web.com)

A recital by Yoshio Nishikawa, representative from the Fukuoka Harmonica Club, which carries out in various music exchange activities through the harmonica. On the day, 3 folk musicians from Sichuan, China will also be in Fukuoka for solo and group performances.

#### African Hope Charity Concert

- Date(s) / Saturday 25th August 14:00 ~ 16:00
- Venue / Asakura Sougou Shimin Center Piport Amagi Hall (198-1 Amagi, Asakura-shi)
- Cost / ¥1,000
- Registration / Required (Phone)
- Contact / NPO Esperanza 0946-24-9263
- URL / [www.npo-gb-esp.org](http://www.npo-gb-esp.org)

A charity concert to give the opportunity of an education to children in the Republic of Guinea-Bissau, west Africa. An activity report will also be given by the NPO Esperanza, which is engaged in exchange and establishing/running elementary and junior high schools in Guinea-Bissau.

Project supported by FIEF

### Lecture/Class

#### Itoshima City International Exchange Association 15-year anniversary special lecture "Astronaut Naoko Yamazaki tells of training and space station missions in a multilingual/multicultural environment"

- Date(s) / Sunday 10th June 12:00 venue open, 12:20 start
- Venue / Ito Bunka Kaikan Main Hall (2-2-7 Maebaru-higashi, Itoshima-shi)
- Participants / 900
- Cost / ¥500 per seat
- Registration / Required (FAX, email)
- Contact / Itoshima City International Exchange Association 092-332-9166
- FAX / 092-332-9166
- E-mail / [window-kokusai@globe.ocn.ne.jp](mailto>window-kokusai@globe.ocn.ne.jp)



●URL / [www.window-kokusai.com/](http://www.window-kokusai.com/)

As an astronaut in the extreme conditions of space, a high level of communication is required. How does one accomplish this amongst a group with varying cultures and languages? Hear about new discoveries in cross-cultural understanding from the experiences of a former astronaut.

## World Home-style Cooking Class and Lecture (Egypt)

- Date(s) / Sunday 17th June  
Cooking Class 10:00 ~ 13:00/Lecture 13:30 ~ 15:00
- Venue / Ogori Sougou Hoken Fukushi Center Asuteras (1167-1 Futamori, Ogori-shi) Cooking Class: 1F Food Prep. Room/Lecture: 1F Lecture Room 1
- Participants / Cooking Class: limit of 30, first-come basis  
Lecture: no limit
- Cost / Cooking Class: Adult ¥800, Elementary school and below ¥400 Lecture: Free
- Registration / Required only for Cooking Class (Phone, FAX, email) \*closes Friday 8th June
- Contact / Ogori International Association office (within Planning Division, Ogori City Hall) 0942-72-2111
- FAX / 0942-73-4466
- E-mail / [danjokiyodo@city.ogori.lg.jp](mailto:danjokiyodo@city.ogori.lg.jp)

Foreign residents in Ogori introduce the food and culture of their home countries. The theme in June is "Egypt". Come interact with people from Egypt and feel Egyptian culture first-hand!



## 338th UN Lecture Presentation

- Date(s) / ① Wednesday 20th June 14:10 ~ 16:40  
② Thursday 21st June 16:20 ~ 17:50
- Venue / ①Kyushu International University (1-6-1 Hirano, Yahatahigashi-ku, Kitakyushu) ②Fukuoka University (8-19-1 Nanakuma, Jounan-ku, Fukuoka)
- Participants / 100 per lecture
- Cost / Free
- Registration / Required (Phone, FAX, email)
- Contact / United Nations Association of Japan, Fukuoka head office 092-713-8115
- FAX / 092-761-6762
- E-mail / [unaj-fukuoka@nifty.com](mailto:unaj-fukuoka@nifty.com)
- URL / [www.bunkakyokai.org/unaj-fukuoka/](http://www.bunkakyokai.org/unaj-fukuoka/)

This lecture's theme will be "Support and Cooperation from around the World following the Great East Japan Earthquake", with a presentation from Yukio Yoshii of the International Cooperation Bureau, Humanitarian Assistance and Emergency Relief Division at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs.

## NGO Introductory Course

- Date(s) / Saturday 30th June, 28th July, 25th August  
14:00 ~ 16:00
- Venue / Fukuoka City NPO/Volunteer Center 'Asumin' Meeting Corner (5F Fukuoka Municipal Youth Center, 2-6-46 Daimyo, Chuo-ku Fukuoka)
- Participants / 7 each time
- Cost / ¥300
- Registration / Required (Phone, FAX, email, homepage)
- Contact / Fukuoka NGO Network 092-405-9870
- FAX / 092-405-9870
- E-mail / [funn@mbk.nifty.com](mailto:funn@mbk.nifty.com)
- URL / [funn.nngo.jp](http://funn.nngo.jp)

A course with the goal of promoting understanding and participation in international cooperation, as well as NGOs active in the field. As well as an opportunity to learn, it is also a chance for consultation. Learn about NGOs and international cooperation in a friendly atmosphere!

## Japanese Class for Foreigners (first term)

- Date(s) / Every Tuesday (until 17th July) 10:00 ~ 11:30
- Venue / El Pia Kurume (1830-6 Suwanomachi, Kurume-shi)
- Participants / approx. 20, non-student foreign residents
- Cost / Free (first term materials fee: ¥1,500)
- Contact / (Kurume Convention 0942-31-1717)
- URL / [www.kurume-hotomeki.jp/](http://www.kurume-hotomeki.jp/)

A "Beginners Japanese Class" for foreigners, useful in everyday life.

Registration not required, please come directly to the venue. Also welcome to come and view the class. Those needing childcare please contact in advance.

## Yanagawa Japanese Class "Mizu Kagerou"

- Date(s) / Every month: 1st and 3rd Thursday 19:00 ~ 20:30,  
2nd and 4th Thursday 10:30 ~ 12:00
- Venue / Yanagawa Sougou Hoken Fukushi Center "Mizu no Sato" (6-3 Kamimiyamagachi, Yanagawa-shi)
- Cost / Students: ¥200 per class (materials fee incl.)  
Staff: Joining fee ¥3,000, from 2nd year ¥1,000 annual fee
- Contact / Yanagawa Japanese Class "Mizu Kagerou"  
090-7156-5359

A Japanese class for foreigners. Includes not only classroom study but also fun events to deepen interaction. Also recruiting volunteer staff to teach Japanese.

## Other

### Host Family Registration information session

- Date(s) / Sunday 17th June 14:00 ~ 15:00
- Venue / Rainbow Plaza Meeting Room (8F IMS, 1-7-11 Tenjin, Chuo-ku, Fukuoka)
- Cost / Free
- Registration / Required (Phone, FAX, email)  
\*closes Sunday 10th June
- Contact / Rainbow Plaza (Fukuoka International Association)  
092-733-2220
- FAX / 092-733-2215
- E-mail / [hostfamily@rainbowfia.or.jp](mailto:hostfamily@rainbowfia.or.jp)
- URL / [www.rainbowfia.or.jp](http://www.rainbowfia.or.jp)

Looking for those households with an interest in volunteer Home Stay/ Home Visit, that are able to offer an opportunity for foreigners to experience Japanese life.

### Charity Baseball Tickets - Fukuoka Softbank Hawks Vs. Tohoku Rakuten Golden Eagles

- Date(s) / 11th ~ 13th Septmeber, each day 18:00 ~
- Venue / Yahoo Dome
- Cost / ¥2,500 (A Reserve Seating) ※¥500 donated charity
- Registration / Until 18:00 Wednesday 15th August  
※For ticket sales and other inquiries, contact the office
- Contact / Cambodia Mines-remove Campaign office (organiser: Furukawa) 092-833-7575
- E-mail / [cmc5963@gmail.com](mailto:cmc5963@gmail.com)

Tickets which are normally ¥4,300 can be purchased cheaply for a limited time. ¥500 from each ticket will go towards removing landmines and aiding victims. Now you can make a contribution to society while cheering on the Hawks!

## Now accepting "International Exchange within the Prefecture" content for the next issue!

We are accepting content for "International Exchange within the Prefecture" to be published in the next issue. Please send the following to Kokusai Hiroba (see back page for details). As we are unable to publish all information received, we ask for your understanding.

- Next Publication Date: Friday 31<sup>st</sup> August
  - Requested Content: International exchange events, lectures, presentations etc. held between September and early December
  - Published Items: Event name, time and date, venue, cost, number of participants, registration method, contact, phone number etc, contents (100 characters or less), photo (optional)
  - Deadline: Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> August
- Fukuoka International Exchange Foundation promotes citizen-centered international exchange. Please contact us if you have information on international exchange events by grassroots-level organizations within the prefecture.

## Kokusai Hiroba Calendar

At Kokusai Hiroba, you can find Japanese classes run by volunteers, as well as free specialist consultation for foreigners.

■ Human Rights Counseling for Foreigners ■ Immigration and Residency Process Consultations  
A ~ I indicate Japanese classes. Please check the table below to see which classes are being held.

June							July							August						
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★When events are held at Kokusai Hiroba, classes will be held in the Exchange Room.  
★As the schedule for Japanese classes is subject to change, please visit our home page for the latest information.

### Japanese Classes @ Kokusai Hiroba

	Name of Class	Time	Fee	Contact (TEL/E-mail)	Details
Tue	<b>A</b> Chiisana Kokusai Koryu no Kai	10:00 -12:00	1000 yen/month (Trial lesson free)	(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	<b>B</b> Cosmos Japanese Class	①11:00-12:30 ②13:30-15:00	①400yen/month ②400yen/month	(Phone&FAX) 092-807-7053 berisario_sarinas@yahoo.co.jp	Everyday conversation, grammar, Japanese Language Level : Beginner, Intermediate, Advanced
Thu	<b>C</b> 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 (N1 ~ N5) Level : Beginner, Intermediate, Advanced
Fri	<b>D</b> 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 JLPT training (N1 ~ N4) 4th week each month is a 'free-talk' session. Level : Beginner, Intermediate, Advanced
Sat	<b>E</b> Nihongo Hiroba	10:30 -12:00	Free	(Phone) 090-2580-5671 chikushijf@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>F</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
	<b>G</b> 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	<b>H</b> 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
	<b>I</b> 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

For Volunteer-run Japanese classes around Fukuoka Prefecture (~ 80 locations) , please visit our home page.

### Free Consultation for Foreigners (1) Kokusai Hiroba

	Human Rights counselling for non-Japanese	Immigration and Residency Process Consultations
Date	9 <sup>th</sup> Jun, 14 <sup>th</sup> Jul, 11 <sup>th</sup> Aug (2 <sup>nd</sup> Sat each month)	23 <sup>rd</sup> Jun, 28 <sup>th</sup> Jul, 25 <sup>th</sup> Aug (4 <sup>th</sup> Sat 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
Consultation Content	Human rights issues relating to foreigners, including employment, housing, marriage, etc.	Citizenship, immigration, residency, etc.

## • Free Consultation for Foreigners (2) other venues •

### Fukuoka Labour Bureau

#### Free consultation related to working conditions

- Time and Date / Every Tuesday and Thursday (Twice per week)  
9:00 ~ 16:00
- Venue / Fukuoka Labour Bureau Labour Standards Department  
Inspection Division 4F Fukuoka Goudouchousha-shinkan  
(2-11-1 Hakata-eki higashi, Hakata-ku, Fukuoka)
- Languages / Japanese, English
- Contact / Fukuoka Labour Bureau Labour Standards Department  
Inspection Division 092-411-4862
- Content / An inspector or english-speaking advisor provides answers  
to questions over the phone or in person.

### Tenjin Lawyers Center

#### Free legal advice for foreigners

- Time and Date / ①2nd Friday each month (6/8, 7/13, 8/10)  
13:00 ~ 16:00  
②4th Friday each month (6/22, 7/27, 8/24)  
13:00 ~ 16:00
- Venue / Fukuoka Lawyers Association Tenjin Lawyers Center  
(2F Minami Tenjin Bldg., 5-14-12 Watanabe-dori, Chuo-ku Fukuoka)
- Languages / ①Japanese, Chinese (interpreter)  
②Japanese, Chinese (interpreter), English (interpreter)
- Registration / Required (via phone) Weekdays 10:00 ~ 16:00
- Contact / Fukuoka Lawyer's Association 092-737-7555
- Content / Free legal consultation for foreigners by the Fukuoka Lawyers  
Association. Counseling on general civil affairs, labour or  
household problems, immigration and criminal cases.

### International Village Center

#### Legal Consultation

- Time and Date / 4th Saturday of each month  
(6/23, 7/28, 8/25) 13:30 ~ 16:30
- Venue / International Village Center 3F, 1-1-1 Hirano,  
Yahatahigashi-ku, Kitakyushu
- Languages / Japanese, English (interpreter), Chinese (interpreter),  
Korean (interpreter)
- Registration / Prior registration required (via phone)
- Contact / Kitakyushu International Association  
Foreigner Consultation Helpdesk 093-671-2606
- URL / [http://www.kitaq-koryu.jp/jp\\_new/](http://www.kitaq-koryu.jp/jp_new/)
- Content / Consultation regarding employment, housing, marriage,  
divorce, naturalisation, human rights, etc.

#### Consultation concerning Immigration Procedures

- Time and Date / 3rd Sunday of each month (6/17, 7/15, 8/19)  
13:00 ~ 16:00
- Venue / International Village Center 3F, 1-1-1 Hirano,  
Yahatahigashi-ku, Kitakyushu
- Languages / Japanese, English (interpreter), Chinese (interpreter),  
Korean (interpreter)
- Registration / Prior registration required (via phone)  
\*only if an interpreter is needed
- Contact / Kitakyushu International Association  
Foreigner Consultation Helpdesk 093-671-2606
- URL / [http://www.kitaq-koryu.jp/jp\\_new/](http://www.kitaq-koryu.jp/jp_new/)
- Content / Consultation related to procedures for invitation, changing  
residency status, re-entry, Deviation of Status, permanent residency,  
foreigner registration, international marriage, nationality, etc.

#### Psychological Conselling

- Time and Date / 4th Saturday of each month (6/23, 7/28, 8/25)  
9:30 ~ 12:30
- Venue / International Village Center 3F, 1-1-1 Hirano,  
Yahatahigashi-ku, Kitakyushu
- Languages / Japanese, English (interpreter), Chinese (interpreter),  
Korean (interpreter)
- Registration / Prior registration required (via phone)
- Contact / Kitakyushu International Association  
Foreigner Consultation Helpdesk 093-671-2606
- URL / [http://www.kitaq-koryu.jp/jp\\_new/](http://www.kitaq-koryu.jp/jp_new/)
- Content / A clinical psychologist is available for consultation and will  
work together to resolve psychological issues relating to trouble and  
stress in personal relationships.

### Kurume City Hall

#### Free consultation for foreigners

- Time and Date / 3rd Saturday each month  
(6/16, 7/21, 8/18) 13:00 ~ 16:00
- Venue / Kurume City Hall 3F Meeting Room  
(15-3 Jounanmachi Kurume)
- Languages / Japanese, English (interpreter), Chinese (interpreter),  
Korean (interpreter)
- Contact / Kurume Convention 0942-31-1717
- E-mail / [kokusaikoryu@ktie.or.jp](mailto:kokusaikoryu@ktie.or.jp)
- Content / Administrative scriveners provide consultations on  
international marriage, naturalisation, nationality problems  
etc. Registration not required.

### Rainbow Plaza

#### Free consultation on Immigration, Residence and Nationality for foreign nationals

- Time and Date / 2nd Sunday each month  
(6/10, 7/8, 8/12) 13:00-16:00
- Venue / Rainbow Plaza  
(8F IMS 1-7-11Tenjin, Chuo-ku, Fukuoka)
- Languages / Japanese, English (interpreter), Chinese (interpreter)  
※For other language please enquire in advance
- Contact / Rainbow Plaza  
(Fukuoka International Association) 092-733-2220
- URL / <http://www.rainbowfia.or.jp>
- Content / Consultation on residency requirements, naturalisation,  
international marriage etc. Reception closes 15:30.

#### Free Legal Counseling for foreign nationals

- Time and Date / 1st and 3rd Saturday each month  
(6/2-16, 7/7-21, 8/4-18) 13:00 ~ 16:00
- Venue / Rainbow Plaza  
(8F IMS 1-7-11Tenjin, Chuo-ku, Fukuoka)
- Languages / Japanese, English (interpreter), Chinese (interpreter)  
※For other language please enquire in advance
- Registration / Prior registration required (via homepage)
- Contact / Rainbow Plaza  
(Fukuoka International Association) 092-733-2220
- URL / <http://www.rainbowfia.or.jp>
- Content / Free legal counseling for foreigners, by lawyers from the  
Fukuoka Lawyer's Association. 45mins per person.

#### Free Personal Counseling for foreign nationals

- Time and Date / Monday 10:00 ~ 18:00, Thursday 10:00 ~ 12:30,  
1st and 3rd Saturdays 16:15 ~ 19:00,  
other Saturdays 15:00 ~ 19:00
- Venue / Rainbow Plaza  
(8F IMS 1-7-11Tenjin, Chuo-ku, Fukuoka)
- Languages / Japanese, English
- Registration / Prior registration required (via phone)
- Contact / Rainbow Plaza  
(Fukuoka International Association) 092-733-2220
- URL / <http://www.rainbowfia.or.jp>
- Content / Counseling by a clinical psychologist in either Japanese or  
English. Those interested should enquire via phone or at  
the Rainbow Plaza counter.

#### Free Health Consultation for foreign nationals

- Time and Date / every Wednesday 17:00 ~ 19:00 (occasionally not  
held so please call to check in advance)
- Venue / Rainbow Plaza  
(8F IMS 1-7-11Tenjin, Chuo-ku, Fukuoka)
- Languages / Japanese, English
- Contact / Rainbow Plaza  
(Fukuoka International Association) 092-733-2220
- URL / <http://www.rainbowfia.or.jp>
- Content / A Japanese volunteer doctor provides consultation on  
various health matters for foreigners, in English and  
Japanese. Don't worry all alone—feel free to stop by for a  
consultation.  
Note that due to legal limitations, neither medical  
treatments nor prescribed medications are provided.

We are accepting information about consultation services for foreigners within the prefecture to publish in our next issue. Organisations wishing to be published should enquire at Kokusai Hiroba (see back page).

# Guide to Supporting Membership

We introduce the benefits of becoming a Kokusai Hiroba Supporting Member.

## “World Gourmet Hiroba”

When you become a Supporting Member of Fukuoka International Exchange Foundation, you can receive various special privileges at our “World Gourmet Hiroba” registered restaurants such as 5-10% discounts or a free drink. Why not broaden your culinary world by trying food from around the globe? Check our homepage for more details!



A



### Stir-fried Octopus

Hot! Yet delicious! With lots of vegetables, this healthy dish of spicy fried octopus brings you the taste of Busan.



C



### Kuwati Curry Set

Traditional curry made from chicken and over 10 types of beans. In Nepal, eating it once a year is a wish for good health.

Cuisine	Store Name
Korean	Donmai <span style="float:right">A</span>
	TAO
Chinese	Baiyulan Shanghai Cuisine
	Zhu Yuan
	Jiulong Potsticker Place
	Zhonguo Daming Hotpot City
	Hong Meng Beijing Cuisine <span style="float:right">B</span>
	Zhonguo Shisen Cuisine Kounrai
	Chu-ka Yoka
Indian	Milan
	Suraj
Nepalese	Everest Kitchen <span style="float:right">C</span>
	Maitiighar
Thai	Shamin Ga
	Purawjai
Swiss	Swiss Cuisine Hause
Mexican	El Borracho
	Chili Dining <span style="float:right">D</span>
	La Borracha
Vietnamese	gongon <span style="float:right">E</span>
Russian	NINA



B



### Seasoned Eggplant

The simple seasoning brings out the natural flavours of the eggplant.



D



### Crispy Tacos

Beef and chicken tacos inside a crispy fried tortilla.

Limited time only Members Special! (July 2012)

Our “one free drink” offer is now also valid at lunch time (some drinks excluded).

\*In addition to the regular benefits, limited time offers from World Gourmet Hiroba registered restaurants will appear on our homepage.

## There are also other benefits to becoming a Supporting Member!

- Every issue of our “Kokusai Hiroba” newsletter delivered to you.
- Free entry to the “Kokusai Hiroba Café” event.
- Receive discounts at supporting stores, including World Gourmet registered stores, international travel and hotels, cultural centers etc.



Those wishing to become supporting members, please contact Kokusai Hiroba for registration materials.

**Annual Membership** Students: ¥ 1,000/person General: ¥ 2,000/person Corporate: ¥ 10,000/organisation

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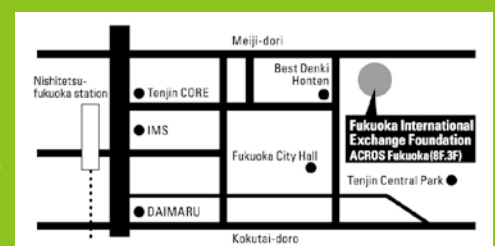
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<http://www.kokusaihiroba.or.jp> [info@kokusaihiroba.or.jp](mailto:info@kokusaihiroba.or.jp)

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3F Kokusai Hiroba

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