



Kokusai Hiroba



Q How do YOU use Kokusai Hiroba?

Our family comes to the 'Kokusai Hiroba Café'. It's now a year and a half since we first started attending, and each time we can hear about many different countries, play games and try foreign teas and sweets. It's a lot of fun! We hope to make many more friends through the 'Kokusai Hiroba Café'!

Some of the visitors to Kokusai Hiroba



➤ **Learn about the world at Kokusai Hiroba!**
~'Kokusai Hiroba Cafe ☕' and 'International Understanding Education'~

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High
light!

Fukuoka is home to over 52,000 foreign residents from some 140 different countries and regions. In this issue we introduce the 'Kokusai Hiroba Café' event, where you can enjoy international exchange by first-hand contact with the cultures of these diverse areas, and the 'International Understanding Education' program, which provides an opportunity to learn and think about the world.

Learn about the world at Kokusai Hiroba! ~'Kokusai Hiroba Cafe' and 'International Understanding Education'~

■ Kokusai Hiroba Cafe

The 'Kokusai Hiroba Café' began in December 2010 as an event for the Kokusai Hiroba foreign staff to introduce the cultures of their home countries – China, Korea, New Zealand and Australia. This year, we welcome foreign and Japanese guest teachers who are active at elementary and junior high schools within the prefecture as part of the Project for the Promotion of International Understanding Education to introduce more of the world's cultures including Africa, Asia and Europe as part of 'Around the World with Kokusai Hiroba Café' !

This time will be the 11th Café – European edition!

We welcome guest speakers Alejandro Cremades from Spain and Inga Nakai from Ukraine to speak about the diverse European cultures with their rich history, and the lives of the people living there. Come and experience all the appeal of Europe in a café-like atmosphere!



Around the World with Kokusai Hiroba Café ~Europe~

[Date] Sunday 23rd September 2012, 14:00~16:00

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

[Cost] Members: Free, General: ¥300

[Number of Participants] Approx. 50

[Reservation] Required (Phone, email, home page)

[Contact] Fukuoka International Exchange Foundation 092-725-9200 info@kokusaihiroba.or.jp

[URL] <http://www.kokusaihiroba.or.jp>

Reserve
your seats!



Vol.9 South-east Asia



Dance by Thai guest speaker



Trying Indonesian instruments

Vol.10 Africa



A Ghana "What's this?" quiz



A popular game from Senegal

■ Project for the Promotion of International Understanding Education

People from many of the world's cultures and ethnic groups reside in Fukuoka. At the same time, there are areas in the world faced with serious problems such as environmental issues, poverty and war, and these are closely related to our society and lifestyles. FIEF dispatches foreigners and Japanese with experience overseas as guest speakers to schools and community centers within the prefecture as part of the Project for the Promotion of International Understanding Education – an opportunity to learn and think about our world.

For those looking to
experience foreign cultures
by inviting a guest teacher



Please feel free to enquire if you would be a school, community centre or other organization looking to invite a guest teacher.

We can also be consulted about specific requests regarding the country/area or teacher.



We are also looking for
foreign and Japanese
guest teachers!



An International Understanding
Education class
at Shirohama Elementary School



Kokusai Hiroba Event Information

September·October·November

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.11 - Europe

- ▶Date=Sunday 23rd September 14:00~16:00
- ▶Number of participants=approx. 50
- ▶Cost=Supporting Members: Free General: ¥300
- ▶Registration=Required (Phone or Email)
- ▶Contact=Fukuoka International Exchange Foundation 092-725-9200
- ▶E-mail=info@kokusaihiroba.or.jp
- ▶URL=www.kokusaihiroba.or.jp

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Event Highlights Staff Picks!

At the Kokusai Hiroba Café, Fukuoka's foreigners and Japanese who have lived overseas introduce the world's countries through their own experiences. You can learn about lifestyles and cultures that you won't find in guidebooks. What's more, the real charm of the event is being able to experience things first-hand. Whether it's playing Indonesian instruments, Senegalese word games, or trying African tea, this is an opportunity to interact with and learn about the home countries of foreigners living around you. Look forward to the European edition in September!



Coordinator: Kamil

We invite those with study abroad experience to tell their fresh experiences regarding preparation, student life and what to expect after coming home. Additionally, foreign government-affiliated organisations will also provide information. Vol.2 will focus on studying in Canada and Vol.3 Korea and China.

Lecture

43rd Fukuoka International Student Support Center "Bunka Juku"

- ▶Date=Saturday 27th October 15:00 ~ 17:00
- ▶Number of participants=100
- ▶Cost=Free
- ※Exchange party/ general ¥300, students free
- ▶Registration=Required (Phone, FAX or Email)
- ▶Contact=Fukuoka International Student Support Center 092-725-9201
- ▶FAX=092-725-9225
- ▶E-mail=bunkajuku.fissc@gmail.com
- ▶URL=www.fissc.net

At the Nihon Bunka Juku, people active on the front line of various fields deliver lectures. This time, the presentation will be given by the head of the International Division at Kyushu University, Hiroshi Omura. Following the lecture, a tea party-style exchange event is also planned.

10th Habitat Hiroba「Life in Pakistan」

- ▶Date=Monday 1st October, 18:30 ~ 19:30
- ▶Number of participants=approx. 50
- ▶Cost=Free
- ▶Registration=Required (Phone, FAX or Email)
- ▶Contact=UN-Habitat Fukuoka Office 092-724-7121
- ▶FAX=092-724-7124
- ▶E-mail=habitat.fukuoka@unhabitat.org
- ▶URL=www.fukuoka.unhabitat.org/

A joint lecture series by UN Habitat Fukuoka Head Office and Fukuoka International Exchange Foundation. In the 10th lecture, Bruno Delcon (human residence specialist) will introduce the UN Habitat activities in Pakistan.

Display (entry gallery)

12th World Habitat Day Commemorative Illustration Contest Top Works Exhibition

- ▶Date=Tuesday 13th - Monday 26th November
- ▶Cost=Free
- ▶Contact=UN-Habitat Fukuoka Office·World Habitat Day 2012 Fukuoka Executive Committee 092-833-7575
- ▶FAX=092-724-7124
- ▶URL=www.fukuoka.unhabitat.org

A display of top works from the illustration contest commemorating 'World Habitat Day' - designated by the UN General Assembly as 'a day to think about living environments' each year in October.

Study-abroad Information

America Study-Abroad Seminar

- ▶Date=Friday 5th October 13:00 ~ 17:30
- ▶Number of participants=40 ▶Cost=Free
- ▶Registration=Required (Registration via homepage from 3rd Sep)
- ▶Contact=Fullbright Japan (Japan-U.S. Educational Commission) 092-725-9200
- ▶URL=www.fullbright.jp/study/event/sodan.html

An information session by Fullbright Japan about studying abroad at American universities and graduate schools. Also includes an explanation of IELTS, Eiken and TOEFL iBT, so it's a great chance to get all the information for study abroad and the related English competency tests in one go!

Study-Abroad Experience Hiroba

①Vol.2 Let's go to Canada! ②Vol.3 Let's go to Asia!

- ▶Date=① Saturday 20th October 14:00 ~
② Sunday 2nd December 14:00 ~
- ▶Number of participants=40 ▶Cost=Free
- ▶Registration=Required (Phone or FAX)
- ▶Contact=Fukuoka International Exchange Foundation 092-725-9200
- ▶FAX=092-725-9206 ▶URL=www.kokusaihiroba.or.jp

Visit our homepage for the latest event information!

For the latest information on September, October and November 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

Summer Camp 2012 in Nakagawa

- Date(s) / Saturday 1st - Sunday 2nd September
- Venue / Greenpia Nakagawa Campsite (870-2 Gokayama, Nakagawa-machi)
- Participants / Foreigners 70 Japanese 50 (120 total)
- Cost / Foreigner: ¥500 (18 years or less, free)
Adult: ¥1,500 Child: up to SHS ¥500 (below school age, free)
- Registration / Required (email)
- Contact / Nakagawa-machi International Cultural Exchanges Circle 092-952-2092
- FAX / 092-952-2093
- E-mail / nakagawa_kokusai@hotmail.com
- URL / <http://nakagawakokusai.wordpress.com>

Foreigners, exchange students and their families within Nakagawa-machi and nearby areas are invited to an exchange camp. Every year more than 70 foreigners from 15 countries and some 50 Japanese residents participate. Stay in a genuine camp lodge and enjoy barbaques, camp fires and other activities. Please feel free to attend!

Women In-Between: Asian Women Artists 1984-2012

- Date(s) / Saturday 1st September - Sunday 21st October
- Venue / Fukuoka Asian Art Museum (7F Riverain, 3-1 Shimokawabatamachi, Hakata-ku)
- Cost / General: ¥1,000 Senior-high: ¥800 Junior-high and below: Free
- Contact / Fukuoka Asian Art Museum 092-263-1100
- URL / <http://faam.city.fukuoka.lg.jp/home>

Some 130 works (including screenings throughout the event) by 45 female artists from Asia will be on display. Tracing the transition of the world of female artists in Asia from the 1980s, which has seen radical changes in economic development and societal awareness of gender in all countries.

The programme also includes numerous talks, workshops, performances and screenings by the artists throughout the exhibition period.



Asia-Pacific Festival Fukuoka 2012

- Date(s) / Friday 14th - Monday 17th September (public holiday)
- Venue / Fukuoka City Hall Fureai Hiroba, Hakataguchi Ekimae Hiroba ※Simultaneously at 2 venues
- Cost / Free Entry
- Contact / Fukuoka Asia Month 2012 information 092-733-5933
- E-mail / asia@asianmonth.com
- URL / <http://www.asianmonth.com>

Experience the charm of the diverse Asia-Pacific region in one place at the "Asia-Pacific Festival Fukuoka 2012". Enjoy artistic stage performances, famous foods, tourist information and more at this urban festival full of Asian allure!

Sanix Presents 2012 Global Arena Bulgaria Festival

- Date(s) / Friday 14th - Sunday 23rd September
- Venue / Global Arena (Global Arena Inc., 46-1 Yoshidome, Munakata-shi)
- Cost / Free Entry
- Contact / Global Arena Inc. 0940-33-8400
- FAX / 0940-33-8419 ●E-mail / info@g-arena.com
- URL / <http://g-arena.com>

An event to showcase Bulgarian culture and sports. In addition to a performance by Bulgaria's longest-running youth dance troupe, the 'Kazanlak Folk Dance Group', the festivities include the "World Festival" with participants from over 10 countries.



Kyushu Study Abroad Fair 2012

- Date(s) / Saturday 6th October 11:00 ~ 17:00 (enter any time)
- Venue / 2F Seinan Cross Plaza, Seinan Gakuin University (6-2-92 Nishijin, Sawara-ku, Fukuoka)
- Cost / Free
- Registration / Required (Phone, home page)
- Contact / The Society for Testing English Proficiency in Japan, Project Promotion Division, International Project Team 03-3266-6121
- E-mail / international@eiken.or.jp
- URL / <http://www.kbunsha.com/kyushu>

Embassies and public institutions from many countries, as well as organizations specialising in study-abroad from around Japan gather at Seinan Gakuin University to provide information about studying overseas. Individual consultations and study-abroad seminars will be held at the booths, so please feel free to stop by!

Vietnamese Ensemble Concert

- Date(s) / Friday 12th October 18:30 ~ 20:30
- Venue / Seina Community Center, Seinan Gakuin Daigaku (6-2-92 Nishijin, Sawara-ku, Fukuoka-shi)
- Participants / 300
- Cost / Cooperation ticket ¥1,000 (Free for Senior-high and lower)
- Contact / Vietnamese Ensemble Concert 2012 Executive Committee 092-821-3688
- FAX / 092-821-3682

The Vietnamese Ensemble "Peach-blossom Group" is invited for this Japan-Vietnam cultural exchange concert. The venue will also include an introduction to the current condition of child Agent Orange victims. ◆ A FIEF-Supported Project

Fukuoka International Students Culture Show 2012

- Date(s) / Sunday 18th November
- Venue / ACROS Fukuoka 1F Circular Hall (ACROS Fukuoka, 1-1-1 Tenjin, Chuo-ku)
- Cost / International and Japanese Students: Free General: ¥500
- Contact / Fukuoka International Student Support Center 092-725-9201
- E-mail / info@fosa.jp ●URL / <http://fosa.jp/>

In addition to traditional dance and musical performances by students from many countries, a fashion show of traditional costumes and panel display will also be held.



Lecture/Class

Ogori Japanese Class (second semester)

- Date(s) / Every Tuesday (4th September - 18th December) 19:00 ~ 20:30
- Venue / Ogori City Hall North Annex 2F meeting room (255-1 Ogori, Ogori-shi)
- Participants / approx. 15 ●Cost / Materials Fee: ¥1,000
- Registration / Required (Phone, FAX, mail) ※Please clearly indicate your address, name, age, phone number and nationality.
- Contact / Ogori International Association office 0942-72-2111 (ext.222)
- FAX / 0942-73-4466 ●URL / www.city.ogori.fukuoka.jp

A Japanese class for foreigners. Organised in 3 classes, Beginner ①, Beginner ② and Intermediate, you can learn Japanese useful for everyday life. Have fun learning Japanese! Those wishing to view a class are also welcome.

Celtic Seminar - Searching for Celts in Central Europe

- Date(s) / Sunday 9th September 13:00 ~ 16:00
- Venue / Fujin Kaikan Audio-visual Room (8F 2-5-1 Maizuru, Chuo-ku, Fukuoka)
- Cost / General:¥1,500 Members: Free
- Contact / Japan Celtic Society office 092-812-0939
- E-mail / keiko-y@celtic.or.jp ●URL / <http://www.celtic.or.jp>

Essayist and part-time lecturer at Kansai University Yoshinobu Takebe reports on his research of Celtic origins and central Europe which spanned the last 10 years. In addition to ancient Celtic tombs found in Hallein, Austria and the Heuneburg Fort along the Danube in Germany, various Celtic-related ruins and spots in Switzerland and France will be introduced with plentiful photos. Come and learn about the Celts, a beam of light in ancient Europe!

Thai Cooking Class

- Date(s) / Sunday 16th September 10:30 ~ 14:00
- Venue / Fukuoka City Gender Equality Promotion Center AMIKAS food preparation room (3-3-1 Takamiya, Minami-ku, Fukuoka)
- Participants / 24 (registration closes once limit is reached)
- Cost / ¥1800 ●Registration / Required (Phone, FAX, email)
- Contact / Krungtep Association 092-566-7607
- FAX / 092-566-7608 ●E-mail / kurun19921@gmail.com

The always-popular Thai cooking class is on again! This time, we will create a Thai course using seasonal vegetables. Come and join Thai exchange students to make Thai food that makes you feel good and puts a smile on your face!

339th UN Lecture Presentation

- Date(s) / ①Thursday 27th September 14:00 ~ 15:30 ②Friday 28th September 14:00 ~ 15:30
- Venue / ①Yomiuri Plaza (1-16-5 Akasaka, Chuo-ku, Fukuoka)
②Kitakyushu International Conference Center meeting room 32 (3-9-30 Asano, Kokurakita-ku, Kitakyushu-shi)
- Participants / 100 each time ●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
- URL / <http://www.bunkakyokai.org/unaj-fukuoka>

In recent times, particular activity surrounding resources in the Pacific region by nations such as China has been visible, in the face of shared environmental problems such as climate change, earthquakes and tsunamis. A lecture to deepen your understanding of Japan's relationship with other Pacific islands from historical background to the future, and the connection with the international community.

Fukuoka EU Association 10th Anniversary of Establishment - Special Lecture and Celebration

- Date(s) / Friday 5th October 17:30 ~
- Venue / 3F Fuyo, Hotel New Otani Hakata (1-1-2 Watanabe-dori, Chuo-ku, Fukuoka)
- Registration / Required (Phone, FAX, email)
- Contact / Fukuoka EU Association 092-725-9200
- FAX / 092-725-9206
- E-mail / fukuoka-eu@kokusaihiroba.or.jp
- URL / <http://fukuoka-eu.com>

A presentation by the Ambassador of the Delegation of the European Union to Japan, Hans Dietmar Schweisgut, and an introduction of EU culture through commercials by Jean-Christian Bouvier from the "Sekai no CM Festival". Following the presentation, celebrate the 10-year anniversary with wine from many EU countries!



Approaching the Mystery of the Incan Empire - the Marvel of Machu Picchu

- Date(s) / Friday 12th October 15:00 ~ 17:00
- Venue / Latin Culture Center 'Tiempo Hall' (3F Daimyo11511 1-15-11 Daimyo, Chuo-ku, Fukuoka)
- Participants / 100
- Cost / ¥1,500 (including one ¥500 drink) SHS and below free
※Ticket Sales: Tiempo (092-762-4100)
- Contact / Zenkoku Shogai Gakushu Machizukuri Kenkyukai Saga, Ms Shion 092-402-5341

A lecture presentation themed "The Marvel of Machupichu" by Hiroshi Sakane, head of office at the Andean-culture archeological museum in Peru, the 'Amano Museum'. After the presentation, an exchange party will also be held for those interested (cost to be covered by each participant). ◆ A FIEF-Supported Project

EU Cultural Seminar - 「A taste of Europe ~ Creating EU Bento ~」

- Date(s) / Sunday 10th November 11:00 ~
- Venue / Food Culture Studio (2-14 Josuidori, Chuo-ku, Fukuoka)
- Registration / Required (Phone, FAX, email)
- Contact / Fukuoka EU Association 092-725-9200
- FAX / 092-725-9206
- E-mail / fukuoka-eu@kokusaihiroba.or.jp
- URL / <http://fukuoka-eu.com>

Try your hand at making Spanish and German cuisine featured in the "EU Bento" section of the Fukuoka EU Association newsletter. The two instructors will be Maria Isabel Tokunaga from Spain and Julia Takagi from Germany.



Heartful Speech Contest Final

- Date(s) / Sunday 11th November 13:00 ~ 16:00
- Venue / Yanagawa City Yamato Community Center Grand Hall (431 Masayuki, Mitsuhashi-machi, Yanagawa-shi)
- Registration / Required for participants (submit the application by FAX, email, mail, or in person) ※Application form must be submitted by 21st September
- Contact / International Exchange Circle Executive Committee Office 0944-77-8834
- FAX / 0944-74-2707 ●E-mail / shogai@city.yanagawa.lg.jp

The Heartfelt Speech Contest features presentations from foreigners (in Japanese) and Japanese (in foreign languages) about each others' culture and traditions! With this year being the 20th, this grand milestone will be the finale of the contest. Come and use this final opportunity to present your speech!

Other

Host Family Registration information session

- Date(s) / Sunday 21st October 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 14th October
- Contact / Rainbow Plaza (Fukuoka International Association) 092-733-2220
- FAX / 092-733-2215 ●E-mail / hostfamily@rainbowfia.or.jp
- URL / <http://www.rainbowfia.or.jp>

The Fukuoka International Association is 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.

Now accepting "International Exchange within the Prefecture" content for 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 30th November
 - Requested Content: International exchange events, lectures, presentations etc. held between December and early March
 - 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: Monday 22nd October
- 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.

September

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

October

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

November

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

★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	A 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 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	C 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	D 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	E Nihongo Hiroba	10:30 -12:00	Free	(Phone) 090-2580-5671 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
	F 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
	G 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	H 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
	I 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 th Jun, 14 th Jul, 11 th Aug (2 nd Sat each month)	22 nd Sep, 27 th Oct, 24 th Nov (4 th 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 (9/14, 10/12, 11/9) 13:00 ~ 16:00
②4th Friday each month (9/28, 10/26, 11/23) 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 (9/22, 10/27, 11/24) 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.kitay-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 (9/1·15, 10/6·20, 11/3·17) 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.kitay-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 (9/22, 10/27, 11/24) 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 Helpdes 093-671-2606
- URL / http://www.kitay-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 (9/15, 10/20, 11/17) 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
- 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 (9/9, 10/14, 11/11) 13:00~16:00
- Venue / Rainbow Plaza (8F IMS 1-7-11 Tenjin, 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 (9/1·15, 10/6·20, 11/3·17) 13:00~16:00
- Venue / Rainbow Plaza (8F IMS 1-7-11 Tenjin, 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 1-7-11 Tenjin, 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 1-7-11 Tenjin, 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).

Supporting Membership Guide

What is Supporting Membership ?

At the Fukuoka International Exchange Foundation, we are always looking for "Supporting Members" who appreciate and endorse our activities.

"Supporting Membership" objective

[Establishment Date: 27th June 1989]

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