



Kokusai Hiroba



Q How do YOU use Kokusai Hiroba?

We did an internship with the Fukuoka International Student Support Center, inside Kokusai Hiroba. While it was only 3 days, we had many experiences including learning business Japanese and manners, as well as introducing Thailand on the Fukuoka International Student Support Center Facebook!



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 Students from King Mongkut's Institute of Technology Ladkrabang, a partner school of the Fukuoka Institute of Technology

Some of the visitors to Kokusai Hiroba



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High light!

Overseas emigration from Fukuoka Prefecture began in 1885 with migration to Hawaii, and spread from there to North, Central and South America and beyond. In each country of destination "Overseas Fukuoka Kenjinkai" were established, and continue to be active today. In this issue, we introduce the Prefecture's exchange projects with the Overseas Fukuoka Kenjinkai.

Exchange with the Overseas Fukuoka Kenjinkai

What is an Overseas Fukuoka Kenjinkai?

An Overseas Fukuoka Kenjinkai (below, Kenjinkai) is an organization established for emigrants moving overseas from Fukuoka Prefecture, so that they may maintain a network of support while they live in a foreign country. At present, there are 21 Kenjinkai comprised of emigrants and their descendants in 9 countries around the world.

Exchange with the Kenjinkai

~ A bridge of friendship connecting Fukuoka Prefecture and the countries of emigrants ~

As the time of migration disappears further into the past, at many Kenjinkai the core activities continue to shift to 2nd, 3rd or 4th generations of emigrants. As a result, generations with no knowledge of Japanese language, traditions or culture are increasing. Fukuoka Prefecture carries out various projects so that these generations may maintain a strong bond with their home in Fukuoka and continue to be actively engaged in the Kenjinkai into the future.



Nurturing the Kenjinkai successors

Inviting descendants of Kenjinkai

In order to deepen the understanding of their roots in Fukuoka/Japan through exchanges and personal experience, we invite the children (upper-elementary school age) of Kenjinkai members to Fukuoka Prefecture. The program held in July this year included 19 children and 10 leaders as participants from 10 different Kenjinkai.



Visit to the Toyota Motor Kyushu factory



Trying calligraphy at Naka Elementary School

Acceptance of exchange students

We accept Kenjinkai members for a 1 year exchange program so that they may deepen their understanding of Fukuoka Prefecture while gaining specialist knowledge at our schools and universities. This year, 10 members of 8 different Kenjinkai have come to Japan.



2012 Exchange Students Program for Descendants of Immigrants (Prefectural Scholarship)

Visits by representatives from the prefecture

We send representatives from the prefecture overseas to attend events commemorating anniversaries of migration or the establishing of Kenjinkai. In September this year, a group headed by Fukuoka Prefectural Governor Ogawa attended a ceremony in Sao Paulo commemorating the establishment of the Brazil-Fukuoka Kenjinkai Prefectural Scholarship Exchange Students Alumni Society.



Commemorative photo with prefectural scholarship alumni

Worldwide Fukuoka Kenjinkai Convention

Held in a different part of the world every 3 years since 1992, this is an opportunity for members of Kenjinkai from many areas to come together under one roof. Next year, the 8th Worldwide Fukuoka Kenjinkai Convention will be held in Fukuoka Prefecture. More details will be revealed as they become available via this newsletter, our home page or the Overseas Fukuoka Kenjinkai Facebook.



Kokusai Hiroba Event Information

December • January • February

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

Fukuoka EU Association "European Christmas"

- ▶Date=Sunday 16th December 14:00~
- ▶Cost=Free
- ▶Registration=Required (FAX or email)
- ▶Contact=Fukuoka EU Association office 092-725-9200
- ▶FAX=092-725-9206
- ▶E-mail=fukuoka-eu@kokusaihiroba.or.jp
- ▶URL=www.fukuoka-eu.com/



Enjoy sweets and tea at this exchange event in which international students enrolled at Seinan Gakuin, Fukuoka Women's and Kyushu Universities, which form the center of EU academic research 'EUIJ Kyushu', introduce Christmas from their home countries.

Around the world with Kokusai

Hiroba Café Vol.13

- ▶Date=Sunday 27th January, 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

Kokusai Hiroba Café introduces the world's countries and their cultures. This year, Kokusai Hiroba welcomes guest teachers active in International Understanding Education at schools around the prefecture. Vol. 13 introduces Brazil, which boasts the largest population of Japanese descendants in the world, and the charm of neighbouring Peru.

Lecture

Japan-Korea Strait College "Fukuoka/Pusan Campus" report

- ▶Date=Sunday 9th December 13:30~15:30
- ▶Number of participants=100 ▶Cost=Free
- ▶Contact=Kyushu University Research Center for Korean Studies 092-642-2748
- ▶FAX=092-642-4359
- ▶E-mail=kaikyo@jimukyushu-u.ac.jp
- ▶URL=http://rcks.isc.kyushu-u.ac.jp/

The Japan-Korea Strait College is an international education project collaboration between Kyushu University and Pusan National University (Korea) with the goal of cultivating the next generation of world leaders. Held at Kokusai Hiroba, the event will be a report by students who participated in the program in August.

44th Fukuoka International Student Support Center "Bunka Juku"

- ▶Date=Saturday 22nd December 15:00~17:00
- ▶Number of participants=100 ▶Cost=Free
- ▶Registration=Required (Phone or email)
- ▶Contact=Fukuoka International Student Support Center 092-725-9201
- ▶E-mail=bunkajuku.fissc@gmail.com ▶URL=www.fissc.net

The Nihon Bunka Juku is held on the fourth Saturday each month. This time, the presentation will be by Representative Director of DLC Business Consulting co. Ltd, and also the head of Fukuoka International Student Support Center, Reiko Aoki. Following the presentation, a meet-and-greet will also be held.

Visit our homepage for the latest event information!

For the latest information on December, January and February 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)



Coordinator: Tani

12th Habitat Hiroba - Sewerage System Improvement Project in Sri Lanka

- ▶Date=Friday 1st February 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 12th installment, special assistant to the director of the Fukuoka Head Office, Sachiyo Hoshino, introduces UN Habitat activities in Sri Lanka.

Study-Abroad Experience Hiroba Vol.4 Let's visit Australia!

- ▶Date=Saturday 16th February 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



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.

Study-abroad Information

Kazakhstan Photo Exhibition

- ▶Date=Tuesday 11th - Monday 17th December
- ▶Cost=Free
- ▶Contact=Honorary Consulate of the Republic of Kazakhstan in Fukuoka 092-761-0026
- ▶URL=www.kyuden.co.jp/company_local-social_international_kazakhstan.html

Last year Kazakhstan, a resource-rich nation in the Central Asia region that continues to show remarkable economic growth, celebrated its 20th anniversary of independence. In addition to photographs of magnificent nature, historical remains and the futuristic capital Astana, there will also be a showcase of handicrafts and folk costumes in a display full of the country's charm!

Our display space (entrance gallery, etc.) within the Fukuoka International Exchange Foundation may be used by non-profit international exchange organizations based within Fukuoka Prefecture. Display content should include photos and materials related to the organization's international exchange activities, and can be displayed once per year for up to 14 days. Please see our homepage for details. Please make use of this opportunity to promote your daily efforts!

Event Highlights Staff Picks!



Coordinator: Tani



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

40th Anniversary of the Normalization of Diplomatic Relations between Japan and China - Yomei Chinese India-ink Caligraphy Research Society exhibition

- Date(s) / Thursday 13th - Sunday 16th December
- Venue / Fukuoka Prefectural Museum of Art 3F Gallery 1 (5-2-1 Tenjin, Chuo-ku, Fukuoka)
- Cost / Free
- Contact / Fukuoka Prefectural Museum of Art 092-715-3551

An exhibition of works from a research group that, while focusing on Chinese India-ink paintings and calligraphy, engages in exchange of art to strengthen the friendship between China and Japan. The group also participates every year in the Fukuoka Citizens Art Festival. A display of some 120 ink paintings and calligraphy is planned.

Let's try the pipe organ! ~ Enjoy organ music and try it for yourself ~

- Date(s) / Friday 14th December 18:00 ~ 20:00
- Venue / Hotel Nikko Fukuoka Annex 3F Chapel Priere (2-18-25 Hakataeki-mae, Hakata-ku, Fukuoka)
- Cost / General: ¥4,000 Club France Members: ¥3,500
- Registration / Required (Phone or email)
※up to 3 days prior to the event
- Contact / Institut Francais Kyushu 092-712-0904
- E-mail / contac.kyushu@institutfrancais.jp
- URL / <http://www.institutfrancais.jp>

A grand pipe organ chapel concert and lecture by international organist Izumi Ikeda. A chance to experience first-hand the majestic tone of the pipe organ that has continued to resound through the churches of Europe since ancient times. Participants can even try performing a simple melody themselves!

Fukuoka Canada Society Christmas Party 2012

- Date(s) / Monday 17th December 18:00 ~ 20:00
- Venue / Grand Hyatt Fukuoka (1-2-82 Sumiyoshi, Hakata-ku, Fukuoka)
- Cost / Adult: ¥5,000, Canadian: ¥3,000
Student: ¥2,000, elementary school and below free
- Registration / Required (FAX)
※Registrations close December 5th
- Contact / Fukuoka Canada Society office - Kobayashi 092-726-1564
- FAX / 092-711-0357

A Christmas party aimed at promoting exchange between Canada and Japan. The festivities include food made with Canadian ingredients, a bingo game and more. Santa Claus is also planning to make an appearance!



Edo chic - intro cases, the Finland/Kress collection

- Date(s) / Wednesday 19th December - Sunday 10th March
- Venue / Kyushu National Museum, Cultural Exchange Exhibition Gallery Rm. 9 (4-7-2 Ishizaka, Dazaifu)
- Cost / General ¥420, Univ. Students ¥130 (free for SHS or below, under 18 or over 70)
- Contact / Kyushu National Museum 050-5542-8600 (NTT Hello Dial 8:00 ~ 22:00)
- URL / <http://www.kyuhaku.jp/>

During the Edo period, intro cases gained popularity as a fashionable item for men. Among those fascinated by this beauty, the exhibition introduces cases belonging to Finland's noted intro collectors, husband and wife Heinz and Else Kress.



Chinese tree peony and butterfly intro in metal powder lacquer, Edo-period, 19th Century Kress Collection (photo: Heinz Kress)

Irish dance and music exchange event

- Date(s) / Monday 14th January (public holiday) 14:00 ~ 16:00 (13:30 venue opens)
- Venue / ACROS Fukuoka Arena Hall (1F ACROS Fukuoka, 1-1-1 Tenjin, Chuo-ku, Fukuoka)
- Participants / 100 ●Cost / ¥1,500
- Registration / Required (FAX or email)
- Contact / The Celtic Society of Japan 092-574-0331
- FAX / 092-574-0331
- E-mail / keiko-y@celtic.or.jp
- URL / <http://www.celtic.or.jp>

This year the Celtic Society of Japan is holding a series of classes in order to spread the enjoyment of Irish dance to a wider audience. As well as being a last review, this session will be an Irish dance and music exchange party.

Even those unable to attend the other classes, please feel free to join us!
◆A FIEF-Supported Project

Fukuoka-Delhi Friendship Agreement 5 Year Commemoration Project - India Fair in Fukuoka

- Date(s) / Saturday 19th January 14:00 ~ 16:00
- Venue / Fukuoka Asian Art Museum, Ajibi Hall (7F Riverain Center Bld., 3-1 Shimokawabata-machi, Hakata-ku, Fukuoka)
- Participants / 80 ●Cost / Free
- Registration / Required (Post, FAX, email)
※Please include address, name, phone number and number of participants
- Contact / Fukuoka Prefecture International Relations Bureau 2nd Division 〒812-8577 7-7 Higashi-koen, Hakata-ku, Fukuoka 092-643-3218
- FAX / 092-643-3224
- E-mail / intrel2@pref.fukuoka.lg.jp
- URL / <http://www.pref.fukuoka.lg.jp/>

The fair will include a presentation by the Consul-General of India in Osaka and original author of Academy Award winning film "Slumdog Millionaire", Mr. Vikas Swarup, as well as folk music researcher/performer Tadahiro Wakabayashi performing 'India's classical music'.



Consul-General of India in Osaka Vikas Swarup

50th Anniversary of the City of Kitakyushu 12th National Women's Haiku Competition in Kitakyushu

- Date(s) / Sunday 3rd March 12:30 ~ 16:30
- Venue / Kitakyushu International Conference Center (3-9-30 Asano, Kokurakita-ku, Kitakyushu)
- Contact / West Japan Industry and Trade Convention Association - [12th National Women's Haiku Competition in Kitakyushu] coordinator 093-551-4111
- FAX / 093-551-0211
- URL / <http://www.convention-a.jp>

Every year the City of Kitakyushu, which raised the pioneers of modern haiku, is home to the National Women's Haiku Competition. In addition

to general entry, there is also a division for foreigners - a chance to catch a glimpse of our global society in peaceful surroundings. As well as the haiku competition and awards, the day will also include a presentation by "Kazabana" president, Namiko Ogawa.

WakuWaku Exchange Party with international students! (3rd)

- Date(s) / Sunday 10th March 10:30 ~ 13:00
- Venue / Ohori Koen Reception: in front of Ohori Koen Starbucks (1-8 Ohori Koen, Chuo-ku, Fukuoka)
- Participants / 24 (elementary school students)
- Cost / ¥300 (includes insurance, tea and snacks)
- Registration / Required (Phone, FAX, email, homepage)
- Contact / Human Resource Development Center EN 080-3912-6091
- FAX / 092-511-1605
- E-mail / info@j-en.org
- URL / <http://www.j-en.org/>

Including nature games and crafts from overseas, and even some psychology, enjoy fun activities with international students. Learn about group cooperation, the environment and international understanding in a carefree setting amongst nature. Don't forget your drink bottles on the day!

Lecture/Class

Crossroads Communication

- Date(s) / 2nd Saturday each month 17:30 ~ 20:00 (reception from 17:00)
- Venue / JICA Kyushu International Center (2-2-1 Hirano, Yahatahigashi-ku, Kitakyushu)
- Participants / 80 (in the case of excess registration, participants will be chosen by lottery)
- Cost / General: ¥2,000 High School: ¥1,000 Elementary School: ¥500
- Registration / Required. Please send a reply-paid postcard with your 1) Name 2) Age 3) Address 4) Return Address/name, to the following address
- Contact / JICA Desk Kitakyushu 〒805-0062 Kitakyushu International Association 1-1-1 Hirano, Yahatahigashi-ku, Kitakyushu 093-662-0055
- FAX / 093-662-6622
- E-mail / jicadpd-desk-kitakyushushi@jica.go.jp
- URL / <http://www.jica.go.jp/kyushu/event/index.html>

At the Kitakyushu branch of the Japan Overseas Cooperative Association, a Multicultural Understanding Seminar and International Exchange Party are held on the evening of the second Saturday each month. An event for anyone with an interest in International Cooperation/Exchange.

[Guest Speakers]

- 8th Dec: Andrew Barton (Coordinator of International Relations) [New Zealand Christmas]
- 19th Jan: Kayo Mamiya (former Japan Overseas Cooperation Volunteer) [Uzbekistan sitar melodies]
- 9th Feb: Akiko Uchio (JICA International Cooperation Reporter) [ODA at work: through the eyes of a Kyushu University student ~Uganda]

EU Business Seminar

- Date(s) / Thursday 17th January 19:00 ~ 20:30
- Venue / ACROS Fukuoka 1F Arena Hall (1F ACROS Fukuoka, 1-1-1 Tenjin, Chuo-ku, Fukuoka)
- Participants / 80
- Cost / Fukuoka EU Association Members: ¥500, General: ¥1,000
- Registration / Required (FAX or email)
- Contact / Fukuoka EU Association office 092-725-9200
- FAX / 092-725-9206
- E-mail / fukuoka-eu@kokusaihiroba.or.jp
- URL / <http://www.fukuoka-eu.com/>

Guest speaker Contents Media Producer Takamasa Sakurai introduces the current state of Japanese pop culture adoption in EU nations.



Speaker: Takamasa Sakurai

Nihongo Hiroba Nogata class opening

- Date(s) / Opening ceremony Monday 4th March 10:00 ~ 11:30 Every Monday (excluding 5th Monday of the month)
- Venue / Nogata Danjo Kyodo Sankaku Center Emikuru (temp.) (7-20 Tsuda-machi, Nogata)
- Cost / ¥300/month
- Contact / Nihongo Hiroba Nogata, Obata 050-3601-2446
- URL / <http://www.kokusaihiroba.or.jp>

A volunteer-run Japanese language class is starting in Nogata! Students can exchange information and interact with local residents and volunteers while learning Japanese. Please feel free to join!

※For details, please see the Fukuoka International Exchange Foundation homepage.

Amikas Japanese Class

- Date(s) / Every Monday 10:15 ~ 11:45
- Venue / Fukuoka City Gender Equality Promotion Center AMIKAS (3-3-1 Takamiya, Minami-ku, Fukuoka)
- Cost / ¥1,000/month, joining fee ¥1,000 Childcare available (free for children 6months ~ pre-school age)
- Registration / Required (Phone, FAX)
- Contact / Amikas Japanese Class Hara 092-522-6206
- FAX / 092-522-0284
- URL / <http://amikas.city.fukuoka.lg.jp>

A Japanese class for foreigners, primarily women living in Fukuoka. In addition to classes from beginner to advanced, there are also kanji classes.

Other

Walk in a minefield!

17th CMC Cambodia Study Tour

- Date(s) / Sunday 17th ~ Tuesday 26th February
- Venue / Cambodia Mines-Remove Campaign (1-7-10-702 Nishijin, Sawara-ku, Fukuoka)
- Participants / 15
- Cost / ¥210,000 (Varies depending on fuel surcharge and number of participants)
- Registration / Required (Phone or email)
- Contact / Cambodia Mines-Remove Campaign 092-833-7575
- E-mail / cmc5963@gmail.com
- URL / <http://cmc-net.jp/>

Damage caused by landmines in Cambodia still continues to occur. To learn the current situation, the tour includes observation of minefields/explosives disposal and interviews with victims. There are also many opportunities throughout the 10 days to interact with children studying in villages near the minefields and connect with the people whose lives have been affected by landmines.

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: Thursday 28th February
 - Requested Content: International exchange events, lectures, presentations etc. held between March and early June.
 - 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: Friday 18th January
- 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.

December

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

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

February

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

★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	100 yen/class or 400 yen/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	200 yen/class or 500 yen/month	(Phone) 080-3946-8859 * English, Chinese okay (FAX) 092-923-3040 torianon-2@com.home.ne.jp	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	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
	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

※Please visit our home page for volunteer-run Japanese classes around Fukuoka Prefecture (~ 80 locations).

Free Consultation for Foreigners (1) Kokusai Hiroba

	Human Rights counseling for non-Japanese	Immigration and Residency Process Consultations
Date	8 th Dec, 12 th Jan, 9 th Feb (2 nd Sat each month)	22 nd Dec, 26 th Jan, 23 rd Feb (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
(12/14, 1/11, 2/8) 13:00~16:00
②4th Friday each month
(12/28, 1/25, 2/22) 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
②Japanese, Chinese, English
- 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
(12/22, 1/26, 2/23) 13:30~16:30
- Venue / Kitakyushu International Association International Village
Center 3F, (1-1-1 Hirano, Yahatahigashi-ku, Kitakyushu)
- Languages / Japanese, English, Chinese, Korean
- Registration / Prior registration required (via phone)
- Contact / Kitakyushu International Association
Foreigner Consultation Helpdesk 093-671-2606
- URL / 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
(12/16, 1/20, 2/17) 13:00~16:00
- Venue / Kitakyushu International Association International Village
Center 3F, (1-1-1 Hirano, Yahatahigashi-ku, Kitakyushu)
- Languages / Japanese, English, Chinese, Korean
- 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/
- Content / Consultation related to procedures for invitation, changing
residency status, re-entry, Deviation of Status, permanent
residency, foreigner registration, international marriage,
nationality, etc.

Psychological Counseling

- Time and Date / 4th Saturday of each month
(12/22, 1/26, 2/23) 9:30~12:30
- Venue / Kitakyushu International Association International Village
Center 3F, (1-1-1 Hirano, Yahatahigashi-ku, Kitakyushu)
- Languages / Japanese, English, Chinese, Korean
- Registration / Prior registration required (via phone)
- Contact / Kitakyushu International Association
Foreigner Consultation Helpdesk 093-671-2606
- URL / 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
(12/15, 1/19, 2/16) 13:00~16:00
- Venue / Kurume City Hall 3F Meeting Room
(15-3 Jounanmachi Kurume)
- Languages / Japanese, English, Chinese, Korean
- Contact / Kurume Convention 0942-31-1717
- E-mail / kokusaikoryu@ktie.or.jp
- Content / Administrative scribes 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
(12/9, 1/13, 2/10) 13:00~16:00
- Venue / Rainbow Plaza
(8F IMS 1-7-11Tenjin, Chuo-ku, Fukuoka)
- Languages / Japanese, English, Chinese
※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
(12/1-15, 1/5-19, 2/2-16) 13:00~16:00
- Venue / Rainbow Plaza
(8F IMS 1-7-11Tenjin, Chuo-ku, Fukuoka)
- Languages / Japanese, English, Chinese
※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. Dont 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 have information published should enquire at Kokusai Hiroba (see back page).

Supporting Membership Guide

Introducing the benefits of being a FIEF Supporting Member.

At the Fukuoka International Exchange Foundation, we are always looking for "Supporting Members" who agree with our founding objectives.


Founding Objective

[Establishment Date: 27th June 1989]

Utilizing Fukuoka Prefecture's special geographical and historical characteristics, FIEF cooperates with other prefectural international exchange organizations to promote international exchange amongst citizens. As well as strengthening Fukuoka Prefecture's position as a focal point for international exchange, this deepens relationships with Asian countries and the rest of the world, contributing to greater mutual prosperity and world peace.

World Gourmet Hiroba

Let's enjoy world cuisine! ~At present, you can receive special benefits at 22 stores from 9 countries!

 **Nepalese Cuisine 'Everest Kitchen'**
Member Special: 10% off




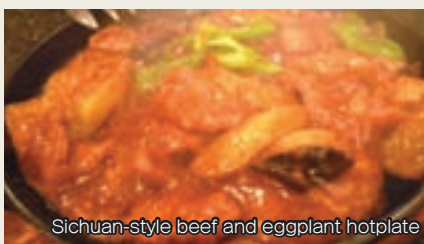
Peero Jhinge

Limited Offer - Dec 2012 A present of Nepalese milk tea "Chya" for up to 4 people

TEL:092-721-5503

Fudou Akasaka underground plaza (Sunny Akasaka B1F)
1-9-1 Akasaka, Chuo-ku, Fukuoka

 **Chinese Cuisine 'Jiulong Potsticker Place'**
Member Special: 10% off
(may not be used together with group course discount)




Sichuan-style beef and eggplant hotplate

Limited Offer - Jan 2013 First glass of draft beer half price

TEL:092-451-4366

B1F Dai-2 Okabe Bldg. 3-27-25 Hakata-ekimae,
Hakata-ku, Fukuoka

 **Texas-style Mexican Cuisine 'Chili Dining'**
Member Special: 10% off
(up to 4 people)



Crispy Tacos

Limited Offer - Feb 2013 Free drink for up to 4 people (draft beer, wine or softdrink)

TEL:092-481-5012

1F Fukuoka Urban Bldg. 3-7-12 Kamimuta,
Hakata-ku, Fukuoka

 **Fukuoka Prefectural Museum of Art** Enjoy the exhibit at the group rate by showing your membership card!

Collection Exhibit 3 「Search for the Light」

We unraveled our collection under the keyword "light" - moonlight, candlelight, light that strengthens the soul. Come and discover a work that symbolizes "light" for yourself.

Exhibit duration 1st Dec. 2012 ~ 3rd Mar. 2013 ※Closed every Monday and between Fri 28th Dec - Fri 4th Jan

Group Rate General ¥160 SHS/Univ. ¥140 JHS/Elementary ¥50 Gallery Talk Saturday 2pm~



Yajuro Takashima 「Autumn Sun」c.1965
Fukuoka Prefectural Museum of Art Collection

There are benefits to becoming a Supporting Member!

- Our "Kokusai Hiroba" newsletter delivered to you 4 times a year.
- Free participation in the "Kokusai Hiroba Café" event.
- Receive discounts at supporting stores, including World Gourmet Hiroba registered stores, international travel and hotels, cultural centers etc.

Those wishing to receive a Supporting Membership Application by mail, please contact Kokusai Hiroba.

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Opening hours 10:00-19:00 / Closed on: December 29-January 3

